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NOTES and COMMENTS

THE BOWERS TO NIGERIA —

AT THIS WRITING (December 23) plans ar that Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowers and fam ily will be leaving from the Cleveland Airport o Saturday, December 26, for Nigeria to assum their new work in the Waka mission field a teachers.

By the time you read this, they will have ar rived at their destination and will be in prepara tion for the work which they will do.

Be sure to remember these people in you prayers.

THE CURTISES TO ARGENTINA —

ALSO, AT THIS WRITING (December 23 plans are that Rev. and Mrs. William Cur tis and Debbie will be leaving Cleveland o Wednesday, December 30, for South Americ where they will be working in our missionar work there.

We urge you to remember them in your prayer daily as they labor for our Master in thi country.

THE ANNUAL —

THE ANNUAL is off the press and now is be ing assembled for stitching. Therefore, i should be in the mail before too long.

We appreciate your patience in this matter an are very sorry for the delay. We sincerely hop to have the Annual out to you much earlier nex year.



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news ... from the Brethren

St. James, Md. Rev. Jim Rowsey reports that eleven were received into membership of the church by baptism recently. He also reports that the averages for morning worship, Sunday school and evening service attendance continues to rise.

New Paris, Ind. On Sunday, November 29, nine members of the Pastor's Class were graduated. In the evening, four were baptized and received into the membership of the church. Also, during the baptismal services, Rev. George Pontius of the Dutchtown Brethren Church baptized two from his congregation.

Rev. Glen Traver is now pastor of the Firestone Brethren Church of Akron, Ohio.

Louisville, Ohio. On Sunday, December 20, eleven persons were baptized and received into fellowship of the church according to Rev. George Solomon, pastor.

New Lebanon, Ohio. Rev. Percy Miller, interim pastor, on November 8 received three persons into membership of the church following a baptismal service on the Sunday evening before.

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Rowser will soon be moving to New Lebanon to assume the dutes as the parsonage family.

Smithville, Ohio. Rev. Donald Rowser reports that six persons were received into the membership of the church on Sunday morning, December 13.

Goshen, Ind. Dr. Joseph R. Shultz was the evangelist during special services recently. Five were received into the church by baptism and six were received by letter following these services, according to Rev. Richard Allison, pastor.

Milford, Ind. Rev. Frank Barker reports that Rev. Keith Bennett recently conducted a revival at the church with three first-time confessions having been made and thirty-five reconsecrations.

Tucson, Ariz. Iris McKinney, Corresponding Secretary, reports that three persons were recently baptized and received into the membership of the church. The youth of the church sponsored an old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner in the fellowship hall of the church on Saturday, November 21.

Memorials

WHISLER. Delilah Even Whisler, daughter of the late Columbus and Sarah (Streepy) Whisler, was born near Udell, Iowa, December 19, 1880, and departed this life at the Albright Nursing home in Centerville, Iowa, November 19, 1964, at the age of 83. She was a faithful member of the Udell First Brethren Church for 62 years. Funeral services were held in the Udell Brethren Church, December 1, with Rev. B. Hinegardner, a former pastor, officiating with the assistance of the undersigned.

Rev. Amos Mast

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HAMMON. Mrs. Laura Alice Stidley Hammon departed this life, November 29, 1964, at the age of 84 years. She was a member of the Bethlehem Brethren Church and loved its fellowship. Funeral services were conducted by her friend, Rev. Olen B. Landes of the Church of the Brethren, and her pastor, the undersigned, in her church on December 2, 1964. She was a gracious lady. Interment was in the Mt. Jackson, Virginia cemetery beside her husband.

Rev. John F. Locke

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RODGERS. William Russell Rodgers, 73, went to be with his Lord, December 2. He had been a valuable and faithful member of the Mt. Olive Brethren Church since his youth. He is survived by his wife, five daughters and two sons and by his four sisters and two brothers. Funeral services were conducted at the Mt. Olive Brethren Church, December 4, 1964, by his neighbor, Rev. Paul Shiflet of the Presbyterian church, and his pastor, the undersigned. Interment was made in the Mt. Olive Church cemetery.

Rev. John F. Locke

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MILLER. Mrs. Lemma Miller, 82, passed away on September 19, 1964, at Waterloo, Iowa, where she lived with her daughter. She united with the Brethren Church, Carleton, Nebraska, in 1907 and remained true to that faith. Funeral services were held in the Carleton Brethren Church by the Rev. George Evans. Interment was made in the Carleton cemetery. Mrs. Miller is survived by one daughter and two sons.

Mrs. Lauren Lietsch
Secretary

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RICHMOND. Mrs. Harry B. Richmond of Ashland, Ohio, passed away very suddenly on December 13, 1964. She was a resident of Nappanee, Indiana, but was serving as housemother at Allen Hall on the campus of Ashland College at the time of her death. She was a life-long member of the First Brethren Church of Nappanee, Indiana.

Services were conducted by the undersigned and a former pastor, Rev. J. Milton Bowman, in Nappanee. Interment was in South Union Cemetery.

Memorial services were conducted in the Memorial Chapel, Ashland College, on December 15, with Rev. Virgil Meyer and Rev. Phil Lersch in charge.

Rev. William H. Anderson

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SKINNER. Mrs. Mary Skinner, a life-long member of the First Brethren Church, Oakville, Indiana, passed away on December 10, 1964, at the age of 88. She was a faithful and devoted member of the W.M.S. group I for many years and will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.

Corresponding Secretary
Donna Sollars

Daily Devotions

General Theme for the Year: "FULFILLING THE TIME"
Theme for January — "BY GIVING YOUR TALENTS TO HIM"

Writer for January — Rev. W. St. Clair Benshoff

January 10 - 16 — "God Required According to Ability"

Sunday, January 10, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 12:42-48

For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more (Luke 12:48b).

In verses forty-seven and forty-eight of Luke 12, Christ presents the "Law of Responsibility." He who knows the Lord's will and does it not, is due for more punishment than he, who, not knowing the Lord's will, does not know what to do. American Christians are the recipients of the greatest knowledge of God's will. Therefore, our responsibility is greater. With greater wealth, greater education, greater means of transportation, etc., what are we doing in a greater way to promote and spread the gospel? Pray that this day and every day, we might do what God requires, according to the ability and light He has given us.

The Day's Thought

Ignorance of God's will, when light is available, will not excuse us from accepting our responsibilities to Him and to His church.

Monday, January 11, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them (Matt. 25:22).

The five-talent and two-talent servants speedily began the work of using the talents given them. There is not a moment to be lost in using our talents for the Lord. Their work was crowned with success, for they doubled the sum given them. An increase in grace and service is always possible for the earnest Christian. These servants were ready to give a joyful accounting of their service upon the return of their master. They expected his coming, and so they were ready to show him the fruits of their labors for him. They entered into the joy of their Lord.

The Day's Thought

"You have a talent (probably more); use it (them) for the Lord."

Tuesday, January 12, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 14:1-9

She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying (Mark 14:8).

Ingredients for this incident in the life of Christ: One very expensive box of ointment, one sacrificing woman, indignant table-mates, and the Master. The woman poured the ointment on the feet of the Master. The table-mates saw only the financial loss, not the sacrifice. The Master said she had done well. Consider a young man entering the ministry, or a young woman preparing for the mission field. "What a financial loss—they could have done so well if they would have entered into business or professional life here at home." The Master says they do well in answering His call in this way—in giving their lives to Him. Would that more young people would consider Christ's call as such.

The Day's Thought

"Only what's done for Christ will last."

Wednesday, January 13, 1965

Read Scripture: I Peter 4:6-11

If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (I Peter 4:11).

Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Peter firms this up by saying that when we serve the Lord we are to do it according to the ability (talents) He has given us. Again we see the motive, the purpose of our service to God—that God in all things might be glorified in Christ. We can thus serve the Lord only as we trust in Him for daily strength and guidance. Any other procedure will result in failure. Our victory in this life is the result of our using what we have in His strength to His glory.

The Day's Thought

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise . . ."

Thursday, January 14, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 16:15-20

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen (Mark 16:20).

The great spread of the gospel, in the early years of the Christian church, was due largely to the dedication of the disciples and other followers of the Lord to the Great Commission. First of all—they went. The great curse on the church today is that we sing, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord," and then we go not. When the early Christians went, they went "everywhere" and preached the gospel. No wonder the Lord was working with them—they were doing His will. Today, the Lord works with all who will seek to do His will. Such an individual, such a church will grow and prosper and produce fruit for Christ. Success in church work is for any one or any church willing to pay the price.

The Day's Thought

Fulfill the time by working with God to redeem souls for all eternity.

Friday, January 15, 1965

Read Scripture: II Corinthians 6:1-10

We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain (II Corinthians 6:1).

The earnest message of the Apostle in our scripture verse today is essentially the same as that which he expressed upon another occasion, ". . . lest in preaching unto others I myself become a castaway." Yes, there is a danger that we, in our zeal to do the Lord's will, to minister unto others, and

to use our talents faithfully for Him, will neglect the welfare of our own soul. No matter how important the work, nor how pressing the duties of service, the true child of God will take the time to nourish his own spiritual life. Attendance at the services of worship, daily devotions, prayer and Bible study, are so essential that not to do these is literally to receive the grace of God in vain.

The Day's Thought

Each morning, meet God face to face before you meet the public.

Saturday, January 16, 1965

Read Scripture: I Corinthians 3: 9-17

For we are labourers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building (I Corinthians 3:9).

Literally, we are the farm or the vineyard in which fruit is being produced for the owner. Cannot our conception of Christian service be that of all of us working together to accomplish the great will of our owner, God? We are subject to pruning, that we might bear more fruit. We work and expect all of our success from Him, and refer the fruit of our labors to His glory. We are individuals in His sight, and yet we are a part of the whole body of laborers for Him. Verse sixteen indicates that with God as the architect, we become the building in which He seeks to dwell. What peace and satisfaction comes in knowing that we are a fit temple for His residence and a faithful worker in His field of service.

The Day's Thought

We labor together to promote the honor of our Master and Lord.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Readings from the Gospel according to St. Mark

Memory Scripture for the month—Mark 12:30

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

January 10 - 16

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 3:31-35

Part Of The Family

"What's that?" asked Gary.

"It sounded a little like Betsy," answered Linda.

"No, it wasn't Betsy," said Mom. "I just came from her room. She's still napping. It sounded to me like something outside."

Gary went to the door and opened it. In bounced a ball of black fur.

"A kitten!" exclaimed Gary.

"He's cold and hungry," said Linda as she picked up the little animal.

"Take him to the kitchen and give him some milk," Mom told her.

While the kitten was happily drinking the milk Linda gave him, Queenie came up from the basement. She walked all around the little animal. Then she went close and sniffed him.

"Oh, she'll hurt him," said Linda. "Dogs don't like cats."

"Just be quiet and watch," suggested Daddy.

By this time the kitten had finished the milk. Queenie picked him up the way she did her puppies. She carried him to the basement and put him in the basket with her babies.

The family had followed her quietly. "Oh, she's adopted him," laughed Gary. "Now he's one of her family."

"That's just the way we become part of God's family," said Daddy. "Jesus said whoever does God's will is His sister or brother. That person will then share His beautiful home in heaven just the way the kitten is now sharing the puppies' home."

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, that I can be a part of Your family. Help me to show other people by the way I talk and act that I belong to You. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 4:1-9

Planting Seeds

"What are you looking at, Dad?" asked Gary.

"A seed catalog," answered Dad.

"A seed catalog? In January?" exclaimed Gary.

"Yes, I order the seeds early," replied Dad. "Some of them I can plant in low boxes in the basement and have little plants ready to set in the garden in the spring."

"Seems funny to be thinking about the garden now when there's so much snow on the ground," said Gary.

"I like to think about gardening," Dad said. "Jesus told many stories about planting. When I'm planning for my garden it reminds me of them. Of course, Jesus used these stories to show us how important it is to sow the Word of God. That is, to tell others about Him."

Gary laughed. "That's a garden we can plant any time."

"Yes," agreed Dad. "Every day those who love Jesus should read the Bible, pray, and tell others about Him."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the stories in the Bible which help me to know what I should do. Help me to remember these stories, to obey them, and to tell others of You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 4:30-33

Growing

"Look at my sweet potato plant," said Linda. "It has really grown."

"Yes," agreed Mom. "Get the yardstick and we will measure some of the vines."

Linda brought the yardstick from the hall closet. She and Mom measured the vines.

"This one is twenty-four inches long," said Mom.

"This one is twenty-eight," added Linda. "Oh, here's one that's almost as long as the yardstick. It is thirty-five inches. From that small part of a sweet potato I planted this big beautiful plant has grown!"

Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is like a plant or a tree growing from a very small seed. It grows and grows as we tell others about Him. Are you doing your part to help God's kingdom to grow?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that I know about You and Your kingdom. Help me to do my part in telling others about You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

The Waves

Betsy was in the bathtub. She was playing with her toy boat. "See boat go!" she told Mommy and Linda.

"I'll make it go fast," said Linda. She put her hand in the water and moved it back and forth. This made the water ripple and the boat moved faster on top of the water.

"Those are waves," laughed Linda. "I made waves."

"Boat fall! Boat fall in water," exclaimed Betsy.

"Yes," said Linda. "That wave was so big it upset the boat."

"Jesus was in a boat," Mommy said as she began to wash Betsy. "A great storm came up. The wind and waves almost upset the boat. Jesus said, 'Be still,' and the storm stopped."

"I know why," said Linda. "Jesus is God's Son. He can do anything."

"Jesus. Jesus loves me," laughed Betsy as Mommy lifted her from the tub.

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, that I know You love me. Thank You that I know You can do anything. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 5:22-24, 35-43

Power To Heal

"Oh, Mom," called Gary. "Queenie is hurt."

Mom came to the kitchen where Gary had just let Queenie in the backdoor.

"See, her back leg is cut," said the boy.

Queenie curled up on the rug in the corner. She began to lick her sore leg with her tongue.

"Do you think we should take her to the doctor?" asked Gary.

"No," answered Mom. "She knows what to do. See, she is cleaning the sore now. Queenie knows what is best for her sore leg."

When we are sick or hurt we send for the best help we can. In our Bible reading, Jairus wanted the best help for his sick daughter. He went to bring Jesus to her. He knew Jesus could make her well again.

Jesus can make you well when you are sick or hurt. Do you ask Him to heal you?

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for healing me when I am sick. May I always remember You have the power to make the sick well again. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 6:7-12

Telling Others

Linda and her friend, Judy Scot, were in the living room. Gary and Steve Moore came in the front door.

"Hi," said Gary. "You girls got back before we did. Where have you been?"

"We went to see Jane and Evelyn and Marie," answered Judy.

"Good!" said Steve. "We talked with Ricky and Paul and John."

Mom looked up from her sewing. "What are you children doing now? Starting a club?"

"No," laughed Linda. "We are trying to get more members for our Sunday school class. We've been out inviting some to come."

"You are doing just what Jesus had His disciples do," said Mom. "He sent them out two by two to preach. That's the best way to tell others about Jesus. I'm glad you children are doing it. I know you'll get many new members for your Sunday school class that way."

Prayer:

I'm glad, dear Jesus, I can tell others about You. Help me to keep inviting others to church until they come. Amen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 6:32-46

Wooden Blocks

"Hurry! Hurry!" shouted Gary. "Come and see the wonderful trick!"

Linda, Judy, and Steve crowded around the table.

"What do you see on the table?" asked Gary.

"Two small wooden blocks," answered Steve.

"Watch! I'll double them. Next you'll see four there. Hokus pocus," said Gary as he moved his hand slowly over the tiny blocks. Soon, sure enough, there were four blocks on the table.

"Oh," laughed Linda, "I saw those two fall from your shirt sleeve."

We know when someone is doing a trick like Gary's that he has more of the same thing hidden somewhere.

One day Jesus used five loaves and two fish to feed a hungry crowd. There were twelve baskets of food left over. This was no trick. It was a miracle by the Son of God.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the many ways You showed us that Jesus is Your Son. Help me to follow Him every day. In His name I pray. Amen.

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STOCKTON BRETHREN CHURCH, Stockton, California

JANUARY 13-17, 1965

Theme: "Living the Life"

Text: Romans 12:1, 2

Wednesday Evening, January 13

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Devotions and Welcome Wade Loveday, Stockton
Response of Delegates
Business Session
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Substitution of Alternates
Reading of Conference Board Minutes
Election of Conference Board of Directors
Election to District Mission Board
Election to Berean Trustee Board
Election to Scholarship Board
Nomination for Ashland College Trustee
Election of Ministerial Examining Board
Election of Member to Annual Conference Executive Committee
Election of District Delegate to General Conference
Moderator's Address Rev. Robert Madoski

Thursday Evening, January 14

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General Brotherhood Reports
Central Council Mr. John Porte
Ashland College and Seminary ..Dr. J. R. Shultz
Missionary Board Rev. M. V. Ingraham
National Brethren Youth Miss Beverly Summy
Sunday School Board Rev. Robert Madoski
Message Dr. J. R. Shultz

Friday Afternoon, January 15

District W.M.S.
District Ministerial Association
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Supper
Song Service and Devotions ..Manteca church
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Substitution of Alternates
Progress Reports of Local Churches
Tesibel Frey reporting for Lathrop
reporting for Manteca
Wade Loveday reporting for Stockton
Report of Committee on Moderator's Address
Message Mr. John Porte
Fellowship Hour

Saturday Morning, January 16

Song Service and Devotions Stockton church
Business Session
Report of Credentials Committee
Substitution of Alternates
Reading of Conference Minutes
Report of Conference Treasurer
Report of District Mission Board
Other Business
11:30 Message Dr. J. R. Shultz
12:15 Dinner

Saturday Afternoon, January 16

2:00 Song Service and Devotions Lathrop church
2:15 Business Session
Report of Credential Committee
Substitution of Alternates
Reading of Conference Minutes
Statistician's Report
Berean Trustee Report
Report of Resolutions Committee
Invitation for 1966 District Conference
Unfinished Business
Adjournment of Business Session
3:30 Brethren Berean Band Business Session
Linda Larsen, President
5:30 Supper (Youth Banquet with Miss Beverly Summy, Speaker)

Saturday Evening, January 16

7:00 Song Service and Devotions ...Manteca church
7:15 Message Rev. M. V. Ingraham
8:15 Singspiration

Sunday Morning, January 17

9:45 Sunday School in Local Churches
11:00 Worship Services in Local Churches
12:30 Dinner (Pot-luck at the Stockton church)

Sunday Afternoon, January 17

2:30 Berean Inspirational Hour
5:30 Supper
6:30 Brethren Youth Crusaders, Local Youth in Charge

Sunday Evening, January 17

7:30 Song Service and Devotions Stockton church
Installation of New Conference Board of Directors
8:00 Message Dr. J. R. Shultz
Closing of Conference

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The Brethren Layman

Views and Comments

Floyd S. Benshoff

THE UNKNOWN FUTURE

. . . ye have not passed this way heretofore (Josh 3:4).

NEW YEAR is a time of orientation. Most of us cannot forget the past, glibly as we might say we will or should. We try to get our bearings. In review of the chapter just closed, we try to strengthen our position by the lessons the past year has taught us. We would be grossly stupid to ignore 1964. In "Fulfilling the Time" we are forced to reckon with the past, concentrate on the present and trust God for the future.

New Year is a time of stock taking. Business must have it to balance out their profit and loss statement, for themselves and Uncle Sam. If we are ever going to face up to the question as to how we're getting on with the great business of living, in the light of all its opportunities and obligations, this would seem to be a most appropriate and fitting time.

Joshua had to remind the chosen of God . . . "ye have not passed this way heretofore . . ." In so doing he could have been pointing up the fact that surprises may lie ahead for each one of them, and for them as a whole band of God-Beloved people. What lies ahead of each one of us is in the hands of God and known only to Him. We can, however, make our plans Christ-centered and rest in the assurance that He does all things well.

"Time has no divisions to mark its passage; there is never a thunder storm or blare of trumpets to announce the beginings of a new month or year. Even when a new century begins, it is only we mortals who ring bells and fire off pistols."

I talked just yesterday to a friend of mine who told me of having paid off what, to me, was a fabulous sum of money for a hi-fi, TV, radio combination which he had built to specifications in Early American style because he had, just previously, bought a new room of furniture in all Early American. Now if an individual has this kind of money and wants to spend it in this way there is precious little I can do about it, but it can set me to wondering where the Early American philosophy of life has gone. Even though the last national election seems to spell doom to any remaining vestage of conservative thinking, we can still hope that some spirit of the Early American can curb the wild, reckless age of credit buying, mass demonstrations, race riots and devil-may-care attitude of many, both young and old, across our land today. We are not enamored of all that is new in the country; and we think that there were many comfortable and comforting old custom—such as opening the school day with a prayer—that could well be preserved.

The moral structure of our society seems to be in a state of progressive decay. The weekly magazine, U. S. News and World Report, reports in its December 7 issue on this subject on page 12, under the caption, "News pressure to ease morals laws." If you need any persuasion on the first sentence of this paragraph, please follow through in the suggestion of the second. If churches, church affiliated institutions, ministers and dedicated laymen do not take their stand for right and righteous living, and repel the temptation to compromise, we will have diluted to a dangerous degree, our mission. "Ye are the salt of the earth" was not spoken by our Lord just for the benefit of those few disciples on a hill above Palestine.

Is there hope for a return to Early Amercian philosophy, to harmonize the household furnishings?

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With the coming of the new year, we again have the opportunity to contribute to the Publication Day offering. It's needed; be generous. F. S. B.

The Parson's Corner

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

Incentive for the Better Life

CONTINUING from the look within and the sharp criticism of ourselves in the last Parson's Corner, we have reached a conclusion that we all must do a better job of living the life of faith. We not only must, but we must want to deepen our faith and extend our horizon. Then, what shall be our incentive?

The good incentive for better living and service is manifold. The basic element of incentive, most certainly, is the knowledge that God has loved us in spite of our unloveliness and extended the grace of a new life. How can I be so careless with that which represents the greatest gift of God's love. His Son came and lived in earthly flesh to show me the concern of the Father. This incarnate Son willingly became the sacrificial lamb of Calvary for me. He mastered the tomb with the power of His resurrection for me. He did that, that I might have the assurance of victory over my grave and come forth when He calls, resplendent and newly fashioned like unto His own glorious body. Then, it is not only out of a sense of gratitude that I desire to reach up, but out of an expanding joy of my relationship in the family of God. I'm a son of God, hallelujah, and a joint-heir with Jesus Christ (Romans 8:17), as is His glory in all the saints (II Cor. 3:18). Yes, laymen, you and I, we are joint-heirs with Jesus Christ. Isn't that a magnet to draw us up to better living and better serving.

Furthermore, as an incentive for a concerted drive to deepen and expand the meaning of our church affiliation, *there is the need.* The very fact that my neighbor is dead—dead in trespasses and sin, calls me to action. When my neighbor has reached a critical stage in his life-span and the doctor shakes his head, I drop every unnecessary thing to sit by his side as life fades away. When he has breathed his last and lies in his casket, I leave my job, and my business, and my daily routine to don my best to walk by his bier and commiserate with the other neighbors over the fact that he was not a believer. Yet my neighbor is now sick—sin-sick; he is dead—spiritually dead. I have the words of life whereby he may be healed of his sin virus. I hold the golden key of promise that he can spiritually rise to walk in newness of life. But here I carelessly withhold the enlightening words and fondle the key of hope while he drifts toward an eternity of eternal loss. The need, do we see the need?

There is more incentive. *There is our hope.* Yea, the hope—the hope that is so all inclusive of Christian reality, yet so narrowed in our thinking and so little expanded in our theology. It is no wonder that Paul set it in the midst of his trial of the great, *faith, hope, love.* It ties them together, for there is no living faith unless it produces hope and no hope but that which is the gift of love. We dwell much on *the blessed hope* as the return of the Lord for His saints, but forget, or fail to realize, that the Lord's coming is but a part of the culmination of "The hope that is in you." What is this *hope in you*? It is, "Christ in you, the hope of glory." We should pray with Paul, *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you (us) a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: The eyes of your (our) understanding (heart) being enlightened; that ye (we) may know what is the hope of His calling, what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints* (Eph. 1:17, 18). This hope is the fulness of all of the believer's life—the past, present and the future. It is in HIM, the Christ in the midst of the blessed Trinity, *For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily* (Col. 2:9).

Then in this hope, having "Christ in you the hope of glory," and looking all about us, seeing the many who have no hope, ought we not to extend ourselves in upreach toward a deeper commitment?

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

Nappanee, Ind.

THE LAYMEN of the First Brethren Church, Nappanee, Indiana, met in the church basement on Monday night, October 12, 1964. Sam Sharp opened the meeting with prayer. Freed Miller read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report. The following committee chairmen reported: Dave Bowers, goals chairman; Lee Doering, membership chairman; Devon Hossler, radio chairman.

A report was given pertaining to our pledges and offering for the payment on the Girls' Dormitory at Shipshewana Brethren Retreat grounds. We found that we still needed $80 or $90 to meet this pledge for the completion of this payment from the local group. After some discussion, enough men volunteered to give $10 each to complete this goal.

It was decided to change our November meeting from November 9 to November 2, and attend in a body the Evangelistic services after which we will have a short business meeting and refreshments.

Dave Bowers gave a report on the Indiana Brethren Retreat that was held at Shipshewana Lake on October 2nd and 3rd.

The meeting was closed with prayer by John Maust after which refreshments were served by the program committee.

Max Bigler



Brethren Youth Crusaders

BIBLE QUIZ HELPS

Here is another study for the Bible Quiz on the book of Acts. These could be duplicated for your students or you could use a blackboard for their presentation.

Match the people on the left with the events on the right.

Chapter 1.

1. Jesus
2. Theophilus
3. The 11 disciples
4. Judas
5. Matthias
6. Barsabas surnamed Justus

a. received a treatise
b. bought a field
c. ascended into heaven
d. one of two chosen who might replace Judas Iscariot
e. went to the upper room to abide
f. one chosen to replace Judas Iscariot

Chapter 2

1. Holy Spirit
2. Peter
3. Every man
4. All that believed

a. preached a sermon bringing 3,000 converts
b. heard the Galileans speak his tongue
c. was given on Day of Pentecost
d. were together and had all things common

Chapter 3

1. Peter and John
2. Lame man
3. People at the temple

a. was healed by an apostle
b. were filled with wonder and amazement
c. went to pray at the temple in the ninth hour

Chapter 4

1. Priests, temple captain and Sadducees
2. Annas
3. Peter and John
4. Joses surnamed Barnabas

a. sold his land and brought the money to the apostles
b. speak boldly—Peter to Sanhedrin
c. the high priest
d. seized Peter and John for speaking

Chapter 5

1. Ananias
2. Sapphira
3. Angel of the Lord
4. Gamaliel
5. Theudas
6. Judas of Galilee

a. a would-be revolutionary with 400 followers
b. wife of Ananias who was struck dead
c. a Pharisee who cautioned against punishment of the apostles
d. an insurrectionist who was killed and his followers were scattered
e. opened the prison doors
f. lied and was struck dead

Chapter 6

1. Grecians
2. Philip, Prochohus, Nicanor Timon, Parmenas, Nicolas
3. Stephen

a. six of the deacons in the first church
b. murmured against the Hebrews
c. a deacon brought before the council

Chapter 7

1. High priest
2. Stephen
3. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
4. Joseph
5. Moses
6. Moloch and Remphan
7. Saul

a. received a covenant of God and became fathers of the Hebrews
b. asked Stephen, "Are these things so?"
c. led the Hebrews out of Egypt
d. cared for the clothes of those who stoned Stephen
e. figures made by the Hebrews
f. sold into slavery and became a ruler in Egypt
g. the first Christian martyr

Chapter 8

1. Saul
2. Philip
3. Simon the sorcerer
4. Peter and John
5. Candace
6. Ethiopian eunuch

a. queen of the Ethiopians
b. preached Christ to the Samaritans
c. had charge of Candace's treasure and was reading Isaiah
d. tried to buy the gift of the Spirit
e. brought the Holy Spirit to the Samaritans
f. greatly persecuted the Christians

Chapter 9

1. Ananias	a. took Saul to the disciples in Jerusalem
2. Judas	b. touched Saul's blind eyes and he was healed
3. Saul	c. or Dorcas was raised from the dead by Peter
4. Barnabas	d. Saul stayed in his house at Damascus
5. Aeneas	e. was blinded, converted and began to preach Christ
6. Tabitha	f. sick with palsy, healed through Peter
7. Simon a tanner	g. Peter stayed in his home at Joppa

Chapter 10

1. Cornelius	a. sees a vision of the great sheet showing how all should receive the gospel
2. Simon Peter	b. centurion of the Italian band who believed and was baptized
3. Gentiles	c. received the Holy Spirit at the home of Cornelius

Chapter 11

1. Men of circumcision	a. brought Saul to Antioch
2. Men of Cyprus and Cyrene	b. contended with Peter at Jerusalem
3. Barnabas	c. a prophet who signified a great dearth
4. Agabus	d. preached Christ to the Grecians

Chapter 12

1. Herod	a. the king who killed James and was himself struck dead
2. James	b. a damsel who did not let Peter in as he knock at the door
3. Mary	c. the king's chamberlain
4. Rhoda	d. brother of John — killed by sword
5. Blastus	e. went with Barnabas and Saul to Jerusalem
6. John surnamed Mark	f. mother of John Mark whose house was used by the disciples

Chapter 13

1. Barnabas, Simeon or Niger, Lucius, Manaen	a. a prudent deputy
2. John	b. helped Barnabas and Saul minister at Salamis
3. Bar-jesus	c. stirred up the people at Antioch of Pisidia
4. Sergius Paulus	d. a sorcerer who tried to turn Sergius away from the faith
5. Elymas	e. prophets and teachers at Antioch
6. Jews	f. a Jewish false prophet whose other name is Bar-jesus

Chapter 14

1. A certain man of Lystra	a. Barnabas was called this at Lystra
2. "Jupiter"	b. was stoned
3. "Mercurius"	c. was crippled and was healed through Paul
4. Paul at Lystra	d. Paul was called this at Lystra because he was chief speaker

ANSWERS TO MATCHING QUIZ:
Chapter 1—1c, 2a, 3e, 4b, 5f, 6d. Chapter 2—1c, 2a, 3b, 4d. Chapter 3—1c, 2a, 3b. Chapter 4—1d, 2c, 3b, 4a. Chapter 5—1f, 2b, 3e, 4c, 5a, 6d. Chapter 6—1b, 2a, 3c. Chapter 7—1b, 2g, 3a, 4f, 5c, 6e, 7d. Chapter 8—1f, 2b, 3d, 4e, 5a, 6c. Chapter 9—1b, 2d, 3e, 4a, 5f, 6c, 7g. Chapter 10—1b, 2a, 3c. Chapter 11—1b, 2d, 3a, 4c. Chapter 12—1a, 2d, 3f, 4b, 5c, 6e. Chapter 13—1e, 2b, 3d, 4a, 5f, 6c. Chapter 14—1c, 2a, 3d, 4b.



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Your Editor has been working in recent weeks in planning for you a better magazine. A series of articles on the beliefs of the **Brethren Church** will appear monthly beginning in February. Such topics as "Feetwashing," "The Love Feast," "The Eucharist," "The Holy Kiss," "Trine Immersion," and several others will be discussed by some of our leading writers in the **Brethren Church** today. These subjects have been assigned and are forthcoming.

Also, we hope to have other series such as the one on "Sanctification" by Rev. Glen Traver; and the one by Rev. Albert Ronk on "Prophecy" in the future.

The CENTRAL COUNCIL voted to discontinue the "Daily Devotions" column beginning April 1. This was done since our families are not using them as was hoped, but are using other devotions; also, many families are using the "Children's Devotions" for their family worship.

The major problem is, of course, that we do not have enough subscribers. There are, according to the last General Conference Statistician's Report, **7922 Brethren families.** There were **3,663 copies** of the December 12, 1964, issue mailed out, or **46.2%** of the Brethren families receiving **The Brethren Evangelist.** (The 3,663 figure includes exchanges and other subscribers who are not Brethren.) So you see immediately that the members

of the **Brethren Church** are not supporting the magazine as they should!

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We are very happy to announce, as of this past week, **Mr. Richard DeVeny** has come into the company as Shop Superintendent to the **print shop.** Mr. DeVeny is first a Christian, and is a member of the **Brethren Church.** He was an active member of the First Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa. He has a deep-rooted feeling that he has been called of God to come here to supervise the work of the shop. Mr. DeVeny has been a printer all of his life, therefore it is felt that he is well qualified for this position. Let it be known that he is a Brethren and will do everything in his power to promote the work of the **Brethren Church** for the cause of Christ!

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We are happy to say that most of our Sunday Schools use this quarterly for their adult classes. Other Sunday schools in other donominations are using the quarterly as well. We ask your continued support in this area.

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Publication Day Offering —

The goal for this year's **Publication Day Offering** is **$8,000.** This amount goes to assist in the deficit that is incurred each year because of the loss on the printing of **The Brethren Evangelist.** If the time would come where the subscriptions took care of the cost of the printing of the magazine, this offering could be eliminated.

This offering is needed this year in order to help us in our operating expenses, please support our **Brethren Publishing Company.**

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

THE ROAD TO EN-DOR — SPIRITISM

The road to En-dor is easy to tread
For mother or yearning wife;
There, it is sure, we shall meet our dead
As they were even in life.
Earth has not dreamed of the blessing in store
For desolate hearts on the road to En-dor.

Whispers shall comfort us out of the dark—
Hands—ah, God!—that we knew!
Visions and voices—look and hark!—
Shall prove that the tale is true,
And that those who have passed to the further shore
May be hailed—at a price—on the road to En-dor.

O the road to En-dor is the oldest road
And the craziest road of all!
Straight it runs to the witch's abode,
As it did in the days of Saul;
And nothing has changed of the sorrow in store
For such as go down the road to En-dor!

Rudyard Kipling

CAN PEOPLE TALK with the spirits of the dead? King Saul did (I Sam. 28:11, 12). The ill-fated Saul (vs. 5, 6) actually conversed with spirit of the deceased prophet, Samuel (vs. 14, 15). It was Saul's disobedience to God that had sealed his doom (I Sam. 15:23-28). When the terrified Saul on the day before his death enquired of the Lord there was no answer, and so he made search for a medium (v. 7). By night the disguised Saul sought the help of a discovered spiritist (vs. 8-10). Those who delve in demonic activity prefer the night time for seances (John 3:20, 21). The witch confessed that she saw demons (v. 13). Before the sorceress could lapse into a trance to be used by her divining demon who would impersonate Samuel, behold the real spirit of Samuel appeared (v. 14)!

The Scripture reminds us that Saul died for asking counsel of the ghostly manipulator (I Chron. 10:13). God, through Samuel, bespoke His disapproval of patronizing those who have familiar spirits (I Sam. 28:15, 16). And we are warned against great demon activity in the last days (I Tim. 4:1, 2). Saul well knew that God disapproved of witchcraft (I Sam. 28:3). In compliance with Exodus 22:18 Saul had previously "put away those that had familiar spirits." God had clearly forbidden the practice of Spiritism (Lev. 20: 6, 27). His people were forbidden to seek the help of wizards (Isa. 8:19, 20). To use God's calling up Samuel and the appearance of Moses and Elias in the Transfiguration as a divine sanction for spiritism is inconsistent with Scripture (Deut. 18:10-12). To "try the spirits" (I John 4:1) as evidence of apostolic sanction to hold intercourse with the dead is to twist the Scriptures (Job 7:9). The spirits of the dead are powerless to communicate with their survivors (Luke 16: 27-31). Job and David state that there is no return from the other world (Job 10:21; II Sam. 12:23).

Since we are warned against the "doctrine of demons" we should know that demons are inferior spiritual beings, angels who "kept not their first estate" (Matt. 25:11; Rev. 12:7, 9). We should know that spiritists are demon possessed (Acts 16:16), and that the fallen angels are ministers of the Devil (Luke 4:35; 9:1, 42; etc.), and that Satan is the prince of the devils (Matt. 9:34; 12:24). We should know that Christ "cast out the spirits" (Matt. 8:16), that He "had cast out seven devils" out of Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9). Christ rejected the testimony of demons concerning Himself (Mark 3:11, 12), and Paul likewise rejected demonic testimony in behalf of his ministry (Acts 16:17, 18).

Prayer Suggestions by our MODERATOR REV. CHARLES R. MUNSON

1. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowers and family as they begin their work in Nigeria.
2. Remember Rev. and Mrs. William Curtis and Debbie as they labor in South America.
3. Pray for the Brethren Publishing Company in their efforts to serve the Brethren Church.

Israel's Endlessness

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XI

THE SURVIVAL of the Jew as Israel is a miracle of first importance. Why should one particular Semitic branch survive as a peculiar people for thousands of years while others have blended or amalgamated with other bloods of the world? The Hittites, of the same locale as Israel, have vanished almost without a trace, while the "Canaanite, the Amorite, the Perizzite and the Jebusite" are but names in biblical record. The answer is in God's prophetic word. Israel is as endless as forever. The word of Jehovah declared it, "And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations, for an EVERLASTING covenant . . ." We know not if the words "throughout their generations" limits EVERLASTING to the dwelling of men on this earth, but this we do know, the Prince of the house of David "will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen . . . and set it up" (Acts 15: 14-16), "And when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, ye (the Apostles) also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve TRIBES OF ISRAEL." The Kingdom of heaven in its millennial glory will be the re-established Kingdom of David, and Israel will be there until the end of it. After the end of the thousand years of righteous reign, what of Israel? They will be there, for "When the thousand years are finished, Satan will be loosed out of his prison, and shall come forth to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth . . . the number of whom is as the sands of the sea. And they went up over the breadth of the earth, and COMPASSED THE CAMP OF THE SAINTS ABOUT and the beloved city: and fire came down out of heaven, and devoured them." The camp of what saints? Not the saints of the Church. They will have become the bride of Christ and will reign with Him. Here is the camp or headquarters of Israel at Jerusalem the beloved city. Israel will be there after the Satan-deceived nations are destroyed. Israel will be safe, for "A redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith Jehovah. And as for me this is my covenant with them, saith Jehovah: My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith Jehovah, from henceforth and forever" (Isa. 59:20-21). No more back-sliding for Israel. And what of them beyond the great white throne, and the judgments? John of the Revelation said, "I saw a new heaven and a new earth . . . And I heard a great voice OUT OF THE THRONE saying, 'Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them.'" Will Israel, redeemed and perfected, still abide in this earth? Or will she enter some other phase of the economy of God and His eternal counsels? We leave it with Him—it is in vain to speculate.

Again we echo the question, "why?" Because God must select and prepare a special people to whom and through whom He could become Incarnate in the person of His Son Jesus, the Christ. Jesus bore from His mother the blood of the chosen. As an Israelite of the Royal blood, He must yet come to reign over Israel as He is Israel's uncrowned Prince. Israel must survive the ravages of time and it may be the plan of God to recognize her in a special way in the Eternities. Yes, Israel is as endless as *forever*.

What has Israel's endlessness in prophecy to do with the Church? If Israel had not failed her destiny with the Christ at His first coming there would have been no need for the Church. God knew that Israel would fail in the test, therefore, He planned the Church before the foundations of the world were laid.

SISTERHOOD

The SMM Mailbag . . .

"Backwards Party"

"What are you wearing Monday night to Sisterhood?"

"It's a secret! What are you going to wear?"

Some Junior Sisterhood girls in Sarasota, Florida, were discussing the coming Jr. SMM "Backwards Party"!

The exciting evening finally arrived and the fun began! Clothes were worn backward and some dresses even inside out. Some wore shoes on the wrong feet. Even pony tails hanging down the front of the face, ribbons at the back of the hair, and a headscarf over the face instead of the hair were to be seen!

The meeting began with refreshments followed by the Sisterhood benediction. The order continued in backward fashion finally closing with the President calling the meeting to order. When we sang "Spirit of Sisterhood," we sang the chorus followed by the verse. Girls entered the room walking backwards, and when "roll call" was given we answered "absent" instead of "present."

Needless to say, the entire evening was full of fun, and a "Backward Sisterhood Party" will probably become an annual event for the Sarasota Junior Sisterhood girls.

Mrs J. D. Hamel, Patroness

Nappanee, Indiana

Dear Sisterhood Girls:

The officers of the Nappanee Senior Sisterhood group this year are as follows: President—Diana Arnott; Vice President—Judy Browne; Secretary—Linda Holderman; Treasurer—Cynthia Best.

We went to the Brethren's Home at Flora on October 11 and put on a program for the residents. The junior society helped us with this program.

Our Public Service was held on November 15 with Mrs. J. Milton Bowman as speaker.

We have our meetings from 4:30 to 6:30 with supper served by the hostess. We plan to try some of our meetings this year on Sunday afternoons.

Linda Holderman, Secretary

TEMPE, ARIZONA

ON OCTOBER 25 of this year, the Sisterhood Societies of the Papago Park Brethren Church conducted a Covenant Candlelight Service. Following is the order of service:

Organ Prelude Candy Dickson
Invocation Paulette Price
Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd"
Scripture: Proverbs 31:10-31 Katie Price
Evening Prayer Shirley Wissinger
Vocal Solo: "Bless This House" Diana Stiffler
Welcome Betty Price
Installation of Officers Carol Berkshire

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Paulette Price	vice president	Nancy Comer
Katie Price	secretary	Georgia Ford
Diana Stiffler	treasurer	Lana Rhodes
Nancy Price	reporter	
Betty Price	patroness	Helen Dickson
Carol Berkshire	assistant patroness	Shirley Wissinger

Message in Song: "The Light of the World is Jesus"
The Junior S. M. M.
Devotional Moments Helen Dickson

The Aim of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha:
To develop every girl so that she is a living testimony for her Master; to give the girls of dimly lighted re-

gions an opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY

Torchbearers:
Joan Stiffler
Nancy Comer
Georgia Ford
Lana Rhodes

Charge to Sisterhood Girls: Betty Price

Hymn: "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"
All S. M. M. girls

Sisterhood Covenant (repeat in unison):
Grateful that I know the Christ and trusting in His help, I will endeavor to be a living testimony unto Him; to serve others; to do unto others as I would have others do unto me. I will be mindful that vast millions of girls and women have not heard the tidings of great joy and for these I will not cease to make offerings of prayer, time and money that they may know the love of Jesus. In loving remembrance of my Master I gladly enter this covenant.

Closing Hymn: "Spirit of Sisterhood"
All S. M. M. girls

Prayer of Consecration: Betty Price

Postlude

from the Woman's Outlook

Your National President Speaks . . .

MY PRAYER FOR YOU IN THE NEW YEAR

MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

THIS FIRST ISSUE of January should carry greetings for the New Year. I have thought and sought for a suitable wish for you in the new year which lives shortly ahead. What it will hold for all humanity only God knows. As 1964 becomes another page in human history and we cross the threshold of 1965, what may we expect?

During the Thanksgiving season, I listened one day to a program as a group of people were interviewed as to why they were thankful. Most all were thankful for food, family and health. Not one gave evidence in their testimonies that they were Christians. It seemed all were thankful to be alive. This made me think of what Christ told Nicodemus, 'Ye must be born again." I wondered about their spiritual lives. I thought that surely one would be thankful for faith in God "which comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

As we approach the new year, many are concerned with only health, wealth and happiness. I could wish you a happy new year. Yet we know that happiness depends on circumstances about us. I could wish you prosperity, honor or fame. All these are pleasant, but they stand connected with time and things temporal, and soon vanish. What shall be our resolutions for this new year? As a poet has stated:

"A new year has dawned, and what shall it be,
A year lived for God, or a year lived for me?"

My prayer for you in the new year is that it will be a time of rededicating your life to Him, to be busy about His work. "Fulfilling the time" by putting His work first. In this new year which lies ahead, there are 12 months which divide into 365 days, which contain 8,724 hours, which are made up of 525,600 minutes, or 31,536,000 seconds of precious opportunities—opportunities which can be lived but once. Each of us must give an accounting to the God of Time and Eternity for the way in which we use them.

My prayer for you in the new year is that each W.M.S. member will take definite steps to safeguard the home. In this new year, we are going to have to depend more and more upon the HOME to be a Christian training center. We must make it possible to spend more time together as families. The following card of thanks appeared in a Kansas paper: "I wish to thank the city authorities for quarantining my family and me for three weeks recently because one of them had the small pox. During that time my wife caught up with her sewing; we had three square meals a day, as no one came in and she was not permitted to leave, and we enjoyed three weeks of good night's sleep." I think many families are really hungry to spend time together. We must say "no" to outside pressures and spend precious hours together. "It is better for a woman to do simple home duties lovingly, better for her to be sympathetic in trouble and to whisper a comforting message into but one grieving heart, than to be president of a club and lecture to a thousand women."

I also pray that as you stand at the threshold of another year and as you serve Him, you may know "joy unspeakable and full of glory" which His presence brings. Regardless of the circumstances you face in the new year, you can truly sing, "I have the joy, joy, joy, joy deep in my heart." A joyful heart is a reward for serving Him.

MISSIONARY NEWS

FAIRTIME at KULP BIBLE SCHOOL

by GERALD NEHER

ONE of the finest works of handicraft that comes from the women in northeastern Nigeria is the marking of their gourds to form intricate designs. Gourds are used for spoons, dishes, and utensils of various sorts. Large gourds, which will hold up to five gallons of water, are used to transport water from wells and streams to the compounds in northeastern Nigeria. The Fulani people, who are the cattle owners, regularly churn butter by a rotation of the gourd. Beautiful designs burned in the gourds easily identify the tribal affiliation of the owner of the gourd. Gourds of many designs were displayed at the fourth annual Agricultural Fair at the Kulp Bible School this year.

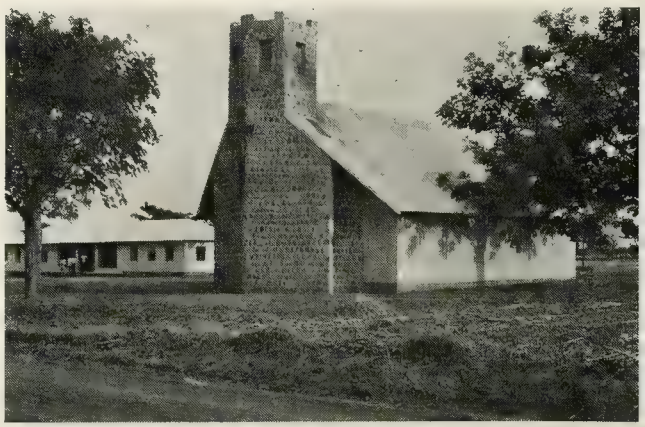
The designing of gourds and the making of a vegetable oil called sheanut oil, are strictly a woman's tasks, and the men would profess to know nothing about it. The division of labor according to sex is very prominent in Africa. The men also had exhibits to display which included ax and hoe handles and large grass mats that are used for sleeping and for surrounding the compounds. Traditionally, the making of thread, the weaving of cloth, and the sewing of garments were done by men. Soon after our arrival in Nigeria, our cook saw my wife sewing and proceeded to ask what man taught her how to sew. However, women are now learning to sew, and classes are open to both women and men in the areas of sewing and knitting.

The students of Kulp Bible School always look forward to the fair for several reasons. One of the main reasons is that they like to display their farms to those who come from a distance and who have not seen farms of this quality in their home areas. Each student has two acres from which he gets as much produce as many farmers get from ten acres. The only difference is that the students have accepted a few innovations, such as planting on ridges, the use of seed dressing, closer spacing of crops, early cultivation, and cross ties between the rows to keep the early and late rains from running off the farms. They also use improved seeds and fertilizer which are available to any farmer in Nigeria and which are subsidized by the government of Nigeria.

On their farms the students raise peanuts, cotton, and guinea corn. Peanuts are the primary cash crop in Northern Nigeria and in 1963 peanuts and peanut oil comprised the leading exports of Nigeria and brought in over twenty-three per cent of the export dollars. Over one-half million tons of peanuts were exported along with sixty-nine thousand tons of peanut oil. Every family in the area has a peanut farm to raise money for taxes and to buy new clothes. Each year the students of Kulp Bible School raise about twenty tons of shelled peanuts.

Cotton, as a commercial crop, is new to the area where the Kulp Bible School is located. Three years ago when the students first planted cotton, many people felt that it would not do well in the area. Today, after three successful crops, much of the cotton is shoulder high, and new cotton is produced for the new textile mills of Nigeria.

Guinea corn, which is a grain sorghum, is the staple



Kulp Bible School

food of the area and is the most important crop from the Nigerian point of view.

Gauta and yalo are names of vegetables, not known to the English-speaking world, on display at the fair.

The women also have small gardens in which they raise greens and okra for the family. Okra has been cultivated in this area of Africa for many years and is one of the vegetable crops which Africa has given to the rest of the world.

The students garden and farm under the supervision of Satumari Kudla, who teaches the agricultural courses at the Kulp Bible School.

Many of the former students of the school returned on fair day to help judge the farms and the agricultural produce.

A bicycle race was one of the featured events of the afternoon at the fair. The race was unusual in that the last one rather than the first to finish the prescribed course of forty feet was the winner. Balance, and not speed, was required of the winner.

A baby show and the judging of hair styles were other events of the afternoon. Also, a snake charmer was an added attraction.

Demonstrations depicting proper methods of cultivation, the use of fertilier and insecticides, and the decortication of peanuts were furnished by the ministry of agriculture.

The agricultural program with its annual agricultural fair is just one phase of the work at Kulp Bible School. The purpose of the school is to train young Christian laymen to be leaders in their home communities. Upon completion of their course, they will return to their home villages where they will furnish leadership in their home churches and will support themselves in varying degree by their farming efforts. Also, while they are in school they are primarily supported by their own farming efforts.

This is important to a young church which is growing very rapidly and needs to use its financial resources for outreach. Kulp Bible School has been a pioneer in the development of a program of leadership training combining Bible Study and agriculture. The promise of a more abundant life for those who follow Him is becoming a reality in Nigeria.



Women decorating gourds

HALF GONE or HALF DONE — in Fulfilling the Time?

Go to now, ye that say, To day or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that, But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.
James 4:13-16

IF WE AGREE that our life is for "a little while," how much more diligently we should go about His work. With the closing of 1964, have we each accomplished half of our personal commitments to missions in our fulfillment of time?

The voice of the unsaved and the suffering is the voice of Christ. When we follow this voice, life takes on a new dimension and the world is seen from a different perspective. Start your New Year, 1965, with that inward assurance and outward conviction that you will rally all your resources and talents in continued support of the mission program so that your life might be in the right perspective.

PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE A VISION OF IMPORTANCE OF EVANGELISM

Many people shake their heads when one begins to talk about trust and supply only for the day. "Aren't we supposed to plan for the future?" they ask . . . But what is the best way to prepare for the future? The best way is to learn how to live life fully in the present moment.

Norman K. Elliott in HOW TO *BE* THE LORD'S PRAYER (Fleming H. Revell Company)



INTERPRETING THE NEWLY REVISED STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

Rev. Jerry Flora

Part V

IN THIS next-to-the-last section of the Standard, we come to the subjects of buildings, equipment, and supplies. The newly revised Standard deals with five areas of emphasis.

1. Each class below adults shall be separated from the remainder of the school, at least for the class session, by walls, movable partitions, screens, or curtains. (3 points). Gone are the days of one-room schoolhouses where learning took place in spite of the surroundings, not because of them. The ideal, of course, is for each individual class in the church's school to have its own room for the teaching period, but, lacking this, separate classrooms should be provided for the children and young people. Where individual rooms are not available, ingenuity can find numerous ways to divide rooms. Curtains of monkscloth, hung from ceiling to floor, have been used for many years. Portable partitions can be constructed and can be made with chalkboard or bulletin board sides. An upright piano can become a partition when pulled out from a wall. A tightly-stretched piece of monkscloth or similar material on the back will provide a place for pinning pictures and other teaching materials.

2. All classes shall be provided with necessary equipment (chairs and tables of proper height, blackboards, maps, visual aids, etc.) (3 points). It is important in the younger age groups that tables and chairs be of correct size for the pupils. It is usually suggested that tables be 10 inches higher than chair seats, and that chairs for the nursery department be 8-10 inches high, 10-12 inches for kindergarten children, and 15 inches for primaries. The chalkboard (whether black or green) is the simplest of all visual aids. Maps should not be used until the junior age, but from there on, they should be employed with all ages. Be sure that your classroom maps are easily legible and up-to-date (for information and prices, contact the Brethren Publishing Company).

3. Materials:

a. Adult classes studying the International Uniform Lesson Series use the Brethren Bible Class Quarterly in all classes (1 point).

b. All children and youth departments use Brethren imprint Sunday school materials (1 point).

For any Brethren church's school, only one curriculum is recommended for a given age group. The Brethren Bible Class Quarterly is an excellent lesson help and should be used in all adult classes studying the International Uniform Lesson Series. Adult classes following an elective course are free to choose other materials and are not penalized for doing so. For the youth and children's divisions, only Brethren imprint materials are recommended. These are available only through the Brethren Publishing Company and follow the closely graded approach, offering a separate course of study for each grade in the public school.

4. Library:

a. Have a catalogued library with a librarian on duty at specified times (1 point).

b. New books purchased for the library during the year: 10 or more books—2 points, 5 to 9 books—1 point, less than 5 books—0 points.

A good library is an asset to any church. People are buying and reading more books than ever before, in spite of television. A great wealth of excellent Christian literature is available, but the average church member does not have a way to get at it. Therefore, the church is obligated to make this reading matter available. The Sunday school should set up a library, appoint a librarian who will see that the books are properly catalogued and who will be on duty at announced times to check books out and in. The library should not be housed in some damp, dimly lighted basement room where the books are at the mercy of mildew and silverfish. Nor should it be composed of worn-out and discarded books that no one wants in his home any more. The library of the church is not a second-hand bookstore or attic depository. Books to be added to the library should be approved by the pastor and should be newly purchased for just that purpose. Plans for setting up and operating church libraries may be obtained by writing to the Brethren Publishing Company.

5. Establish and maintain a file for audio-visual aids and undated Sunday school materials (1 point). Unused Brethren imprint materials for children and young people should never be thrown away. They are undated and will be used again in two or three years, depending on the department. They should be carefully sorted and filed so that, when the lessons are repeated, the excess books will be used up. Records, filmstrips, special object lessons, and flannelgraph materials purchased by the Sunday school should be collected, labeled and stored in cupboards, cabinets, or filing cases. It is poor stewardship of the Lord's money to use it to buy equipment and then allow the equipment to be damaged, lost, or thrown out because of carelessness.

Spiritual Meditations

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RUDE TO GOD

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad (Psalm 34:1, 2).

The first verse of this psalm reminds us of what Brother Lawrence once said: "You would think it rude to leave a friend alone who had come to visit you. Why, then, must God be neglected?" Is it not true? Day after day we do to God what the most common courtesy forbids us do to the most casual visitors? Why did I leave God alone today, yesterday, last week while I rushed around about my affairs? I forgot Him, I guess. But forgetting may be costly—I may miss some blessing which the Heavenly Father wanted to bestow upon me, but I was too preoccupied with the paltry affairs of the world to listen to the voice of the Almighty.

I forgot Him, or thought He would be around when I had more time to listen to Him. *And He will.* It is well that He does not forget, or we should soon be lost beyond all hope. Sin deadens the soul to the dangers of our forgetfulness, and unless the Spirit chides and continually reminds us, we drift off into forgetfulness and utter disregard of God's goodness and care.

The Psalmist asserts that he will bless the Lord at all times. Doesn't this imply that it is appropriate to offer our testimony for our faith in God at any time? De we need to pick special places and times to testify to God's goodness and grace? ALL times and circumstances are appropriate for the declaration of gratitude and reverence to the God of all grace.

And our testimony to our trust in the Lord shall affect others: *The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.* But our lives must bear out our professions.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for January 10, 1965
VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION
Text: Matthew 4:1-11

IT SEEMS HARD sometimes to reason all the points concerning the temptation of Jesus; how the Son of God could be tempted, and if He had the possibility of sinning. Temptation was necessary for Jesus and it is necessary for us.

Temptation means to put to a test or to entice to evil. It is "to entice to evil with the prospect of some pleasure or favor" (Oxford English Dictionary).

A Common Bond

Jesus' temptation welded a common bond between God and us. *For by virtue of His own suffering under temptation He is able to help those who are exposed to temptation* (Heb. 2:18—Phillips).

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin (Heb. 4:15).

The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness was not an accidental event. It was planned by God—Matthew 4:1.

The temptation involved the person of Jesus as a man (Matthew 4:5). It involved God and the angels of heaven (4:6, 7). It involved the whole plan of God's Kingdom on earth (4:8-10). If Satan could have dethroned the King it would have been a small matter to subjugate the people of the realm. His victory was our victory.

Jesus had desires, and the trial brought out just what pleasure and favor He wanted. His pleasure was to honor and please the Lord God. Jesus pointed out the will of God from the Word of God.

Subject yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7).

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him (James 1:12).

Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

OAK HILL, W. VA.

IT has been quite some time since there has been any news from our church. The Lord has been truly blessing us. Since the arrival of our pastor, Rev. John Mills and his family, many noticeable changes have been made in the departments and societies. There has been an increase in all phases of our church.

Our Youth Department has had a record attendance for the month of October, with an attendance of 54 and 52 for the first two Sundays. Two of the classes in the Youth Department have an average of 16 for each class with more prospects in mind.

Junior Church has been having 25 to 30 children. For their Public Service Day program, the Signal Lights had 36 children present. The Signal Lights sent $50 to General Conference for the project at Lost Creek, Kentucky.

The Woman's Missionary Society has increased from an average of 18 to 24 members. They served as hostesses for the Laymen's Fellowship Dinner held recently. The laymen had as their guest speaker for the occasion, Mr. John Porte. Many of the laymen and their guests were present.

Our Junior B. Y. C. has been having 21 in attendance each Sunday evening. The Senior B. Y. C. had only 3 members when our pastor arrived; it has increased to 14 in attendance.

Bible school was held for one week in August with an average of 94 present. For the first time there was a class held for adults, with the pastor as teacher, assisted by Mrs. Joan Lynch. There was a change from what we'd had in previous years with the Bible school being conducted in the evenings from 7 to 9 P. M.

Revival services were held from September 21 to October 4. Rev. Mills, the pastor, conducted these services with three souls won for Christ.

October was a big month for the church with many events taking place. October 4 was Rally Day, Promotion Day, and Homecoming Day. The guest speaker for the morning and afternoon services was Dr. Bruce Stark from Ashland, Ohio. The Scarbro Baptist Choir was the guest choir for the afternoon services.

On October 17, the laymen held a Fellowship Banquet with the guest speaker being Mr. John Porte. Mr. Porte also spoke at the morning and evening services on Sunday, October 18.

We observed Holy Communion on Sunday evening, October 25, with our pastor, Rev. Mills, officiating.

We request the prayers of the Brotherhood that we will continue to go forward in Christ's work.

Mrs. Myrtle Nuckels
Corresponding Secretary

VINCO, PA.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th, was a red letter day at the Vinco Brethren Church. On this day, we observed both Rally Day and Awards Sunday in the Sunday school. One of the highlights of the Sunday school hour was the gathering together of the entire school for an opening worship program—something we cannot do very often due to the crowded conditions which this creates. By having the young people stand along the sides and across the back of the sanctuary, we were able to get everyone in for this portion of the service. Attendance for the Sunday school hour was 303 out of a Sunday school enrollment of 328! Attendance at the morning worship service also set a new record for this particular Sunday.

For the past two or three years, we have included the awarding of our Sunday school attendance pins and bars in the Rally Day activities. A total of eighty people were presented either pins or bars for faithful attendance; which means being in Sunday school at least fifty Sundays out of the year. Pins were given to twenty-three pupils who had attained this record for the first time, and bars—ranging from two years to twenty-five years—were given to the others. Last year we began giving an additional award to those who had absolutely perfect attendance. This award is a beautiful Robert Raikes Attendance Certificate, suitable for framing. On the certificate is space for pasting on seven colored seals for each successive perfect year. This year twenty-one of our pupils were honored with these certificates, and an additional ten received their seals representing the second year of perfect attendance.

The enclosed pictures show the two "honors" groups —the larger group being those who received pins and bars, and the other being the pupils who received perfect attendance recognition. (Photos by Lavelle Horner of the Vinco church.)

BRIGHTON, IND.

THE BRIGHTON BRETHREN CHAPEL was the scene of a very impressive spiritual service on Sunday, September 27, when Mr. Frederick Burkey was ordained to minister the gospel in the Brethren Church.

Elder Virgil Meyer of Ashland, Ohio; Elder Smith Rose of Bryan, Ohio; and Elder Albert Curtright of the Brighton church officiated at the service. Mrs. John Long assisted with beautiful organ music and Mr. John Long with a vocal solo. The church congratulates Elder and Mrs. Burkey, and may God richly bless them in His service.

Refreshments were served following the service to those who attended.

The Brighton Brethren Church had their Homecoming on Sunday, October 18, 1964. Morning worship at 10:30 A. M., basket dinner at noon, afternoon service at 2 P. M. Rev. Smith Rose of Bryan, Ohio, was the afternoon speaker.

Communion was held at the Brighton Brethren Chapel, Sunday evening, October 11, at 7:30.

Lucy L. Anderson
Secretary

The great scientist is ever aware of the something beyond his specialty. It is said that once a student entered the laboratory of Louis Pasteur and saw the great man bent over a table with his head bowed. He assumed that Pasteur was in prayer and waited in silence until he raised his head. As the scientist turned around he noted that he had been peering into a microscope.

"Oh, I thought you were praying." Pasteur answered, "I was."

Norman K. Elliott in HOW TO *BE* THE LORD'S PRAYER (Fleming H. Revell Company)

World Religious News in Review

FORMER NAE PRESIDENT AND OTHER LEADERS SUED IN LIBEL ACTION

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (EP)—A former president of the National Association of Evangelicals is one of six clergymen who have been added to a list of defendants sued by a University of Minnesota professor who alleges they labeled him a Communist or a Communist sympathizer.

Named in the suit was Dr. Frederick C. Fowler, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Duluth, who once said he was "abjectly ashamed" of the action of the United Presbyterian Church's General Assembly for calling for co-existence with communism. He was president of the NAE from 1950 through 1952.

Other clergymen added to the list of defendants in the suit brought by Dr. Arnold Rose, University sociologist, are all from Minneapolis. They are the Rev. R. F. McIlnay, pastor of Powerhorn Park Baptist Church; Dr. Paul Rader, pastor of River-Lake Gospel Tabernacle; the Rev. H. B. Prince, pastor of Bethesda Evangelical Free Church; the Rev. Harold McClure, pastor of Oak Hill Baptist Church, and the Rev. Wilson Katter, pastor of City of the Lakes Gospel Tabernacle.

Dr. Rose, who has made studies in race relations, brought the $10,000 libel suit in February against Christian Research, Inc., a conservative organization which reportedly attacked him in a circular entitled "Facts for Action."

U. S. CLERGYMAN GIVES UP CITIZENSHIP TO RETURN TO MINISTRY IN POLAND

DALLAS, TEXAS (EP)—An American-born Church of Christ minister is giving up his U. S. citizenship to return to Poland where he has lived for nearly 20 years as a layman and as a missionary.

Plans for the resumption of missionary activities in Poland by the Rev. Henry Ciszek were disclosed by the *Christian Reporter*, a monthly newspaper published here for area Churches of Christ.

It said Mr. Ciszek will go back, the publication said, because he believes he can be more effective in church work in Poland and because "his heart is with the Polish people." The minister has several relatives in the Communist nation and several others in Russia.

He has been in Dallas since early this year when he returned from Poland, saying that he had been "slightly told to get out in a delicate way." At that time he said he had been arrested several times and had encountered so many other difficulties with Communist authorities that he was convinced he could no longer continue an effective ministry there.

In Poland, Mr. Ciszek is expected to be supported partially by the Urbandale Church of Christ here which is providing financial assistance to about 20 denominational congregations in that country.

"CHALLENGE" ALERTS AFRICANS ON LUNG CANCER

LAGOS, NIGERIA (EP)—While tobacco companies are conducting a high pressure sales drive in Africa, a Christian magazine has launched a "Don't Smoke!" campaign to warn Africans about lung cancer.

The *African Challenge*, popular mass-circulation monthly published by the Sudan Interior Mission, tells readers not to be deceived by "clever advertisements" in press and radio.

"As sales go down overseas, manufacturers try to find new buyers in Africa," the magazine asserts.

"We declare war on dishonest cigarette advertising which misleads our youth. We shall publish the full facts about the harmful effects of smoking."

The *Challenge* also calls on governments of African states to support the campaign, even at the risk of losing revenue, "Isn't the health of our people more important than advertisements and taxes?" the editors ask.

The *Challenge* is read by an estimated million people in Africa, many of them students.

DRIVE WILL REQUEST N. Y. TO HIKE "DRINKING AGE"

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (EP)—The state of New York was criticized by a temperance leader here as the only state in the union that does not prohibit sale of alcoholic beverages to youths under 21.

S. Bowen Hawkins, executive director of the New York Temperance Civic League, Inc., told the Women's Christian Temperance Union's national convention: "We certainly, as a nation, ought to take a long, hard look at any set of laws which permit five million people to become alcoholics."

"We find there are 130 million people in America who do not drink as against a mere 70 million who do. The facts are in our favor, and we are not using them positively enough."

Mr. Hawkins said that for the eleventh consecutive year efforts would be made in New York State to secure a law restricting the purchase of liquor to those 21 or over, instead of 18, as the present statute provides.

ATLANTA CHURCH SALE TO MUSLIMS DENIED

ATLANTA (EP)—A Southern Baptist church here has strongly denied published charges that it considered selling its property to a Black Muslim group.

Pastor J. C. Embry of Western Heights Baptist Church said: "Our people absolutely refused even to consider an offer for our property from a local Black Muslim temple. We would never consider selling to such an un-Christian, un-American and anti-white group.

"We will sell our property only to a group that will be a credit to the community. The amount of their offer was never a factor in our refusing to sell to the Black Muslims."

Western Heights Church is one of several in the Georgia capital totally surrounded by Negroes due to changing neighborhoods. The church has already bought property nearer where most of its members have resettled. It will move as soon as its present property sells, and will erect a new building on the new site.

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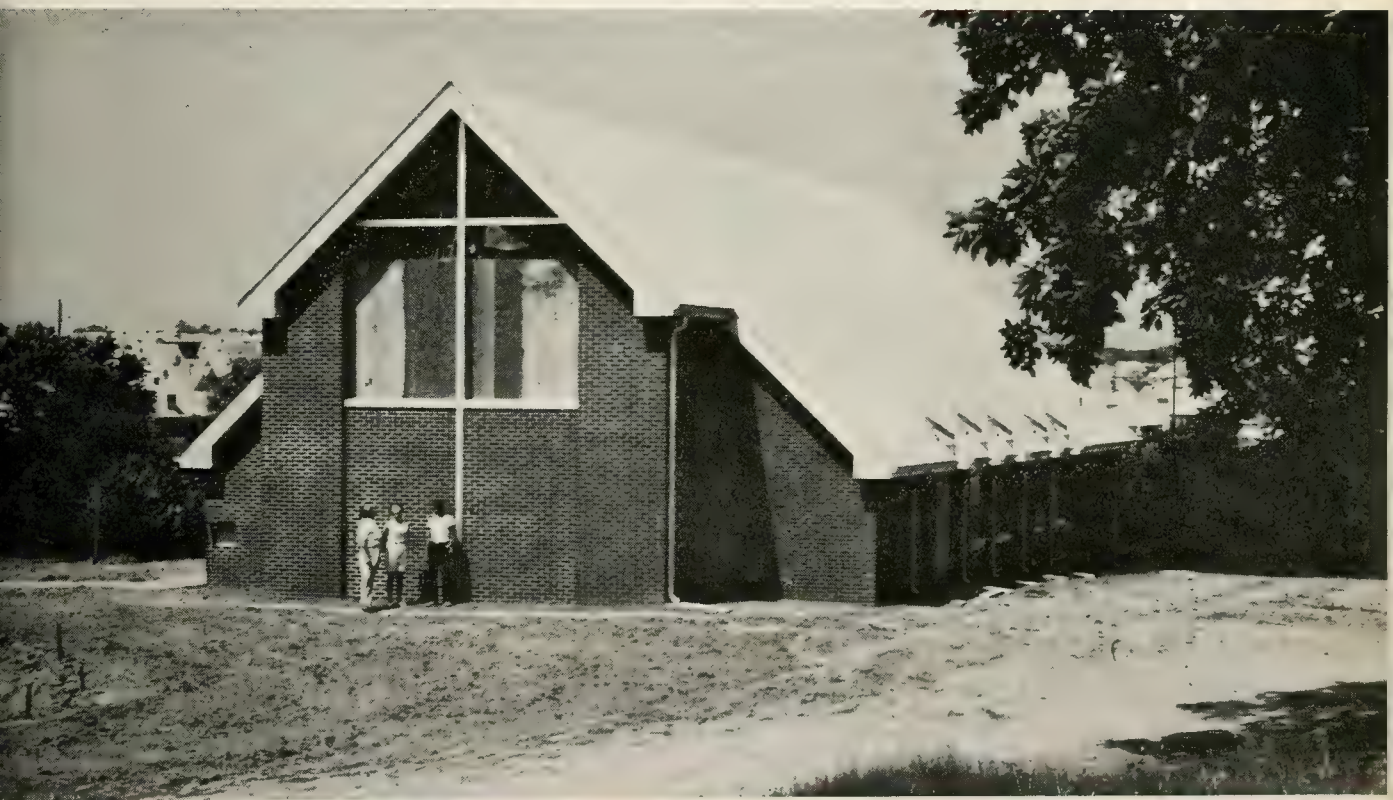
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THANK YOU —

YOUR RESPONSE to sending subscriptions of **The Brethren Evangelist** as Christmas gifts to your loved ones exceeded that of last year. We are very happy for this response and appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Some of the recipients of your gifts have written in and expressed their joy for your kindness and have told us that they enjoy the magazine very much. We feel that the magazine makes a good gift at any time during the year, therefore if you wish to send it as a birthday gift or for any other occasion, please let us know.

THE BOWERS TO NIGERIA —

THE BOWERS FAMILY boarded a plane on Saturday, December 26, and began their journey to Nigeria to assume their new work in the Waka mission field as teachers. They are expected to arrive in Nigeria on Saturday, January 2 (this writing is of December 30).

Be sure to pray for these people as they begin their work in this part of the world.

THE CURTISES TO ARGENTINA —

REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM CURTIS and Debbie left today (December 30) for Argentina to begin their work there, and will arrive on Thursday afternoon, December 31. By the time you read this, they (and the Bowers) will have arrived at their destinations and will have begun their work.

Be sure to remember all our missionaries as they labor in the fields where God has called them.

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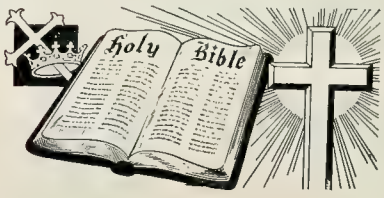
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Top Stories for '64

IT IS ALWAYS interesting to note the top news stories of the previous year, and especially the top stories in the religious news. In most cases, the various editors agree on listings of these stories. **Moody Monthly** made a survey among the editors of evangelical magazines and came up with the following.

"The third session of the Second Vatican Council was 1964's most significant news story in the evangelical religious world, according to a survey by **Moody Monthly.** The magazine, published each month by the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, polled 23 evangelical news editors, magazine editors and news analysts for the year's top five stories.

"In its January issue, the magazine points out that 'perhaps the most significant results of the session so far have been that bishops now are learning the thoughts and aspirations they have come shared widely with others all over the world.'

"In addition to the Vatican story, the massacre of missionaries, particularly in the Congo, took second in the poll. The magazine says, 'more than in any other year in the mid-twentieth century, 1964 could be called the year of the martyrs.'

"The third most important news story of the year in the evangelical religious world: the 1964 Billy Graham crusades, particularly in Birmingham and Boston.

"Religion in the school took fourth place and civil rights took fifth."

This is, of course, a most interesting item to read. As I pondered over this news story, I began to wonder what we could say were the most interesting news stories in the Brethren denomination. After considering the subject for a short time, I would like to list the following as outstanding news items for 1964. These are listed only as they came to mind, I have not tried to list them as to importance.

One very important item is the Seminary development program. The churches have responded in an excellent way to this program giving and pledging $150,000 to this work. A new chapel has been made in the now existing building along with a great deal of remodeling. Contracts are to be let very soon for the new library wing. The student body has increased. The Seminary has taken great strides under the leadership of Dr. J. R. Shultz.

Our college has on campus a new ten-story men's dormitory along with the new dining room which adds much to the beauty of campus. Other new buildings are soon to be erected.

The Missionary Board has sent out during 1964 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowers and family to Nigeria; and Rev. and Mrs. William Curtis to Argentina. At home our Missionary Board has helped in the building of new churches in new communities. The Brethren Church is expanding.

Brethren Youth inaugurated the Bible Quiz in 1964 which was a big success for our young people. Along with this, Brethren young people went over the financial goal in giving assistance to our new church at Herndon, Virginia. The goal for 1965 is $10,000 for Derby, Kansas.

One of the big items for 1964 was the adoption of a hospitalization and surgical insurance plan for Brethren ministers by the Retirement Board and the National Brethren Ministerial Association. Our ministers have needed and wanted such a plan for many years, it was realized last year.

Central Council has truly gone forward in making plans for the good of the Brethren Church. Many, many problems have been solved by the members of the Council as they have met from time to time.

The printing of the book **Our Church Guidebook** was released in April of the past year which has been of great help to many. This book was written by Rev. Albert T. Ronk.

Your Editor could go on with other interesting facts, but most of all, the attitude of the members of the Brethren Church promises that greater advancements will be made in 1965! S.G.



Washington, D. C. Rev. Jerry Flora, in his news bulletin, reports that Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Geaslen, Jimmie, and Nancy were received into membership of the church by transfer of letter from Hagerstown, Md.

Levittown, Pa. and Sergeantsville, New Jer.
A combined choir of both the Fairless Hills-Levittown and Sergeantsville churches presented the Christmas cantata "Night of Miracles" by John W. Peterson at both churches during the Christmas season. The choir was under the direction of Mrs. Robert Keplinger; organist was Mrs. Emmert Wilson; narrator was Mr. Darwin Yocum. Rev. Keplinger and Rev. Arthur Collins were among the soloists.

Mansfield, Ohio. On Sunday evening, December 27, two young men were received into membership of the church by baptism according to Rev. Spencer Gentle, pastor.

Waterloo, Iowa. Rev. James Black and family are getting settled in their new work and are going forward in the work of the church. On Sunday afternoon, December 27, a reception was held for the new parsonage family.

Attention — Pastors and Secretaries:
Again this year, the Gospel Teams of Ashland College await to serve you. If you have not already expressed your desire to have a team serve you, you may do so by writing to: **Men's Gospel Team, Box 298, Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio.** We look forward to serving you.

Weddings

BLOSSER-TURNER. Miss Wanda Carold Blosser became the bride of Gary Melvin Turner on Saturday, November 7, at 3 p. m., in a beautiful service in the Mt. Olive Brethren Church. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Jane Rodgers Blosser and the late Harold P. Blosser. Both young people are faithful members of the church. The vows were solemnized under the direction of the undersigned. Miss Rebecca Harman was soloist. A reception followed the service in the fellowship room.

Rev. John F. Locke

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BERKSHIRE-FIELDS. Miss Sharon Berkshire and James Fields were united in marriage on August 23, at the Park Street Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. The bride's father, Rev. W. Clayton Berkshire, assisted by Rev. Phil Lersch performed the double ring ceremony. Both Sharon and Jim are seniors at Ashland College and are residing at 80 Samaritan Avenue, Ashland, Ohio.

Rev. W. Clayton Berkshire

Memorials

STONEBURNER. James A. Stoneburner, a long-time member of the Dutchtown Brethren Church, passed away November 22, 1964, at the age of 81. Services were held at the Dutchtown church, November 25, with the pastor, Rev. George Pontius officiating.

Mrs. Robert Webster

Pennsylvania District

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Brant have established an annuity bond in the amount of $7,000 with the Pennsylvania District Mission Board as the recipient.

Mr. Brant has served faithfully as the treasurer for the Board for many years. During his membership many churches were started and others received his encouragement.

Mrs. Brant is president of W.M.S. I, Berlin, Pa., Bible school teacher and has always maintained a deep religious devotion for the cause of Christ.

Members of the Board express their appreciation for past loyal service, continued prayerful concern, and now for the encouragement this generous gesture brings.

The Board is mindful of the hundreds of spiritual lives Fred and Bertha Brant have helped to elevate and still pledge their support to the same high purpose.

We sincerely pray that the Brants find much lasting joy and inspiration from the gift they have made.

George A. Leidy, Secretary
Pa. District Mission Board

INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN GROUP HONORS COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (EP)—Negro Comedian Dick Gregory received an "Action Award for Racial Justice" here from the Presbyterian Interracial Council, an independent unit formed last year.

The entertainer, who has taken part in many demonstrations and held benefit performances to support the civil rights movement, was honored at a luncheon during the Democratic National Convention.

Members of the Presbyterian Interracial Council took part in a silent vigil outside Convention Hall as an expression of support for the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

Mr. Gregory's address was marked by both bitter humor and seriousness. Noting the Council's participation in the Convention Hall vigil, he commented:

"It's always a pleasure to be around the church when it is speaking out on this great racial injustice. I personally feel that, had the church spoken out a litttle earlier, there would be a lot of people living today who are not."

"The church cannot only save America, but eventually save the whole world—but it will have to work very hard," he continued. "The church is in trouble, and as long as the church is in trouble, we all are in trouble . . ."

No man is poor who has had a Godly mother.

Abraham Lincoln, quoted in WITH LOVE TO MOTHER (Fleming H. Revell Co.)

Daily Devotions

General Theme for the Year: "FULFILLING THE TIME"
Theme for January — "BY GIVING YOUR TALENTS TO HIM"

Writer for January — Rev. W. St. Clair Benshoff
January 17 - 23 — "Performed In Humility"

Sunday, January 17, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 10:39-42
And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward (Matthew 10:42).

The thought of receiving a reward for what we do as Christian service for the Lord should not be uppermost in our mind. If we serve only with the thought of reward in mind, we are going to be miserable. Better to serve for the work's sake, and for good of our church and fellowmen, and let the rewards take care of themselves. Our Father remembers, and after we have faithfully served, then the rewards will be ours. The need of promoting the Gospel should be our main consideration, even to those who would never hear unless we told them. How much are we really doing for Him these days?

The Day's Thought

Love heightens the smallest actions, and gives worth to them.

Monday, January 18, 1965
Read Scripture: John 12:1-8
Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment (John 12:3).

The "odor" of humility can fill the atmosphere surrounding a true servant of the Lord. It can fill the "whole house." Its fragrance can permeate the lives of others until all are blessed. Note, though, that this is true, God-inspired humility. It is not the hypocritical type in which people are proud of their "humble piety." True humility comes from lives that realize that in themselves they can do nothing, but only through the Lord can they do the things they do for Him. Read the Beatitudes in Matthew five. The first step on the stairway to the Temple of God is humility. Emptied of self — filled with the love and power of God.

The Day's Thought

Blessed are the poor in spirit— theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Tuesday, January 19, 1965
Read Scripture: Acts 20:17-21
Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews (Acts 20:19).

Carefulness in the daily walk of the Christian is indicated here. Paul was zealous and faithful in the performance of his apostolic duties, but he was also very careful in the matter of his private walk as a Christian. How many times a good example in service to the church is lost because of what the individual does at home, at work or in his social circles. We must be careful what we do day by day in order to firm up our profession as a Christian. Whether on the mountain top or in the valley, the Christian needs to walk as the Lord would have him walk, lest those who "lie in wait to destroy him" find him an unguarded prey to their actions.

The Day's Thought

"What you do speaks so loud I can't hear what you are saying."

Wednesday, January 20, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 6:9-15
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).

In a kingdom, the will of the king is supreme. There can be but one will. A king directs his leaders and his subjects, and, regardless of their personal feelings, they do his will. Otherwise, there is no kingdom—just a group of people doing their own desires. In the great kingdom of God, there can be but one will. All the wills of the subjects are to be brought into harmony with God. That is why we pray, "Thy will be done"—everywhere. For peace, prosperity, happiness and eternal life, our will must be brought into subjection to His will for our lives. To do otherwise is to invite chaos, distress and failure. He is our Lord and Master. By obedience to the Lord, we can walk in the sunshine of His smile, and all things will work out to His glory and to our blessed benefit.

The Day's Thought

Christ prayed, "Not my will, but Thine be done," and won the victory.

Thursday, January 21, 1965
Read Scripture: Luke 1:30-38
And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her (Luke 1: 38).

What is involved in complete obedience to the will of God? An example of this type of surrender to the will of God is found in the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus. First, she believed the call to service which the angel of the Lord presented to her. Then she said, "I am perfectly ready to obey thy commands, and to accomplish all the purposes of thy grace concerning me!" This meant changing her personal plans. It meant suffering the hurt of wagging tongues of the uninformed in her home town. It meant hardship and uncomfortable surroundings. But to her credit, she willingly gave herself to the will of God. In return she received esteemed honor as the mother of the human body of our Lord. We may not become as famous as Mary, but we can be just as faithful in serving the Lord.

The Day's Thought

Nothing but the best of my life for Thee, O Lord.

Friday, January 22, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 16:24-27
For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it (Matthew 16:25).

It is impossible to ascertain the number of people God has called to serve Him who have turned Him down. There are many—enough to man all the pulpits and missionary

stations we now have and to start enough new points to evangelize the world. God did not intend that His work should suffer for lack of personnel. That His work does suffer is due to man's constant rejection of the call to service. Yes, save your life for self, but in the end, lose it, if that is your wish. However, to those whom God calls, and who answer, "Yes," will come a blessed peace that cannot be found in any other work. Whom God calls, He also keeps, and that should be enough for anyone who wishes to give his life to God here, to gain it again with eternal blessings added.

The Day's Thought

"I am Thine for service, Lord."

Saturday, January 23, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly of heart: and Ye shall find rest for your souls (Matthew 11: 29).

At this point in our Lord's ministry, He projects the personal relationship between Himself and those who would follow Him. The kingdom is certain, but in His kingdom, the relationship between king and subject is going to be on a personal basis. Rest and service are offered to those who are conscious of need Here is the personal Christ, th One whom we should be delighte to serve. Do not overlook the fac that in the midst of the heav duties of service, there can com rest and peace for our souls. Chris gives this to those who learn t walk with Him and to abide in Hi love. Learn the secret of doing you Christian service in the humilit of Christ, and a peace will be your which the world cannot offer.

The Day's Thought

The work of righteousness sha be peace; and the effect of right eousness is quietness and assur ance for ever (Isaiah 32:17).

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Readings from the Gospel according to St. Mark

Memory Scripture for the month—Mark 12:30

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

January 17 - 23

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 7:32-37

Can You Hear?

Mom went to the foot of the steps and called, "Gary. Linda."

No answer.

She called again.

Still no answer.

Mom went upstairs to the playroom. The children looked up when she walked in. "We've been having lots of fun," said Linda.

"We're playing store," said Gary.

Mom smiled. "Did you hear me call?"

"No," they said. "When?"

"Just now," answered Mom. "We're going to ride out to the farm to see Grandma and Grandpa. Let's get ready."

Do you always hear when you are called? Sometimes when we are interested in what we are doing, like Gary and Linda were, we do not hear.

The man in our Bible story wanted to hear. But he could not. There was something wrong with his ears. When Jesus touched the man's ears and prayed, he could hear. Jesus helped him because He loved him. He helps us every day because He loves us.

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for loving me and helping m Thank You for my ears. Help me to use them to hea the things I should. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 8:1-9

A Party

"Thanks for the party, Mom," said Linda as sh dried the dishes.

"Yes, it was really swell," said Gary as he put th chairs back in their places. "It was fun having ou Sunday school class for supper."

"I liked the games and stories afterwards, too added Linda.

"There isn't much chili left," Gary said as he looke in the kettle on the stove.

"No," laughed Mom. "I had that pan full of chil but there's only a spoonful left."

"That's the way it usually is at a party," remarke Dad as he came into the kitchen. "But I know of on where there was more food left after the people ha eaten than there was before."

"Oh, you're joking," exclaimed Linda.

"No, really," insisted Dad. "You know about it, too.

"I think I know what you mean," declared Gar "You are thinking about one of the times when Jesu fed a large crowd. When He fed the four thousan He had seven loaves and a few fish. There were seve baskets of food left over."

"We'll never plan a party like that," Linda sai "Only God's Son could do it."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the good times I can hav with my friends. Help me to share the Bible storie with them. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 8:22-26

Eyes

"Why does that man have a white cane?" aske Linda.

Mom came to the window where Linda was stand ing. "That tells us he is blind," she said. "Many blin people use a cane to help them find their way around See how he moves it back and forth? If it touche

something, he knows by the feel what is in his path. It helps him know when he comes to a street crossing, too."

"I'm glad I can see with my eyes," said Linda thoughtfully as she watched the man.

"Yes," agreed Mom. "It is another way in which God has been good to us."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my eyes. Help me to use them as I should and to take care of them. May I use my eyes to read that which is good and to see that which is lovely. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 8:27-31

Very Special

"My, how the kitten has grown," said Linda. She pulled a string across the floor. He bounced after it, trying to catch it with his paws.

"You cute little kitten," laughed Linda as she sat down on the floor. She put the kitten in her lap. "Your paws are always so white. Mittens is a good name for you. I'm glad Gary thought of it."

Mittens was purring happily as Linda stroked his fur. Queenie came into the room. Mittens jumped from Linda's lap and went to the dog.

"Oh, Mittens," said Linda, "you like Queenie better than me!"

Mom laughed. "She knows Queenie is the one that has cared for her. She is fond of all of us, but Queenie is very special to her."

Jesus' disciples knew He was very special. They knew He was the Son of God. Other people were still wondering about Jesus, but the disciples knew. Do you know Jesus is God's Son, our Savior?

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, that I know You are my Savior. Help me to share this glad news with others. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 8:34-38

Ashamed

"Do I have to go downtown with Uncle Ted?" asked Gary.

"Why Gary!" exclaimed Mom. "You always liked to go with him before."

"That's fishing," said the boy. "Not many people see us there. But downtown everyone will see us. Uncle Ted always wears those funny clothes. Whenever we meet someone he tells a real old joke and then stands there laughing about it himself."

"All of us do things others thing are strange," said Mom, "but that is no reason to be ashamed of someone we love. What do you like best about Uncle Ted?"

"Oh, lots of things," said Gary quickly. "I like to go fishing with him. He takes me horseback riding. You know he sends money to take care of six Korean orphans. He's helpful to older people, and he always has time to play games with children."

"Lots of reasons to be proud of Uncle Ted," added Mom. "And you're ashamed to be seen with him!"

"I guess I wasn't thinking straight," said Gary. "When I think of all the good he does, it doesn't matter if he wears funny clothes and tells old jokes."

Some people are ashamed to let others know they love Jesus. Jesus said if we are ashamed of Him, He will be ashamed of us in heaven.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my family and friends. Help me to look for the good in them and never to be ashamed of them. Help me to tell others gladly that Jesus is my Savior. May I never hesitate to say I follow Him. In His name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

Changed

The furnace wasn't heating properly. As soon as Dad came home from work, he put on some old clothes and went to the basement to fix it.

About an hour later Dad came up from the basement and said, "Well, it's fixed."

"Good!" said Mom as she looked up from the salad she was making. Then she began to laugh. Gary and Linda came into the kitchen. They began to laugh, too.

"What's so funny?" asked Dad.

"You!" said the children.

"Look in the mirror," said Mom.

When Dad looked in the hall mirror he began to laugh, too. While working on the furnace he had gotten his clothes very dirty. There was dirt on his face, too, and a big black smudge of dirt on his nose.

"I'll soon change that," said Dad as he went upstairs.

A short time later Dad came back to the kitchen.

"That's better," said Mom.

"Much better," giggled Linda.

"You look different now," agreed Gary.

One day Peter, James, and John saw Jesus changed. Not just His clothes, but himself as well. He was shining bright. Then they heard the voice of God say, "This is my beloved Son."

Then they knew that He truly was the promised Savior. They believed Him and followed Him. Do you?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that I know Jesus is Your Son. Help me to follow Him in all that I do today. In His name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 9:17-27

It Is Possible

"Are you going over to see Paul today?" Mom asked Gary.

"No," he replied. "I've asked him so many times to go to church with me, but he always has excuses. He will never go."

"Perhaps you need to ask him just one more time," suggested Mom.

"One more time or ten more times won't make any difference," said Gary.

"Jesus told us all things are possible if we believe," Mom reminded him. "You believe God wants Paul to go to church with you, don't you?"

"Yes," answered Gary.

"Then perhaps this is the time he will go," Mom added.

"I'll try," declared Gary. "I'll go now and ask him."

A short time later Gary came whistling home. "It worked!" he shouted. "Paul's going to church with me tomorrow!"

Often we give up too soon when we are praying or working for something. We forget that all things are possible with God.

Prayer:

I am glad, dear God, that You are so great and wise and good. Help me to remember that there is nothing impossible for You to do. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

WHY NOAH WAS SAVED

THE AMAZING STORY of the flood causes the uninformed to doubt its historicity (John 20:25). However, aside from the Bible, thirty-seven ancient nations have a flood story; all but three have an ark; and all but four have eight persons saved by means of an ark (vs. 27). But, the greatest proof of the validity of the flood is the endorsement of Jesus Christ (Matt. 24:37-39). Christ was the Teacher sent from God (John 3:2), who spoke the very words of God (John 3:34).

Noah was saved from the ravages of the flood, in the first place, by grace (Gen. 6:8). He was saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8). Genesis 7:1 says that He was "righteous before God," but the only righteousness in God's sight is "the righteousness of faith" (Rom. 9:30). "There is no difference," all must be "justified freely by His grace" (Rom. 3:22-24). Noah's righteousness was "according to faith" (Heb. 11:7).

Noah was saved by believing the Word of God (Heb. 11:7). God's Word is not generally believed (Prov. 26:12). Like Abraham, Noah's faith in God's Word was imputed unto him for righteousness (Rom. 4:20-22). As Noah believed in the coming judgment of the flood, so we are to believe in a judgment for all mankind (Acts 17:31). As in Noah's day, it is still hard to get people to believe that men are lost (II Thess. 1:7, 8).

Noah was saved because he obeyed God (Gen. 7:5). Noah had a faith of the heart (Rom. 10:9, 10). He did exactly what God told him to do (Gen. 6:14). He built an ark for his own salvation and the saving of his house (Acts 16:31). He obeyed God's invitation (Gen. 7:1). In his obedience Noah had "the answer of a good conscience toward God" (I Peter 3:20, 21). Like Joshua (Josh. 24:15), Noah's obedience of faith included his whole family (Gen. 7:7).

Noah's faith was tested by long delay, and was exercised amid prevailing unbelief (Gen. 6:3). Nevertheless, he was "a preacher of righteousness" (II Peter 2:5). When God shut Noah in the ark (Gen. 7:16), the unbelieving world was shut out (Luke 13:25). Seven days of despised mercy remained (Gen. 7:4-10). People followed their ordinary pursuits (Matt. 24:38). But soon the tares and the wheat were separated (Matt. 13:40). Even the neighbors of Jesus, unsaved, will be eternally lost (Luke 13:26-28). There will be no gate crashing in Heaven (Matt. 25:10-12). Esau sold his birthright with a light heart, but afterward had nothing more than remorse (Heb. 12:17). The spirit of the Lord will not always strive with men (Gen. 6:3a). The dark floods of judgment are gathering to break over a lost, Christ-rejecting world (Rev. 6:14-17).

Jesus is our only Ark of safety (John 1:9). God's Holy Spirit is calling souls to Christ (John 5:6). The Spirit and the Church are inviting (Rev. 22:17). The Spirit convicts men that they are sinners and teaches them to repent (John 16:8). Anyone who wants to be saved, may (John 6:37). Whosoever will may be saved (Rom. 10:13). But he must draw nigh to God (James 4:8)!

Israel's Historic Timetable in Prophecy

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XII

THE QUESTION asked of Jesus as He sat on the Mount of Olives has been pondered by multitudes since it first troubled the disciples. It is as fresh today as when voiced by the little band as they queried, "Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and *the end of the age?*"

What? When? Then add the "Why," and the "How." Then like children, we grope for the answers, half doubting, and try to console ourselves by burying our heads in the sands of ignorance and indolence.

There are some *times and seasons* which the Lord told His disciples they were not to know (Acts 1:7). In speaking to them of the coming of the Son of Man, He said, *Of that day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only* (Matt. 24:36 A.S.V.). Then the Lord followed the statement with, *And as were the days of Noah, so shall be the coming of the Son of Man.* In those days, Noah knew, not the day or the hour, but the near approach, when the provender was stored and the animals gathered. Moreover, the people had an opportunity to know, for Noah preached it unto them (II Peter 2:5), but they would not hearken.

Paul gives us food for thought when he referred to the Rapture of the Lord and the Resurrection of

the saints, thus, *But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that aught be written unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. When they are saying, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them . . . But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief . . .* (I Thess. 5:1ff).

Paul was speaking of the day of homegathering of the saints, when he wrote to the Thessalonians, but the disciples on Olivet asked Him about the Second Coming of the Messiah and the end of the Jewish age. Paul was admonishing watchfulness of believers, as "sons of light," that is, to watch for the evidences of His appearing. Jesus gave the disciples the signs they asked for and Matthew recorded them in his gospel. No one needs to be in ignorance of what was revealed if he can read and has average intelligence.

The disciples were not the first to seek to unravel the secret of time for Israel. Daniel was a man of visions and revelations. After a certain vision, he said, *I sought to understand it . . . and a voice said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision . . . And he said unto me, Understand, O son of man; for the vision belongeth to the time of the end . . . Behold, I will make thee to know what shall be in the latter time of indignation; for it belongeth to the appointed time of the end* (Daniel 8:15ff A.S.V.). Gabriel summed the whole matter up in chapter 9:23, *Therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision.*

Then the angel unfolded the vision showing the decree of the *seventy weeks* for Israel and the holy city.

The use of the word *weeks* in the English translation has confused many, due to the common meaning of the word as a period of seven days. In the Hebrew, the word translated *week* in English, is SHABUA, from which derives the SABBATH. In the New Testament, the week was called the Sabbath, and the days of the week were numbered rather than named, such as, the first, or the second, or the seventh day of the Sabbath. When the Hebrew of Daniel 9:24 is read, it says, *Seventy sevens are decreed upon thy people and upon the holy city.* Seventy sevens are 490. Seventy weeks of seven days would approximate ten years of time. Daniel and every other Jew would know that all of the occurances specified in the same verse could not be fulfilled in ten years. The explanation lies in the Hebrew use of the number seven.

Many numbers as used in the Holy Scriptures carry sacred significance. As such, seven is the number of completeness and perfection. God has made it so, for it appears so often in the created nature of things.

There are seven elements, that is, wave lengths, in light which are reflected in the colors of the rainbow. Three are primary colors, three are secondary, and the perfect blending of them all makes for pure white. Diminish or overproduce the perfect proportion of any color, and the blended result will be gray, or white of low tonality. Only the perfect blending produces white. Then, there are seven notes in the diatonic scale of music. Herein lies the source of harmony. Running the scale from C to B, seven are counted and the eighth is C again or the beginning of a new series. God put seven into light, and sound, and used the number lavishly throughout His creation.

Likewise, in the sacred things of revelation, God dedicated the number seven. The clean animals of the Ark went in by sevens. There were seven blessed years in Egypt. There were seven lamps on the golden candlestick. Seven Churches received messages in the Revelation; and there were seven angels, and seven stars, and seven seals, and seven bowls.

Now, return to Hebrew understanding relative to the number seven, especially in reference to years. As man needed a seventh day of rest, the land also needed a seventh of rest and God invoked it. Exodus 23:10 (A.S.V.) records the command, *And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the increase thereof: but the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie fallow; . . .* Here is a seven of years. Note also the law of the bondman, *If thou buy a Hebrew servant (or bondman), six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing* (Ex. 21:2 A.S.V.). Here again is a week of years, the seventh becoming a Sabbatical year. The seven-year period was as common to a Hebrew as the seventh-day period, and Daniel knew what Jehovah was referring to when He said *seventy sevens.* Daniel looked down through the centuries and saw 490 years as the duration of Israel's prophetic history.

Now for a look at this part of God's timetable for Israel (Daniel 9:24ff). Let it be observed, first, the purpose for the specifying a time of 490 years, i.e., the things to be accomplished in the specified time. They are: (1) To finish the transgression; (2) To make an end of sins; (3) To make reconciliation for iniquity; (4) To bring in everlasting righteousness; (5) To seal up vision and prophecy; (6) To anoint the most holy place. A volume could be written about these six great accomplishments. Do not forget that they have to do with Daniel's people alone. Israel was guilty of the great transgression against Jehovah, the rejection of the Prince of the house of David, in the person of the incarnate Christ. That will be "finished"—ended, when Israel returns to Him as a Nation at the "time of the end." Then as prophesied by Isaiah, *The deliverer shall come to Zion . . . and turn away ungodliness from Jacob . . . and take away their sins.*

Reconciliation for iniquity, as decreed, has been made on the cross. Caiaphas spoke the truth when he said, ". . . it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and the whole nation perish not."

Then, everlasting righteousness will be brought in by Him who will appear on the clouds of heaven, and will *Sum up all things in Christ,* and usher in the *Dispensation of the fulness of the times* (Matt. 24: 30; Eph. 1:10 A.S.V.).

How "vision and prophecy" have been ridiculed by the theological liberals. One has written a book on Daniel titled, *Daniel in the Critic's Den.* But the Lord will one day finish the vindication of vision and prophecy so often quoted by Jesus in the days of His sojourn, and put the seal of heaven upon them. When the end is come—the end of the decreed age; and the millennial temple is complete, then will be anointed the holy of holies, never again to be defiled by Israel.

Brethren Youth Crusaders

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

Our Washington Junior High elected officers in November and they are:

President Dale Fields
Reporter and Vice President ..Bill Brady
Secretary Ginger Blevens
Assistant Secretary Janet Blevens
Treasurer Larry Wood

The Junior High had a leaf-raking party on November 7. We earned $10. A second such event was held on November 21. Our class goal is $50. May the Lord be with each and every one as they work for Derby.

Bill Brady, reporter

BEV'S BLAB



As you read this article, I will be on my way to California District Conference including the Manteca, Lathrop and Stockton Brethren Churches. The Conference this year is at the new Stockton Church where Rev. H. William Fells (my former pastor) is now serving. If *The Brethren Evangelist* should reach you a little late, I will already be in Conference sessions for they begin on January 13.

I will be traveling with John Porte (our Field Secretary) and his wife, Eleanor. We will be making stops on the way out to California and on the way back to visit Brethren Churches in the mid-west, central and southwest areas of the United States.

When we make our stops in the churches, we will be presenting a program entitled "The Mission of the Brethren Church" which includes the total work of the Brethren Church.

. . . COME IN TUCSON!

The new advisors for the 1964-65 year are as follows:

Senior Youth — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gayman
Mr. and Mrs. Conway Craft
Junior Youth — Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Cook
Mr. and Mrs. Bob McKinney

Our schedule of programs up through the first of the year has included such events as: Saturday evening our Senior Youth was invited to the home of the Jasper Price's by the Tempe Youth Group for a Halloween party. Good fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all. We had our BYC Thanksgiving Dinner at the Fellowship Hall on November 21. The film "Giving Thanks Always" also helped prepare us for the Thanksgiving holidays.

The Senior Youth and the Tempe Youth had a retreat on Mt. Lemmon, November 27-29.

Our Christmas candlelight program for the evening of December 24 included a play "Why the Chimes Rang." Caroling was also a part of our activities during the Christmas Season.

Our theme for January is *Exploration*. We are preparing ourselves for the Evangelistic services to be held starting on January 24 and ending on Sunday evening, January 31. The Tempe Youth and our Youth are going to have a part in the program on January 29.

Bill Gayman

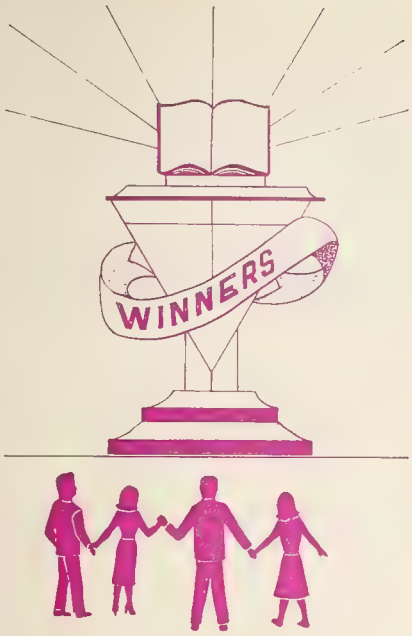
GARBER THANKSGIVING

The three youth groups of Garber Brethren Church presented a Thanksgiving eve program on November 25.

A choral reading of Psalm 100 opened the program, Betty Marker led in the Thanksgiving hymns, John Brown and Doyle Hoverstock sang "We Gather Together," and Janet Summy read the first Thanksgiving Proclamation given by President Washington. Pastor H. H. Rowsey presented the message, "Your Thanksgiving Proclamation" after a season of our sharing things for which we were thankful.

The program closed with our offering of thanks for the new Massillon church which is being built presently. Randy Dull and Bobby Fowler served as ushers for the offering.

Beverly Summy
Garber Youth Director



BIBLE QUIZ REVIEW

Perhaps it would be good to review the rules for the Bible Quiz and please notice a new addition to the rules listed at the end of this article.

QUIZMASTER—should be taken from lay or pastoral personnel of the Brethren Church.

QUESTIONS—one contest shall consist of 25 questions with 5 extra questions permitted if needed to break a tie in scoring. Any question given by the quizmaster shall be answered by the team who first indicates they have the answer. Either a light system or standing is recommended for recognizing a contestant who wishes to answer a question. The light system will be used in the National Finals.

SCORING—10 points for a correct answer
5 points off for an incorrect answer
10 points maximum bonus after each team member, including the alternate, has answered one question correctly. This can occur only once in any given contest for each team.

PERSONNEL—Quizmaster
Judge—may be a timer or another person may be the timer
Judge—may be a scorer or another person may be the scorer
Judge.

RULES—5 points off for an infraction of the following rules:

1. Team members and alternate shall be lettered in the following manner: Each contestant shall wear a white card, 6 by 8 inches with one black block letter per card, using letters "A" through "D." Cards shall be worn in such a way as to be easily seen.
2. All talking must cease upon signal of the quizmaster, possibly, use of the word "question." He will give the chapter, verse and then the question.
3. There shall be no collaboration on any question of team members or the alternate.
4. Each team must consist of three regular members and an alternate, with one member being chosen by his fellow teammates as captain. Three members may participate with a 5 point penalty.
5. The captain shall be contestant "A" and shall be the only team member who may dispute the opposing team answer, quizmaster or judges' decision (his teammates may ask him to dispute) and call for time outs. When any question or answer is in doubt or is disputed, judges must rule and their decision is final. Answers to all questions must be decided by the judges.
6. Each team may have no more than three one-minute time outs per contest upon request of the captain.
7. The alternate can replace any team member during a time out after reporting such action to the quizmaster. Any regular team member re-entering the quiz must report such action to the quizmaster and assume his previous position. Any team member answering 10 questions correctly must be replaced by the alternate for the remainder of the quiz.
8. Each contestant shall begin his answer within 10 seconds after being recognized by the judges and shall complete his answer within 20 additional seconds. Failure to do so results in an incorrect answer.
9. Any contestant who breaks in on a question in the recognized manner must complete that question word for word and give his answer. If the answer is a direct Bible quote, it *must* be given word for word. If a direct Bible quote is not demanded, judges shall rule on the answer.
10. The printed questions are for the use of *youth sponsors* or *adult workers* with the quiz teams or contests *only. At no time* are the contestants to have access to the questions and answers. (All contestants are *strongly urged* to study the complete book of the Bible being used in the quiz.)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. New or rephrased questions, in addition to those sent out for practice, be provided by the National Youth Board (after being edited by a qualified minister or panel) for use in the National contest. This is to avoid vague or controversial questions or answers.
2. Dual eliminations be held in District and National eliminations to provide more equal opportunities for all teams.
3. The King James version be the authority for the questions.

SPECIAL NOTICE—new addition!

A second alternate may be selected to fill the position of any regular member or first alternate who cannot attend the National Bible Quiz elimination. No changes can be made in winning District teams after District elimination and the names of the four persons composing the District winning team plus the second alternate shall be submitted to the National Youth Director before the National elimination and only four of those five can participate in the National eliminations.

from the Woman's Outlook

Bible Study for February

FAITH AND ITS PREREQUISITES

by REV. J. E. BERKSHIRE

Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so we believed (I Cor. 15:11).

ONE OF THE MOST NOTABLE proponents of faith in God and His Word was the one-time persecutor of His Son, Christ, and His believers. It certainly is miraculous how such a man can be redeemed by the very Word he ridiculously severs from his own life, later to become an outstanding believer in that Word through faith. This prominent one of outstanding Christian character and behavior is the Apostle Paul.

It was he who gave us the words of introduction, among other references, to the great statutes of faith found in this fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians. In this chapter, the apostle gives us a clear and full account of the Gospel which he preached. He also states the saving character of this Gospel to believers in verse 2, "keeping in memory what I have preached to you." This in full meaning; that they should not alone believe but so walk in what is to be believed. He relates the evidences of the resurrection of Christ in vs. 5-7. He then refers to his own vision of the Redeemer, in v. 8, which is the capping of that which captivates his abounding faith in his Master. Afterwards, he speaks of his own unworthiness, and the triumphs of divine grace to him and in him (v. 10). In all, he relates not to himself as a model for man's faith, but to Him of whom he wrote: *For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed, unto him against that day* (II Tim. 2:12b). Paul modestly refers to his abundant labors in the Gospel, and its success in attaining contact to hearts of would-be believers. Thus, we see readily how saving faith is produced. This, too, agrees with Romans 10:17: *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Let us notice items which are requisite to faith. *There must be* a testimony or declaration. There must be something to be believed. Now this testimony is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is the record of God concerning His Son. This record presents to us God's Son in human flesh; as the mediator between God and man. Thus, the apostle calls upon men to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. This for the purpose of men adopting a saving faith. Too, believe His word, there can be no saving faith without a walking faith, which is substantiated through believing the Gospel of Christ. Yes, there must be something to be believed. Again, this declaration refers to His Divinity, to His work; and to His being anointed for its execution. God's testimony also exhibits the death of Jesus as a sacrifice for sin. That He is the Lamb of God, having descended from the Father; that He was crucified, died and bore our sins. And, thus, all who come to God through Christ, shall not perish but have eternal life. This, then, briefly is the testimony, and is the first great essential requisite to faith.

Second, the testimony *must be* published and made known. Men must hear it or read it. Hence, Christ sent His disciples with it to all the world, and to every creature. "So we preach . . ." Men cannot be accountable for the Gospel until they possess it. Wherever it comes, it is the imperative duty of man to hear it. To refuse to hear it is sin; to neglect it is to insure condemnation. Do we believers believe this? Is this not the duty of the believer first to believe with all his heart, then, go and tell to others that they, too, might have the joyous good news (the Gospel); that they, too, might escape condemnation through opportunity to accept this penetrating Gospel? "I called, but ye refused . . ."—may not only refer to the sinner, but also to the professing Christian who will not speak for his Christ at an opportune moment. God would induce us to loosen our still tongues as we exercise our walk of faith in Him (I Peter 3:15).

Third, there *must be* capacity in those who hear this Gospel to understand it. We must recognize that a peculiar cast of mind is necessary to understand some branches of the sciences and other fields of study. Most fields of study require a special aptitude for comprehension in that pursuit. Hence, had the Gospel been given as a series of mathematical problems, or metaphysical essays, only a few could have understood it. But the Gospel simply refers to two great facts in the history of Jesus Christ, and demands the belief of these, on the ground of the truth of the Gospel. Every person, therefore, of sane mind, however small in mental capacity, or unlearned, can understand this testimony without which faith could not be exercised. Hence, then, we see that it is essential to faith that there be a testimony brought and presented to minds of mankind everywhere.

What is the nature of faith in which all men can have a share? It is clear that where the Gospel testimony is preached, it may be treated by some with indifference. Others may treat it with speculation, form peculiar opinions about it, and, thus, leave it. Others may listen with interest and embrace it. Now saving faith is the cordial belief in the Gospel. It is the belief of the heart; the act of the will and the affections. Thus, the faith that is *real* and comforting to the soul of man is distinguished and made manifest from all that is counterfeit. *Have faith in God,*— we are told in Mark 11:22. *Let not your heart be troubled (let it not be afraid): ye believe in God, believe also in me . . .*, we are told in John 14:1. These words are not counterfeit but can be trusted words of the Eternal given to men for their faith in Him, the Righteous One. These, among the host of other divine imparts from God, are those which confirm the belief of the heart and stir to action the will and the affections.

Man is far off. He has wandered toward the regions of death. Faith in this case is coming to Christ; returning to the Lord; drawing near on the ground of His invitations and promise: "Him that cometh to me . . .;" "Come unto me all ye that labour . . .;" "Seek ye my face and live." Many others.

Man is guilty. He is under the sentence of death, and purged by the avenger of His blood. God has provided a city of refuge. To this he is urged to flee. He is assured the gates are open wide, and he has the word and oath of God to rely upon, that if he flies and enters he shall live. Believing this, the passions of his soul are excited, and his whole heart moves swiftly to the hope set before him. He exclaims:

"Hide me, O my Savior, hide me,
Till the storm of wrath is past,
Safe into the haven guide,
O, receive my soul at last."

Man is diseased with the serpent sting of sin. He is on the verge of death. His drooping spirit is fainting within him. But the antidote is proclaimed. Christ is lifted up, and he is told to look—to look to the cross of Christ, to see the Lamb of God. As he does so he exclaims:

"See there my Lord upon the tree,
I hear, I feel, he died for me."

Man is a moral wreck, floating on the ocean of life, ready to sink into perdition. Jesus is the lifeboat of mercy, comes near to him, and throws out the rope of deliverance. He is urged to lay hold of it; and with the earnest grasp of a person conscious of perishing, he does so, and is thus rescued from eternal misery.

Man is lost; wandering in darkness on the mountain of ruin. He is exhorted by one he meets to call out for help, and that Christ is not far from him. He does so, believing in the suggestion of his friend in this moment of despair. He utters in loud exclamations of fear, "Lost, lost, lost!" and he unites with it, "Save, Lord, or I perish"; Jesus hears and delivers him from the destruction to which he was exposed. Now in each of these instances, you see how *faith* is the soul and spring of the movement of the sinner toward Christ. We see, too, the opposite principles working, that of presumption and indifference; the person exhorted to flee to the city of refuge with the avenger of blood in pursuit, if he presumes on his safety, he lingers, and is overtaken; or if he is indifferent, he is involved in the same ruin. A mother once exclaimed to this writer, "I don't know what I would do if it were not for my faith." True, she was perplexed by problems of real nature. Upon cautiously approaching her with regard to that which she was trusting, she related that, "All will come out in the end." With no more attesting to the "Object of our Faith" than she manifested, certainly she possessed a presumptious faith (if not an indifferent faith, and perishable), so thousands presume instead of exercising present faith; and thousands intend to do so at another time, and thus perish in their unbelief.

We may ask, "What are the evidences of a *walking* and *believing* faith?" These evidences are of two kinds:

1. Those of which the believer, only, is conscious, and which, we shall call internal evidences of faith. This type produces *hope*. Fear and terror are annihilated. No longer dread and dismay is felt hanging over the soul. This encourages man to trust in his God. *The hope of the righteous shall be gladness* (Prov. 19:28a). Faith produces peace and joy. *When thou liest down, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet* (Prov. 3:24). *And these things write we unto you, that your (our) joy may be (made) full* (I John 1:4). This faith produces *love*. Man is led to work by and through love. The heart is set on fire by it. The love of God is shed abroad. "We love Him because He first loved us."

2. Those which are visible to all men, and which are termed external. Faith produces *humility* and *contrition*. Man is now but dust; no self-exaltation, no self-vindication. Faith prostrates the mind before God, and real abasement will be visible to those around. Faith leads to a *profession* in Christ. He will be honored by the lips through the cross. We will not be ashamed to own Him and follow Him before men. Faith leads to practical *godliness*. It is seen in obedience to Jesus Christ, and evidenced in good works; walking in Christ and treading in His steps. Hence, faith is a holy principle. Hence, we preach the unsearchable truths of God, believing His birth, crucifixion, atonement, diety, resurrection, ascension and intercession for man; a prerequisite to the assurance of things hoped for (or proving, putting to a test), of things not seen.

Topic for February

TAKE TIME TO LOVE
It Makes the World a Better Place in Which to Live

by MRS. DORMAN RONK

THERE ARE SO MANY phases and interpretations of love. Think of the meanings given to the word "love" in these examples: "I just love that hat." "Do you promise to love, honor, and obey?" "See it now! Love in the raw!" "I love strawberries, but they give me a rash." Such a confusion of meanings. No wonder someone has difficulty in learning the English language!

The love which we will consider has none of these earthly meanings. Neither will we consider the physical stages of love: the first "crush," puppy love, love for the opposite sex, or husband and wife love. This special love is the greatest, the most lasting, and the most important thing in the world.

Love is something about which we read, sing, think, but until we practice it, we cannot love. The more we practice, the more loving we become. Having a violin in the home does not make one a violinist. One must practice and work at it. Likewise with love, until we practice, we cannot love.

In order to investigate this "supreme good," we will apply the usual questions of why, how, and when. So much has been and could be written about this marvelous subject, I hope my thoughts will be only the beginning for you. Your thinking and discussion will encourage your love.

Why should we love? Why does love make the world a better place?

This was Christ's first commandment: **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind** (Matthew 22:37). Christ put such emphasis on our Heavenly Father because He knew love was the most important rule of life.

When we love God we automatically have a higher set of morals than a person, or a community, or a country, that does not love God. Our country was formed on Christian principles, and to an extent these principles are still the backbone of our government. Compare our country with a non-Christian government: freedom of worship; hospitals; schools; homes for the aged; abundance of crops; and public health program. The benefits of our country are attributed to the faith of our forefathers, and the love they had for the Lord, their God. It is true our country has slipped from its firm foundation of Christian teaching, and perhaps that accounts for an increase in juvenile delinquency, a greater governmental debt, and more shattered nerves. When one generation, or two, or three neglect their love of God, the standards of life will decline. If our hearts are not filled with love for God, the vacancy will be filled with hate.

Do you remember what else Christ said about love? The second commandment Jesus gave is **Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself** (Matthew 22:39). As we love ourselves! Some of us have a rather high opinion of ourselves, haven't we?

It is easy to love our friends, those with whom we have fun, have common interests, joys and pleasures. We think that command is simple. But what about the family who has had misfortune, or is poor, or has a different skin color, or the very rich, or the person we just can't stand. **Love them!**

I have been acquainted with some who were difficult to visit with, who seemed to share no common interest with me, and who left me frustrated because of the unpleasantness of meeting them. Finally, I began to pray for them and myself. "Help me, O Lord, to know them, to find some good in them, and help me to help them and to love them. They and I are your children." I prayed this prayer when I knew we would be in the same place, or when I saw them coming down the street. The Lord helped me, and I began to look for them, to make opportunities to be with them. This help and concern developed into Christian love.

I may never know, but I am sure that I annoy others. I hope those persons pray for me, so we may share our love in Christ with each other. If we find it difficult to love someone, think how much more difficult it is for God to love us, and yet He does. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son—the greatest gift of all.

When the Good Samaritan stopped at the roadside to help the injured man, he broke down the barriers of hate and prejudice. He gave first-aid, then took him to an inn and paid for his care and lodging. He took time to love. Perhaps John Greenleaf Whittier had this Good Samaritan in mind, when he wrote these words, which have been set to music by W. C. Morson:

"O Brother Man, fold to thy heart thy brother;
Where pity dwells, the love of God is there;
To worship rightfully is to love each other,
Each smile a psalm, each kindly deed a prayer."

How can we love?

There are innumerable ways to let someone know we love them. In one thirty-minute span today I heard these: "We have ordered a Christmas tree for you; when shall we have it delivered?" "Hm-m-m hamburgers! Good!" "Come over for supper Friday night. Be here by 6:00." "I love you. You're a good ole mommy." Love in each instance? Of course. Granted, not every half-hour is so loving, but if we look for the good and the best we'll find it.

Love can be the card to the shut-in, the errands run for a busy mother, the letter to a missionary, the monthly check to the over-seas orphanage, the fruit basket to the sick, the smile for the stranger on the street, the friendly greeting to the clerk in the store, the encouraging words to the discouraged. We have just observed a bountiful Thanksgiving Day, the joyous Christmas season, the beginning of a New Year, and now the love month of February and valentines. This four-month period has been easy to show our love for our neighbors. Can we continue—even foster and encourage—this love in March and April when the income tax returns are due? We must even love the tax collector, although we may not approve of his use of our money.

Our love for God must be expressed in love for other people. Like Jesus, we must go about doing good. The story is told of a lady who worked in a children's home, helping to care for the children. She took a small boy by the hand to see a painting of Jesus. "Who is that?" asked the boy.

"That is a picture of Jesus. When He was on this earth, He loved little children very much. He went about doing good."

Looking up into the woman's face, the boy said, "You must be His sister, then."

"Nobody will know what you mean by saying that God is love' unless you act it as well," Lawrence J. Jacks has said. There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served. "He that would be great among you," said Christ, "let him serve." We must give and not get. Paul quoted Jesus in Acts 20:35, when he said, **It is more blessed (more happy, more loving) to give than to receive.**

We are all individuals, and different, but we are all God's children. By realizing these differences, we can accept other's faults and our own, and our actions will be governed by love. We must strive to think more of others than ourselves. As Philippians 2:4 reads: **Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.**

When can we love?

Anytime, all the time. You're too busy? Take the time. Stop and send that card, or make the phone call. Let someone know you are concerned about him. It seems easier to share with another when all is well with ourselves—a sunny day, and the necessary home work accomplished. But sharing with another when we are over-burdened is best. Days when we are filled with self-pity must be turned in sharp reverse. When our thoughts are ingrown, we breed hate, greed, selfishness, pride, and unhappiness. This advice is offered by Henry Drummond: "Instead of allowing yourself to be so unhappy, just let your love grow as God wants it to grow; seek goodness in others, love more persons more; love them more impersonally, more unselfishly, without thought of return. The return, never fear, will take care of itself."

Henry Drummond has also written a treatise on the love chapter, I Corinthians 13. His book is entitled **The Greatest Thing in the World.** His explanation of love is valuable food for thought, and chasers to our doldrums. The following outline is one of the important pages from his book (I Corinthians 13:4-6):

"Love has nine ingredients:

Patience	Love suffereth long.
Kindness	And is kind.
Generosity	Love envieth not.
Humility	Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.
Courtesy	Doth not behave itself unseemly.
Guilelessness	Thinketh no evil.
Unselfishness	Is not easily provoked.
Sincerity	Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth."

It is when we love that we succeed. It is when we fail to love that we fail completely.

Special Study
Brethren Missions in Review

THE HISTORY OF BRETHREN MISSIONS
1708 — 1880

DURING the coming months, our study of "Brethren Missions in Review" will be concerned with the actual history of missions within our church from the time of its inception until the present day. Most of the material we will be using was compiled by Mrs. Ida Lindower at the time she was serving as Administrative Assistant for the Missionary Board. We are grateful to her for her efforts and to the Board for permission to use this material.

Any attempt to trace the history of missions in the Brethren Church must necessarily begin with the German Baptist group which originated in Schwarzenau, Germany, in 1708.

Although the group grew out of the Pietistic movement in protest against corruption in the church, meaningless formality, and lack of appeal to personal faith, paradoxically, for a while the very impulse to correct these fallacies hindered missionary effort which is so vital to spirit-filled Christians. Extremes of beliefs and practices among these early Brethren led to general confusion and bewilderment. Intolerance among those who differed—even those seek-

ing the new and better way—resulted in cruel persecution. Men were so occupied with discovering and maintaining new beliefs and theories that they neglected the great commission delivered to all believers.

These ardent believers did win some converts to their faith; in fact so numerous in comparison with other groups as to cause jealousy by reason of their following; nevertheless, their differences among themselves produced discord and lack of full fellowship which is so essential to productive ministries.

In 1719, the first of the group emigrated to America, where they settled at Germantown, near Philadelphia.

The first five years in a new country produced no appreciable missionary effort. For a while, these Christians were so completely occupied with economic problems, establishing homes, etc., that little effort was made. The Brethren settled in various areas and became isolated from one another. Hence, in 1722, because of their widely-scattered condition, several men, headed by Peter Becker, visited the separated Brethren and organized them into a church. On Christmas Day, in 1723, the first baptism was held in this country. In 1724, a missionary party, under Becker's leadership, set out to visit Brethren in remote areas to bring them under organized spiritual influence.

For 47 years, there were no churches for these pe ple but they met in homes built to accommoda groups for worship.

From 1790, until 1825, the Brethren moved into ne territories—Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Maryland, I diana, Illinois and farther west. Other families mo ing into the same new country, joined the group unt large numbers of pioneer families were identified wit the Brethren faith.

In 1860, a missionary program was presented Annual Meeting, but the Civil War proved to be a de terrent to those plans; then in 1880, a general Mi sion Board was formed. Members of that first boa were: James Quinter of Pennsylvania; S. T. Bosse man of Ohio; James Leedy of Indiana; Enoch Eby Illinois; and Daniel Brubaker of Iowa. The stat purpose of this new group was (1) Preaching th Gospel; (2) Assisting in building of meeting house It was recommended that every church member gi one cent or more per week to support the movemen

Missionary work was first carried on in Denmar Sweden, and Germany, with a total annual disburse ment of $3,500; however compulsory military trai ing in Sweden induced many converts to the ne faith to leave their country for America.

Next month, our history of Brethren missions wi include the year 1880-1939.

INTERPRETING THE NEWLY REVISED STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

Rev. Jerry Flora

Part VI

IN THIS FINAL installment we come to the matter of the Sunday school's relationship to the church. In former years the relationship was expressed in the words "church and Sunday school," as if they were two separate organizations—and, tragically, they sometimes were. Today the relationship is expressed in the words "the Sunday school of the church," or "the church and its school," or "the church school." The Sunday school is simply the church organized to do its work of evangelism, education, and service. The Sunday school is operated and controlled by the church.

1. Have a Board of Christian Education composed of the pastor, superintendent, and other members elected by the congregation. (3 points) The body which is directly responsible for the church's school is the Board of Christian Education, just as the Board of Deacons is responsible for the church's spiritual life and the Board of Trustees is responsible for the church's tangible assets. Whether called a cabinet, council, committee, or board, this group is just as important in the life of the church as the Official Board. The work of this group is to set the policies by which the church's school operates, t plan and correlate the program of the school and r lated activities, and to direct its operation in the be interests of Christ's work on the local level. Consu the chapter in **Our Church Guidebook** on the Board Christian Education for a good discussion of these ma ters.

2. The Board of Christian Education shall approv or appoint all teachers and assistants. (2 points) Th Board has the authority to determine what shall qualif a person to teach in the church's school—and the should be specific, published standards. Teachers shou be chosen by the Board (or, if elected, they should b approved by the Board) in keeping with these stan ards. No one has the right to teach God's Word unle he can qualify by his life and by his learning in tha Word.

3. The Sunday school superintendent shall present written report of Sunday school activities to all congr gational business meetings. (2 points) Lest the Boa of Christian Education get out of hand, its work is to b

reported by the superintendent to the church. It is important that the report not be generalized, vague statements, but that it be specific. Writing it out aids in this, as well as making it possible for it to be entered in the minutes of the business meeting or filed with them. Requests from the Board of Christian Education to the church should be presented at the congregational business meeting by the general superintendent.

4. The Sunday school shall observe the following special days and occasions: (a) Rally Day or National Sunday School Week; (b) Promotion Day; (c) National Family Week; (d) Children's Day or Vacation Bible School closing program. (1 point for each) Both National Sunday School Week and National Family Week are sponsored by the National Sunday School Association, and information and specially prepared materials may be obtained by writing to them at 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

Promotion Day and Rally Day are usually held in the fall around the close of September and the beginning of October. However, some schools are promoting their classes in order to capitalize on this in the minds of the children. National Sunday School Week is the last week in September, National Family Week is the first week in May and always ends on Mother's Day, and the Children's Day is the second Sunday in June. Only four points may be scored for this goal. Thus, if your school observes both Rally Day and National Sunday School Week, this still counts as only 1 point.

A perfect score on the newly revised Standard of Excellence is impossible, for there is no maximum number of points. It will be an exceptional school, however, that can score 100 points. A special certificate will be awarded to every school reaching 70 points or more at the close of the grading year. Schools scoring 90 and above will be ranked as "A" schools; those scoring 80-89, "B" schools; and those scoring 70-79 will be designated "C" schools. A specially engraved plaque will be awarded to the school with the highest total score, for it will be—as nearly as can be judged from reports—the best Sunday school in the Brethren Church for the year.

Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO

Senior Citizens Honored

THE FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH of West Alexandria, Ohio, was the scene of the special service of recognition for the senior citizens on Sunday morning, October 25, in the 10:30 worship hour. Forty-four goldenagers from the West Alexandria area were present. Each was presented a lovely white carnation and seated in the special section reserved for the honored guests.

The pastor, Rev. Herbert K. Johnson, spoke on the theme, "The Last of Life is the Best," in which he declared that we are as old, not as our arteries, but as our attitudes. Life is a process, not a finished product. It isn't the longevity, but the fullness of life that counts and happiness in old age depends upon the conduct of our youth.

Old age does not begin with a certain birthday. Rather, you may be old at forty and young at eighty. But you are genuinely old at any age if you feel old; if you feel you have learned all there is to learn; if you find yourself saying, "I'm too old to do that;" if you feel tomorrow holds no promise; if you take no interest in the activities of youth and if their banter irks you; if you long for the good old days—feeling they were the best; if you will not help your neighbor, friends, and community; and if you would rather win an argument than be right.

The pastor concluded his message with the question, "How can one grow lovely growing old?" He then answered with these words: "Be much with Jesus in the closet of prayer and drink much at the fountain of His optimistic and hopeful teaching."

The choir sang the beautiful anthem by Stewart Landon, "Sing and Bless the Lord." Mrs. Martha Miller was the organist.

DUTCHTOWN, IND.

OUR RALLY DAY was observed Sunday, October 18, with a fine attendance recorded. Because of our building program which is in progress, we were unable to have our noon meal at the church. We enjoyed a bounteous carry-in dinner at the Oswego Community Center with well over 100 in attendance. Our afternoon program was a musical program by the Kings Witnesses, a mixed quartet, from near Elkhart. There was no evening service.

On Sunday evening, November 29, the Dutchtown Brethren dismissed local services to join with the New Paris Brethren for evening worship. Rev. Pontius brought the message. A baptismal service was held following the worship service with four people being baptized by Rev. Pontius and four by the New Paris pastor.

Mrs. Robert Webster

FALLS CITY, NEBR.

HOMECOMING and Rally Day was held on Sunday, October 4, 1964, with Dr. Joseph R. Shultz, Dean of Ashland Theological Seminary, as guest speaker. A covered dish dinner was held at noon, followed by a very enjoyable program. One of the highlights of the program was the reading of letters from friends and former members of the church.

A three-part filmstrip of Evangelism is being enjoyed each Thursday night, as an aid to our revival service to be held November 1-12.

A very beautiful and impressive Holy Communion service was held October 18.

On Thursday, October 29, we held a "Vigil of Prayer" at the church from 7 A.M. to 11 P.M. Many partici-

pated in this Day of Prayer for our church and revival services, to be held November 1-12, with Rev. Herbert Gilmer in charge, assisted by our pastor, Rev. Robert Holsinger.

Mrs. F. P. Schroedl
Corresponding Secretary

ROANOKE, INDIANA

THE RECENTLY REMODELED and refurnished sanctuary of the First Brethren Church was dedicated in services Sunday, November 1.

The services on that day also commemorated the annual Homecoming observance of the church. The regular morning service was held, followed by a basket dinner at noon and afternoon services honoring the occasion.

Rev. Virgil E. Meyer of Ashland College was the guest speaker for the afternoon services.

The extensive remodeling program, completed at a cost of $10,000 was begun in July when the old seats and the rostrum were removed with the aid of the congregation of the church.



Jerry Kreienbrink served as contractor for the work which included construction of a new altar on the east end of the church. Previously, the altar was placed across the southside of the sanctuary.

New hardwood oak flooring was laid, as well as new carpeting in a shade of green.

Twenty new pews, purchased from Endicott Church Furniture, Inc., of Winona Lake were installed in September. Seating capacity remains about the same with the ten rows of cushioned pews seating approximately 160 people.

Verne Gast of the Endicott firm was architect for the remodeling.

During the remodeling program, the basement of the church was utilized for worship services.

The first service held in the completed sanctuary was September 13.

This is the first remodeling program at the church since its construction in 1908. The first dedication was in 1909.

Working on the planning were trustees Walter Humke, Wayne Schoeff and Lionel Kreamer. The committee appointed to work with the trustees was Robert Zent, Rex Zent, and Marion Kramer, who were assisted by other members of the congregation.

Gilbert Dodds, registrar of Huntington College, has been named to serve as pastor of the Roanoke First Brethren Church.

Mr. Dodds, who began his duties with Huntington College the first of September, preached his first sermon at the local church Sunday, September 13.

There were 112 listed in attendance for Sunday School on November 1. The new sanctuary was filled for all meetings.

Rev. C. C. Grisso, 82 years young, and his wife were present for the day. He had served as interim pastor of the Roanoke church in the fifties.

The dedication service for the sanctuary and the pastor's chair, which was given by friends in memory of Mrs. Alice Zent, was held in the afternoon. Special music was furnished by the music committee and guests.

Miss Jane Zent
Rev. Gilbert Dodds

CARLETON, NEBR.

AFTER MAJOR SURGERY and an enforced rest of three weeks, Rev. Sylvas Flora has again taken up his work as pastor of the Bethel Brethren and Carleton Brethren Churches.

On August 30, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bonin were ordained to the office of deacon and deaconess of the Carleton Brethren Church. Rev. Robert Holsinger Falls City, Nebraska, conducted the ordination services assisted by Rev. Flora, and preached the ordination sermon.

Mrs. Lauren Lietsch
Secretary

JOHNSTOWN II, PA.

RIDING through the western Pennsylvania mountains caused me to reflect upon my nine days at Johnstown. During my visit with the people of the Johnstown Second Brethren Church I learned much. Johnstown is a city with a rich history. The people of the church are a faithful, cooperating, and progressive Christian congregation. The pastor and family are a devoted, dedicated and hard working, conscientious family. I learned also, through several hours of physical labor, of the progress and plans for the new Pennsylvania District Camp near Berlin. They have a good start in a lovely area and they are working hard to get the site ready for future summer camps. The district is to be commended in this forward movement and the Laymen, too, for their time and hard work in getting buildings ready.

Our Evangelistic services, Sunday, October 11 through Sunday, October 18, were well-attended. In fact, they equalled their high 1964 Easter attendance on the first Sunday. Various organiations were recognized throughout the week and everyone contributed in some way to the success of the meetings. Rev

Charles Lowmaster had worked faithfully in preparation for the meetings and all was in high gear. It was a pleasure also to have visiting pastors and wives, Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Radcliff and Rev. and Mrs. Henry Bates, in attendance.

The fine memories of this meeting will be long-lasting. The three young men who made their confession are this week attending the church membership class taught by Rev. Lowmaster. The fine hospitality and new Christian friends of Johnstown Second Brethren Church will long remain as a mountain top experience of Christian fellowship for me for years to come.

With such a fine, spiritual, talented and willing congregation, this church should continue to go forward in the Lord's work and worship.

Eugene J. Beekley

NAPPANEE, IND.

A SERIES OF REVIVAL MEETINGS was held at the Nappanee Brethren Church by the undersigned during the week of November 2-8. The gracious warmth and loyal response of the Nappanee Brethren was greatly appreciated and is a wonderful asset to the work there. I was impressed with the reading and study habits of the people. The attendance was excellent as three young people gave command of their lives to the Master and another renewed her pledge to Him. The Light and Life Campaign emphasized a better understanding and appreciation of the chief doctrines of our faith. Time and eternity will record the final results. Thanks for letting me share your fine fellowship at Nappanee.

Rev. Charles Lowmaster

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT CAMP

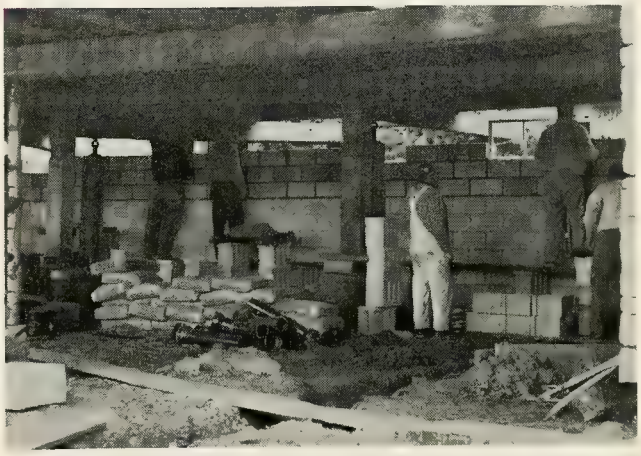
by Rev. Robert Hoffman Vice President of the Camp Board of Trustees

SATURDAYS for the past several months at the site for the Brethren Church Camp at Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, have been busy ones as the initial phase of work for construction of camp facilities has been undertaken. To date, all work has been of the volunteer nature, as workers have come from the various churches. There are twenty-three churches in the Pennsylvania District at this time.

The camp site consists of 100 acres, more or less, according to the deed, and is in a natural setting of special beauty in southern Somerset County.



Under the direction of Percy Constable, of the Second Brethren Church of Johnstown, work is going forward on the lower portion of the barn. The barn is being renovated to be used as a chapel, and as an arts and recreation center. In one end, a huge fireplace is planned to provide a bit of heat and to create an atmosphere for small and informal meetings of this nature. The stable portion of the barn is being turned into a crafts center. To date, the front and rear walls have been removed. This in itself was a job of major proportion, because it took approximately twenty-five men two Saturdays to complete the job. At this writing, the two walls are almost completed with twelve-inch building blocks. The end walls were left to preserve the stone wall effect. Three four-by-eight foot windows have been placed in the front wall to provide ample light for camp activities.



Plans call for the outside work to be completed on the chapel before winter sets in. The outside walls will be covered with Homesote siding, and the upper floor will be constructed of wood. The basement area will have a cement floor.

The Camp Board of Trustees consists of the following men: President, Rev. Charles Lowmaster, Johnstown; Vice President, Rev. Robert L. Hoffman; Secretary, George Fisher; Treasurers, Paul Bird and Charles Berkshire.

Presently, there are eight ponds on the land. Plans call for two of the larger ponds to be thrown together to provide a large area for boating and fishing. A separate swimming pool is planned near the large dam in the future. Other facilities such as play areas and parking facilities are included in the long-range camp planning program.

The Brethren Layman



Searching the Psalms

PSALM 91

by RALPH L. FAIRBANKS

DID YOU EVER wonder how some people live such a successful life? Haven't you often wondered what the secret to their success is? Of course you have. You must stop to realize there are many different secrets to success, but let us look for just one secret in this ninety-first Psalm. The writer of this Psalm gives us some clues of what his secret has done for him, and instructs us to use his secret.

We find this person shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. In other words, he shall find shelter or refuge by simply placing his complete trust in the Almighty. But, this is not the "secret" we are looking for. It is a result of his "secret." This word trust is often referred to as "faith." The word "faith" is best defined in Hebrews 11:1, but must become a living experience in order to be understood. But, this is not the "secret" we are looking for. Let us look at more clues.

Deliverance. Yes, this writer praises the Lord for his deliverance from those who would lure him to moral and spiritual decay. Also, because the Lord is his refuge, he is protected from the evil temptations that shall come before him. In other words; many things or situations that would tempt the ordinary person, this person has the power to overcome.

This person, also, realizes he must educate himself in God's Word. "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler." Yes, we must allow God to talk to us through His Word. Also, let us read II Timothy 2:15. *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

We have mentioned a few of the results of the "secret," and now let us find the secret. I believe, we find the answer in the last three verses and the first verse. *Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he has known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in time of trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

Let us look at Matthew 6:6, *But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.* I believe one of the "secrets," and in this case the "secret," is private prayer (talk) with the Lord. This is not to say or imply that we are not to pray in public. However, we do have the command to talk to God in private. Also, a part of the secret, I believe, is the time and the place. This is so that no one person(s) or thing(s) can interrupt our conversation with the Almighty.

Jesus spent much time alone in secret or private prayer with His Father in order to have the physical strength needed, and in order to know the Father's will for His life. If Jesus needed this, how much more do we need this for our lives?

In closing I should like to quote from two hymns: "Alone." "It was alone the Saviour prayed In dark Gethsemane; Alone He drained the bitter cup And suffered there for me."

The second hymn is by Harry D. Loes which he titles, "All Things in Jesus."

"Friends all around us are seeking to find What the heart yearns for, by sin undermined; I have the secret, I know where 'tis found: Only in Jesus true pleasures abound. All that I want is in Jesus; He satisfies Joy He supplies; Life would be worthless without Him, All things in Jesus I find."

The secret is a private talk with God in a secret place at a secret time. Have you got a secret? I've got a secret.

Ralph Fairbanks, our author of this study, is a member of the developing Brethren Church at Mansfield, Ohio. He is teacher of the adult Bible class, member of the Board of Trustees and chairman of the building committee.

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

INDIANA LAYMEN IN RETREAT

THE 1964 "edition" of the Indiana Laymen's Retreat was called to order by the State President, Charles Stump, Nappanee, on Friday, October 2, at Shipshewana Lake and the Brethren's Retreat.

After some brief remarks, the laymen from Milford led in singing and the vesper devotions.

President Stump then turned the program portion over to Rev. Glenn Grumbling. Their first feature was the Pastor's Chorus accompanied by Rev. John T. Byler. The "chorus" sang several numbers with an assist on the chorus by the assembly.

Rev. Richard Allison then displayed a film featuring Evangelist Ford Philpot of Lexington, Kentucky. The major theme of the film was "Christian Testimony" by members of the Christian Athlete's Group. The testimony was followed by a brief message by the evangelist.



Following this film, Rev. Herbert Gilmer took the group on a tour of Switzerland via a series of colored slides. Although the hour was growing late, the swift tour of Switzerland was appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The next item of business was the coffee and ice cream clutch held in the hotel.

At 7:30 A. M. on Saturday, October 3, the group met in the dining room of the hotel and were led in an interesting discussion by a layman from County Line, Everitt Gillis. An interesting and informative discussion from the book of Isaiah was then held.

After a delicious breakfast, the group adjourned to the dormitory lobby where Rev. William Anderson umpired a nine-inning game of Bible Baseball between Skeldon's Yankees and Grumbling's Cardinals. The Cardinals left the field grumbling.

At 10 o'clock, the group adjourned for recreation. State, district, and national officers met in an informal meeting until the noon hour.

After the noon lunch period, the group gathered in the Laymen's Lodge around the fireplace. Rev. William Skeldon, the new pastor of the Mishawaka church, brought an informative hour to the laymen on revival.

Following the Bible lecture by Rev. Skeldon, the State President, Charles Stump, called the meeting to order for a brief business session. At 4 o'clock, the meeting was adjourned until the evening session of the retreat.

At 6:30, the group was called to order again and the Ardmore Laymen led the group in the evening vesper devotions and music. The music featured some instrumental solos by Rev. William Cole, their pastor.

The remainder of the evening was turned over to the talent night program featuring the laymen from the various churches. There was also a brief business session to set dates and time for the next meeting. The laymen left their 1964 retreat feeling that this was time well spent.

Contrary to rumor, the meals were neither catered nor pot-luck!! Our thanks to Joe Everitt and his good wife Rose, Mrs C. A. Sholly and Mrs. C. Stanley.

J. W. P.

WATERLOO, IOWA

ON TUESDAY NIGHT, November 10, the laymen of the First Brethren Church of Waterloo held their monthly meeting with an attendance of 18. Among other things decided, we will sponsor a basketball team of boys of high school age, and continue support of "The Voice of the Brethren Church" over the Cedar Falls radio station every Sunday morning at 8:30. We have attained 75 per cent of our national goals. We enjoy following the laymen's programs as outlined in *The Brethren Evangelist*. We will have a roll call membership of 45 or 50 men. Our new pastor, Rev. James Black, arrived on November 22, and moved into a newly-painted parsonage with clean drapes, thanks to the laymen.

Robert W. Ziert, Secretary-treasurer.

ST. JAMES, MARYLAND

AT THE BEGINNING of the year just ended, we had sixteen members in our local organization here at St. James. During the year, we received three new memberships and held eight regular meetings in homes.

Some of the highlights of the year were: Special events Christmas party; public service, February 2; father-son banquet, March 11; Southeastern District Laymen's Rally in our church, April 11; and picnic, August 19.

We have had a very busy year here and I trust other laymen organizations can say the same; for it is surely God's will that as Christian laymen we keep busy in His work. Could we submit some suggestions along this line:

1. Visit the sick in homes and hospitals. Give special attention to those who are not members of any church.

2. Take a more active part in the church services —Scripture reading, prayer and special music.

3. We should try to enlist somebody each Sunday to attend services with us.

Morris Petefish, Secretary

MISSIONARY NEWS

FAIRLESS HILLS - LEVITTOWN CHURCH

A TEN DOLLAR CLUB CHURCH

by REV. ROBERT KEPLINGER

THE BRETHREN CHURCH of Fairless Hills-Levittown had its beginning on Sunday evening, January 5, 1958, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Nolte, 139 Kenwood Dr. N., Levittown, Pennsylvania. There were ten present from the immediate locality, three of whom were children; however, many friends from the Sergeantsville, New Jersey, Brethren Church attended, making our group a sizeable one.

On May 2, 1958, we moved our Sunday evening services to the Fairless Hills Community Center. Then on Sunday, April 27, we began our Sunday School with twenty-three present and an offering of $10.76. It was on Sunday, September 7, that our Morning Worship services were begun.

The first pastor was welcomed on February 8, 1959, in the energetic person of Rev. Woodrow B. Brant. Very quickly the Brethren Youth Crusaders were organized, and our first church officers were elected, and Prayer Meeting and Bible Study were started. Our Sunday School voted to assume the support of Timmy Solomon as our Junior Missionary, and we are still contributing toward his support.

On March 15, 1959, we began to sign the Charter Membership Roll with seventeen signing it on the first day. Also, in March we observed our first Holy Baptism and our first Holy Communion. The first Vacation Bible School was held in June. Then in July, because of lack of space in the Community Center, our services were moved to the Fairless View School. The Charter Membership Roll was closed with a total of fifty-seven members signing it.

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized in September of 1959. By November of that year we had eighty-four on the Sunday School roll and seventy Church members.

The year of 1960 found the building site committee hard at work trying to find a suitable site on which to build our church. Our membership grew to eighty-one in 1960.

The final papers for the purchase of approximately three and one-half acres of ground were drawn and signed on March 10, 1961. On June 4, the ground for the church site was dedicated and the groundbreaking ceremonies were held on September 17. The actual construction of the church began in February 1962, and the building was dedicated on June 24, 1962.

We wish to acknowledge the Ten Dollar Club money which was used to purchase our church site. Also the support of the National Missionary Board and the Pennsylvania District Mission Board for the pastoral and building fund support. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Pennsylvania District have also given a very substantial amount of money to the work as well as the churches of the Pennsylvania District in their giving through the Pennsylvania District Mission Board. All of these gifts are deeply appreciated and the Brethren Church of Fairless Hills-Levittown, Pennsylvania, stands as evidence of the faith of many and the blessings of Almighty God.

It was in October of 1962, that Pastor Brant left the work at Fairless Hills-Levittown to assume a work in Clovis, New Mexico. We were without a pastor until April of 1963, when the Reverend Robert L. Keplinger assumed the pastorate. During the intervening months we were served by a young man, Rev. David Baughman, but the work suffered without the help of a full-time pastor. Upon the securing of a new pastor, it was necessary for this mission congregation to purchase a parsonage which they have done. It is located approximately two miles from the church at 29 Jadewood Road, Levittown, Pennsylvania.

The canvassing of the immediate community was the first project undertaken by our new pastor and was begun by a Gospel Team from Ashland College. Over 1,000 homes had been contacted until the survey was completed in late June. We are still reaping the harvest from the seed that was sown at that time.

The first Daily Vacation Bible School held in our church building had an enrollment of one hundred and sixty-five and an average daily attendance of one hundred and twenty-eight.

The membership now stands at 110. Several of our members live in Philadelphia, New Jersey, and in eastern Pennsylvania, but the majority live within a five mile radius of our new church. Our Morning Worship Services have averaged 102, and the Evening Services average 42, with an average of 16 for the Midweek Services.

Our Sunday School is organized into four departments—the Cradle Roll, Nursery-Beginner, Primary-Junior, and Youth-Adult Departments. We have twelve classes meeting with an average of 117.

Our Brethren Youth is organized into four groups —Primary, Junior, Junior High, and Senior High. We also have organized a Signal Lights group, a Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, and a Boys' Brotherhood, along with the already organized Woman's Missionary Society. Just recently a Laymen's Organization was started. Our church has a Senior Choir and a Youth Choir, both with robes thanks to the many friends of the church. We are also enjoying the music of a Spinet Wurlitzer Organ, a gift to the church from Mrs. Wilma Bowman Robinson, given in memory of Mr. Phil Nolte.

We are standing on the threshold of a great challenge here in Levittown. We are the only Brethren Church in this entire locale. We are in an area of great potential. Our unified budget for 1964 totaled approximately $19,000, with the Pennsylvania District Mission Board supplying $8,000 of this, leaving us with $11,000, plus the retirement of the debt on our Sunday School bus and the ever increasing need for more room for our growing church program. But we are confident that with the prayers of the Brethren people, the financial help of the Mission Boards, and our own concentrated efforts, combined with the guidance and direction of God through the Holy Spirit, we shall see great things accomplished for Christ in and through the Brethren Church of Fairless Hills-Levittown.

New Ten Dollar Club Call



The 17th Ten Dollar Club Call has just gone out, January 2, for the Fairless Hills-Levittown Church. They have a great need for expanded educational facilities and this second call for Fairless Hills can help supply this need.

With the present membership in the Ten Dollar Club being 1410, we **could** anticipate $14,100 provided each member would make his contribution. We remind you that this call will remain open until June 30, 1965.

Beyond the definite facts stated above, we have a great potential in supporting the Ten Dollar Club as is offered here in simple mathematical form.

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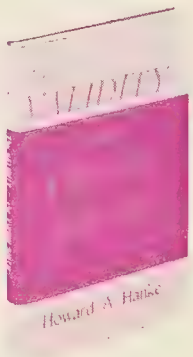
Provided **every** family unit could realize the imperative need of our church extension program, we could realize as follows:
3,600 x $20.00 (per year) = $72,000

Therefore, each of the two calls would give $36,000 in assitance to build a new church or aid a church in re-location.

It could be as simple as it appears here in mathematical equations, if each family would set aside **$20.00** a YEAR. Think of the stupendous outreach of the Brethren Church — and your share is only $20.00 a year!

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by Howard A. Hanke



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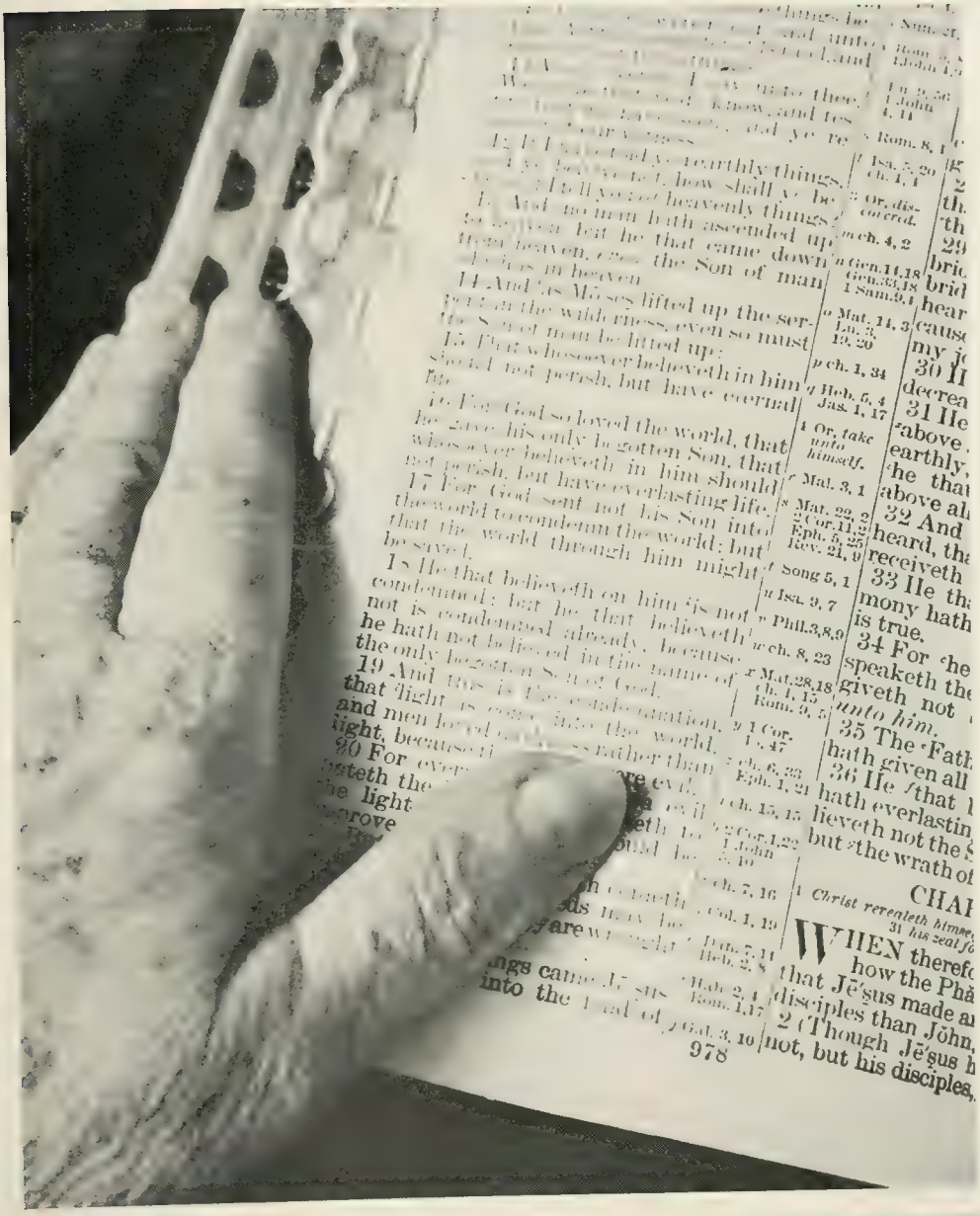
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NOTES and COMMENTS

MRS. U. J. SHIVELY PASSES AWAY

MRS. U. J. SHIVELY, honorary president the Woman's Missionary Society, passed aw on Thursday, December 31, 1964, at her home Nappanee, Indiana. Her funeral was conducted her pastor, Rev. William Anderson, on Monda January 4, in Nappanee.

Mrs. Shively was national president of the W M.S. for many years. The Memorial Chapel Ashland College campus was built by the W.M. under her leadership in the early fifties. T Brethren Church has lost a great leader in t passing of Mrs. Shively.

There will be more later in **The Brethren Eva gelist** relative to Mrs. Shively.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY—

WE ALSO EXTEND our sympathy to Mr. an Mrs. Richard DeVeny of Ashland, Ohio, du to the death of Mr. DeVeny's mother of Waterlo Iowa, on January 4.

Mr. DeVeny had just moved the previous wee to Ashland to assume the position of Shop Supe intendent in the Brethren Publishing Company an had spent only one full day at the office when h learned of the death of his mother.

Remember to pray for these who mourn the pass ing of loved ones.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE DATES

ALL BRETHREN PASTORS should note th Pastors' Conference Dates for this spring The dates that have been set are at a later dat than in past years.

The date of this Conference is **May 4-6!** Be sur to mark these dates on your calendar.

NORTHEAST OHIO DISTRICT
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Mansfield, Ohio
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Monday, January 25, 1965
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Dinner: $1.50
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by January 20
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Mansfield, Ohio



the editor's editorial

Where Is the Gospel?

'HE FOLLOWING news item was received recently through the Evangelical Press Asso-tion news service:

'Mankind will find its 'great society' only when n accept Christ and pattern their lives after m, Evangelist Billy Graham told a noonday wd of over 5,000 at his annual Christmas visit the Pentagon in Washington, D. C.

'Only the ray of light brought into the world Christ's birth, he said, can penetrate what ms to be an attitude of 'discouragement and ssimism that has gripped many of our leaders.'

'At a news conference in Washington, D. C., aham hailed advances in the ecumenical move-nt but cautioned any weakening of the Gospel the search for unity.

' 'In all of our talk of union,' he told a press nference, 'there is danger that the vital truths the Gospel will be watered down to a mere ell.'

' 'Theology,' he said, 'is the most important ng—more important than outward union of churches. There is real danger that some of theology will become no more than a human-ic ethic, depriving the Gospel of its real force.'

'The evangelist praised the development of a nstructive dialogue between protestants and man Catholics and declared that 'tensions' be-een the Churches 'are far less than they have en possible since the Reformation.' "

Pessimism and discouragement have come to ny because the Gospel of Christ is not being eached as it should be, neither is it being ap-ed to every day living. Christian living and the ord of God are being watered down to the ex-nt that many times there is no definite mes-ge in that which is being presented from the lpits across America. In modern theology books, sermons preached, there seems to be an in-ngible philosophy relative to daily living that es not relate itself to the living Gospel of Jesus rist. The element that is left out is the per-nal relationship with Jesus Christ our Savior. We hear and read so much about loving everyone, forgetting the evils around us, tending to our own business, don't speak out against the evil around us for we are not always perfect, etc., that the message of the Gospel is lost.

Also, because of the talk of outward union of the churches, many are afraid to speak out for the Gospel for fear that someone might be hurt because of their particular beliefs, therefore, as Billy Graham has said, "our theology will become no more than a humanistic ethic, depriving the Gospel of its real force." This is exactly what is happening!

We ministers need to preach the Word of God as He has given it to us! We cannot afford to water it down with some vague philosophy which seems to be the rule of the day. Let us keep in mind that God will honor His Word! The Holy Spirit continues to work in the lives of men and women and they are convicted of their sin by Him through the preaching of the Word!

In Romans 1:16, we read: **For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.** Our people today need to know the power of the Gospel in their lives! Your Editor was in a service recently where the sermon was a very simple one on the plan of salvation; the sermon carried no deep thought in philosophy and high ideal living, but a very simple, powerful exhortation on the sin of the world and the need of the individual to find Christ. The Holy Spirit was present in that service and at the giving of the invitation, four found their ways to the altar of the church, weeping, repenting and accepting Christ. The power of the Gospel was in that service.

We cannot afford to preach and teach something that is foreign to the very Word of God. We must, as someone said to me recently, "stick to the Scripture in our preaching" so that the Holy Spirit may have a foundation on which to work in the lives of our people. S.G.

news ... from the Brethren

Linwood, Md. Rev. Hays K. Logan reports that three young men were baptized and received into the church on Sunday, December 27.

Pittsburgh, Pa. The First Brethren Church in this city will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary this year. The church was organized on January 23, 1890; a charter was granted on September 8, 1891; the present building was dedicated on May 12, 1901; and the burning of the mortgage occurred on January 23, 1920. The original members by relation from Conemaugh, Pa., were Mr. and Mrs. David Bole, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bole, Daniel J. Bole, and Rev. J. D. McFadden. Baptized on January 25, 1890, were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith, James Lavely, Misses Belle and Nettie Reynolds, Mrs. Ruth Mallory and Mrs. Mary Bana. This information was in a recent bulletin from Rev. W. S. Crick.

Louisville, Ohio. Rev. George Solomon reports that eleven were received into membership of the church on Sunday, December 20, and one on the following Sunday.

Milford, Ind. Rev. Frank Barker reports that four young couples became members of the church by baptism and reaffirmation of faith recently. Baptismal services were conducted on December 13 at the First Brethren Church in Na panee, Indiana.

Memorials

RASSI. Mrs. George (Joy) Ras age 73, passed away on December following a short illness. Funeral se vices were conducted by the unde signed in the First Brethren Chur of Milford, Ind.

Rev. Frank Bark

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ELLER. Mr. David C. Eller, a 91 years, passed away on Decemb 27 at the Brethren's Home in Flor Indiana, where he had been a res dent since 1946. He was a memb of the First Brethren Church, Flor Ind.

Memorials services were held December 30 at the Brethren's Hon with Rev. Dyoll Belote and Rev. W liam Livingston in charge. Funer services were conducted later at t Carter Funeral Home in Flora wi Rev. William Livingston in charg Burial was in the Zion Cemetery.

Mrs. Thelma Dougla

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

The Teacher and His Bible

EVERY TEACHER of a Sunday school class should make constant use of his Bible as he teaches. He should keep it open before him either in his hand or on a stand.

Having said this, it follows quickly that the teacher should know how to use his Bible with the pupils before him. This, of course, begins with the teacher having an extensive knowledge of the Bible. He does not need to know all about the Scriptures, but a good working knowledge is essential.

Then, he must work at the task of adding to his knowledge each day. The Lord left us the example of this knowledge of the Bible, for He was constantly using it for quotations, illustrations, and direction to those with whom He came in contact.

He was so familiar with the Scriptures that He needed no help of concordance or index but could quote at will. He was so filled with its content that it literally permeated His thoughts and found expression in His words. His style of speech was fashioned by the Scriptur which He used so frequently.

In addition, He was careful in life to follow that whi the Scriptures taught. As we use the Scriptures, must be careful that we make the application first our own lives.

A reverent attitude toward the Scriptures, and a car ful use of them in the classroom will help our pupi to understand that we believe this to be God's Ho Word.

Use your Bible instead of the quarterly when stan ing before your class.

from the PROMOTE

THE KIND OF TEACHERS GOD CAN USE

Those who speak distinctly—the pupils will be bett listeners if they can understand what you are sayin and will learn more if you impart life to your teachin

Those who are zealous—you can never interest t pupils until you are interested. If you are enthused abou the lesson, they will be enthused.

Those who know the contents of the lesson—neve read the lesson to the pupils. Know it so that you ca make the lesson live.

Those who are specific—have a definite lesson pla and an objective. If you aim at nothing, you will usuall hit it. Make every moment count for God.

Those who seek to win the pupils to Christ—this shoul be your constant aim. Love them and pray for them.

Those who give emphasis to the Bible as the Wor of God—remember, "So then faith cometh by hearin and hearing by the Word of God."

Sunday School Progres

Daily Devotions

General Theme for the Year: "FULFILLING THE TIME"
Theme for January — "BY GIVING YOUR TALENTS TO HIM"

Writer for January — Rev. W. St. Clair Benshoff
January 24 - 30 — "To Demonstrate the Reality of Faith"

Sunday, January 24, 1965
ead Scripture: James 2:14-20
Even so faith, if it hath not rks, is dead, being alone (James 17).
"I believe that Jesus Christ is e Son of the living God. I ac- pt Him as my Savior from sin, d promise to follow Him and ep His commandments all the ys of my life." This, in essence, the statement of confession, ac- ptance and faith by which a per- n becomes a Christian. This is r "faith." James says our faith "dead" if we have just faith ne. Yes, we must put our faith o action. With one hand in the nd of God (faith), we must en express that faith with the ner hand (works) in serving our urch, doing what we can in His me, and helping others find that ith. We must truly demonstrate e reality of our faith by helping r fellowmen. The Gospel and aterial needs represents the per- ct combination of true help for hers.

The Day's Thought
Share your faith and your sub- ance with those who need both.

Monday, January 25, 1965
ead Scripture: I Peter 2:9-12
Having your conversation hon- t among the Gentiles: that, hereas they speak against you as ildoers, they may by your good rks, which they shall behold, rify God in the day of visitation Peter 2:12).
Ministers, in talking with non- ristians and non-church goers out accepting Christ and attend- g church, frequently encounter ries about the conduct of Chris- ns. These center on what the converted and non-church goers ll "conduct and conversation not keeping with the Christian pro- ssion." Unfortunately, too often is is true. Our manner of life should be such that when the Spir- it of God speaks to a wayward soul, he or she might remember the true conduct of our lives as Chris- tians, seek to follow, and thus find Christ. It is then that they shall be able to glorify God when He speaks to them. Make no mistake about it, others accept or reject Christ according as to how they see Christ in our lives.

The Day's Thought
May our "good works" cause others to glorify God.

Tuesday, January 26, 1965
Read Scripture: Isaiah 21:13-17
The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled (Isaiah 21:14).
In times of war there are always the fugitives and refugees. Food and water are always at a pre- mium. We are to look with com- passion upon those who are in dis- tress, lacking food and water (and other necessities), and act to re- lieve them with cheerfulness by means of what we have in abund- ance. This we are to do, for we do not know how soon we might be in the same situation, looking to someone else to relieve us in our hour of need. The fortunes of life are such that this is always a pos- sibility. Briefly, whosoever hath this world's goods and seeth his brother hath need—should supply that need by giving in the name of Christ, and thus demonstrate the love of God he professes to have in his heart.

The Day's Thought
"Love not in word or tongue, but in deed and truth."

Wednesday, January 27, 1965
Read Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-7
The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned (Isaiah 50:4).
As Christians, we are often at a loss as to what to say to those who are in need, in sorrow, or dis- tressed. We know we'd like to say just the right thing, or even to do the thing that will help them the most. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God," is James' ad- monition for a time like this. God can give us the "learned tongue" if we learn to constantly walk in fel- lowship with Him. Our life will then be a flowing of His life through us into the lives of others. Before we can talk to others, we must be in the abiding fellowship of our Lord. We need to fill ourselves at the Throne of Grace before we can be a blessing unto others. "Believ- est thou this?"

The Day's Thought
Not from us alone, but from God through us to others.

Thursday, January 28, 1965
Read Scripture: Titus 2:11-14
Teaching us that, denying un- godliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world (Titus 2:12).
What a shock it would be to most church members to realize that "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts" is a mandate of salvation. Yet isn't that what is taught in the scripture? Such are to be re- placed with a life that is sober, righteous and godly. We are to live godly toward our God, righteously towards our fellowmen, and soberly in respect to our own lives. We are to live in all humbleness of mind and heart knowing that it is only through God that we dare to lay claim to righteous and help- ful living. It is true that there will be nothing purified in the next world that is not cleansed in this one. So, in this present world we are to live according to the grace of our Lord with all areas of life under His control.

The Day's Thought
The trademark of our faith is the life we live day by day.

Friday, January 29, 1965
Read Scripture: Philemon 1-7
That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the

acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus (Philemon 6).

How do we "communicate" our faith to others? In others words, how do we translate our faith into deeds? How do we do it that our witness becomes a power and a blessing to others? The process can be classified as the work of love towards others. It takes the form of helping others, the word of sympathy and understanding, compassion and the desire to listen to their heartaches, etc. It is also in the form of material assistance when really needed. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." This is perhaps the greatest interpretation of the meaning of the communication of our faith to others. This Christ did and sets the pace for His disciples to follow.

The Day's Thought

We are most effectual Christians when others are blessed by what we say and do.

Saturday, January 30, 1965

Read Scripture: Exodus 23:20-25

And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee (Exodus 23:25).

To us who have become accustomed to sickness, and the knowledge of plagues and pestilence around the world, it is amazing to read that God had promised to the Israelites a land free of thes things. They had one responsibilit and that was to honor God in thei lives. We know they failed to d this and thus they fell heir to a the evils of the curse of sin. Bu where men do honor and worshi God, He blesses their land. As w seek to demonstrate the reality o our faith in our daily lives, so ou blessings from God will continue t increase. We can only speculate a to how American life would chang if all men sought to honor Goo But it all would be for our good "Blessed is that nation whose Go is the 'Lord.'"

The Day's Thought

Bless this day, our bread, ou homes, our land, and our witnes for Thee.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Readings from the Gospel according to St. Mark

Memory Scripture for the month—Mark 12:30

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

January 24 - 30

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 9:36-37

Betsy Goes To Church

"Pretty dress! Betsy go to church," said the little one to Daddy.

"That is a pretty dress," answered Daddy as he lifted Betsy in his arms. "As soon as Gary and Linda come down we'll go to church."

Just then the other two children came into the living room.

"Pretty dress," Betsy told them. "Go to church!"

"Yes, that's a pretty dress," answered Linda.

"I'll get your snowsuit," said Gary.

Daddy put Betsy's snowsuit on her. Mommy brought her mittens and bonnet. Soon the family was ready.

"Go to church! Betsy go to church," she sang happily as Daddy carried her to the car.

"Betsy's glad we're going to church," said Linda.

"Yes," answered Mommy. "We learn of Jesus there. Jesus loves little ones like Betsy. He loves older children like you and Gary. He loves grown-ups. Betsy feels the love of God in church just as we do."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that You love me. Thank Yo for my church. May I do my part to bring the younge children of our family and neighborhood to church In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 10:13-16

Little Children

"The babies were sweet in church yesterday," sai Linda as she helped Mom set the breakfast table.

"Yes," agreed Mom. "I think that is one of th nicest services we have."

"What did Rev. Long call it?" asked Linda.

"Dedication of babies," answered Mom. "The par ents promised to teach the little ones of God. Ther you remember, Rev. Long put his hand on each baby head and prayed for it."

"It reminds me of the story of Jesus blessing th children," said Linda.

"Daddy and I dedicated each of you children an I thought of that story each time," said Mom.

"I remember when Betsy was dedicated," said Linda

"Jesus loves all little children," added Mom. "H expects us to tell them of His love."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that I know You love me. Bles the missionaries as they teach the children far awa about You. Help me to tell my friends of Your lov In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 10:46-52

Following

Queenie came up the basement steps. The five pup pies and Mittens followed her. They came mor slowly, for it was a long jump from one step to th next for their short legs. By the time they got to th kitchen, Queenie was already eating her dinner fro the dish by the stove. The puppies and Mitten crowded about her.

"That's Queenie's," said Gary. "Here is a dish of milk for you." He placed a low dish on the floor. The little animals began to lap it eagerly.

When Queenie finished eating, she curled up on the rug by the stove. Soon the puppies and the kitten were snuggled close around her.

"Wherever Queenie goes, the puppies and Mittens follow her," said Gary.

"Yes," replied Mom. "They know she will lead them to good things."

After Jesus healed Bartimeus' eyes he followed Jesus. He knew Jesus' way was the good and right way. Are you following Jesus? He will lead you in the good and the right way, too.

Prayer:

I know Your ways are best, dear Jesus. Help me to always follow You. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 11:22-26

Forgiven

"I'm sorry," said Linda. "Really I'm sorry, Gary. I didn't notice on what I was writing. Please forgive me."

Gary looked most unhappy. For a week he had been working on a poster for a contest at school. He had left it on the desk last night. This morning there were numbers all over one corner of it. Linda had done some of her figuring for arithmetic on it.

"I—I know you didn't mean to do it," said Gary. "Of course I forgive you." He swallowed hard. "I won't have—a poster—in the contest. Today's the last day to enter."

"Let's see what we can do," said Mom. "Here's a good eraser. Let's try it on those numbers."

The three of them took turns erasing very carefully around Gary's drawing and printing.

"I'll get the paints and touch up those spots," said Gary. When he finished, the poster looked as good as it had the night before.

"That's a prize-winning poster if I ever saw one," said Dad as he looked at it.

"That's also a prize-winning boy," added Mom. "He was very disappointed and upset when he first saw the poster this morning. He quickly forgave Linda when he heard what happened. He's a good follower of Jesus."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for forgiving me for the wrong things I do. Help me to forgive others when they do things which hurt or upset me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 12:14-17

Taxes

Dad sat at the dining room table, surrounded by papers.

"What are you doing?" asked Gary as he came into the room.

"Figuring my income tax," answered Dad.

"What's that?" the boy wanted to know.

"Part of the money I earn each year I have to pay to the government. That's income taxes," Dad told him.

"Well, if you know what part to pay, why all the figuring?" questioned Gary.

"We are allowed to subtract some things—like what we give to the church and our doctor bills," Dad explained.

"I've heard people complaining about taxes," said Gary. "You aren't complaining."

"No, Son," replied Dad. "It takes money to run a government. This is the way our Congress has provided for the money. Until the law is changed, I'll pay my share of the taxes. I'm glad we live in this country and I'll help support the government."

"Did Jesus pay taxes?" wondered Gary.

"He did," replied Dad. "And He told us we should give what we owe to our country, remembering first of all to give to God the things we should."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my country. Help me to remember to obey its laws as a Christian should. Help me first of all to love and obey You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 12:28-31

As Yourself

"Look out, Steve!" shouted Gary.

Just in time Steve turned his sled into the ditch at the side of the road. A car went speeding by as Steve rolled unhurt in the snow at the bottom of the ditch.

"That was close," said Gary as he helped his friend from the ditch.

"If you hadn't yelled I never would have seen that car," Steve said.

The two boys didn't feel like sledding any more. Slowly they pulled their sleds home.

Gary told Mom about the near-accident as he took off his boots and coat and gloves. "If Steve had been hurt," he said, "I would have felt as badly as if it had been me."

"That's what Jesus meant," explained Mom, "when He said we should love God first of all and our neighbors as ourselves. We should have this same feeling toward all people that you have for your best friend Steve."

Prayer:

May I always show my love for You, God, by the way I act and talk. Help me to remember that You made all people and to love them as I should. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 12:41-44

Giving To God

"I wish I were rich," declared Linda.

"What would you do with all your money?" asked Dad.

"I would put it in the missionary offering tomorrow," replied Linda. "I've been saving and saving all month. All I have is fifty-two cents. I wish it were fifty-two dollars!"

"Why are you giving all your money?" questioned Dad.

"Because I love Jesus and want others to learn about Him," answered Linda.

"Then," continued Dad, "your fifty-two cents will do more than a large amount given by someone who does not really love Him. God will bless your offering and it will be used to tell others of Him. God is always pleased when we are doing our best because we love Him."

Prayer:

Dear God, it often seems there isn't much I can do for You or give for Your work. Show me the ways I can best help You. May I remember that all I do and give because I love You is pleasing to You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

THINGS RELATED TO THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Great God, what do I see and hear!
The end of things created!
The Judge of all men doth appear
On clouds of glory seated.
The trumpet sounds, the graves restore
The dead which they contained before
Prepare, my soul, to meet Him.

—Ringwoldt.

WE ARE NOT TO TIE the coming of Jesus and the end of the world together as happening at the same time (II Peter 3:3-10). The unsaved will not be raised when Jesus comes for His own (Rev. 20:5). Christ's coming is without previous sign or warning, unexpected, like the coming of a thief (Matt. 24: 36-51). The church will not be left on earth to go through the tribulation (Rev. 3:10). The translation of Enoch is a picture of the rapture of the saints (Gen. 5:24; Heb. 11:5). The saints will be caught up to meet their Lord (I Thess. 4:16, 17). This promise of the resurrection and translation of the saints is also given in I Corinthians 15:51, 52. The Holy Spirit will be taken out of the world, and then the Antichrist will be revealed (II Thess. 2:7). The Holy Spirit cannot be separated from believers (John 14:16).

The dead in Christ shall first arise
At the last trumpet's sounding—
Caught up to meet Him in the skies,
With joy their Lord surrounding.
No gloomy fears their souls dismay;
His presence sheds eternal day
On those prepared to meet Him.

When Noah and his family were safe in the ark the great deluge ensued (Matt. 24:37-39). After Lot left Sodom the fire and brimstone rained upon the city (Luke 17:29). In relating the escape of Noah and of Lot the Savior pictured the rapture of the saints from the great tribulation (Matt. 24:40, 41; Luke 17:34-36). Instead of being in the great tribulation the Old Testament and the church-age saints will be in the presence of God (I Cor. 4:5).

Those who remain on earth after the rapture will face a great tribulation (Matt. 24:21, 22). This is the time of God's sore judgment upon the world for its rejection of His Son (Rev. 9:6). Paul commends those who wait for Christ to come for His saints (I Thess. 1:9, 10). Such will be the stars in the soul winner's crown (I Thess. 2:19). All believers are exhorted to be ready for the rapture (3:13). But the second phase of His coming will be at the end of the tribulation period for vengeance (II Thess. 1:7, 8). His revelation will be so dreadful to sinners that they will pray to be spared His wrath (Rev. 6:12-17). Judgment will fall upon those who know not God and that obey not the gospel (II Thess. 1:8, 9). He comes to be glorified in His saints (II Thess. 1:10). He comes to destroy the Man of Sin (II Thess. 2:7-10).

But sinners, filled with guilty fears,
Behold His wrath prevailing;
For they shall rise and find their tears
And signs are unavailing.
The day of grace is past and gone,
Trembling they stand before the Throne,
All unprepared to meet Him.

There are many antichrists in the world today, but there is coming an Antichrist (I John 2:18). Old Satan, "the dragon," gives the Antichrist his power (Rev. 13:2, 4). The Antichrist is called "a beast" (Rev. 13:1). He will rule over an empire of ten kingdoms (v. 3). The false prophet will be a man, just as the beast (Rev. 19:20), and as the second beast, a religious leader, will cause the people to worship the first beast (13:12-15). In the tribulation days it will be either worship the beast or starve (vs. 16-18). Thus the tribulation converts will be martyred (6:9-11).

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

LOANING TO THE MASTER

Because the Lord hath need of him (Luke 19:31b).

We do not know who owned the colt which Jesus appropriated on which to ride into Jerusalem, and they did not object to the appropriating of the beast other than to question who it was that was taking the animal. It was as yet unbroken to be ridden, for the Lord said that no man had ever ridden it. The owners did not lose anything by permitting the use of the colt, for it was on that colt that Christ made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. And ever after the owners could boast that it was their animal that the Lord used to accomplish the triumph. And the colt was not spoiled for such practical purposes as they might wish to subject it later.

The loan which these men made to the Master was never questioned by them as to its purpose—one of which they never dreamed—but which the world can never forget. We do not know when God may need some talent or possession that we may possess. And it is for us to yield to His request without reservation or the display of selfishness. And no power, talent or possession "loaned" to the Christ will ever be the same having known the Lord's touch and bless-

ing. Persons or objects having known the Lord's empowering for service will possess thereafter an aura of influence and blessing, which the world will acknowledge as divinely bestowed.

Israel's Seventy Sevens

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XIII

THE MESSENGER from Jehovah, Gabriel, was very careful to designate the exact time when the *seventy sevens* would begin. The specification was introduced with a charge to Daniel to understand as well as to know (v. 25). It was to be from, "The going forth of the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem." Who gave the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem? The answer is written in Nehemiah 2:1-8. The captivity of Israel in the east was in progress. Nehemiah was cupbearer to the King of Persia in the palace of Shushan. The predicted time of Israel's captivity was drawing to a close according to Jeremiah's forecast (Jer. 25:11). When the time was ripe, certain men from the residue left in Jerusalem, came and reported that, "The wall of Jerusalem was broken down and the gates thereof burned with fire." Nehemiah was so saddened as to show in his countenance. When the king saw the sadness of his favorite cupbearer, he inquired about the reason, and Nehemiah gave the answer. *Why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire? If it pleases the king . . . send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it, and the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me* (Neh. 2:3-8 A.S.V.).

Artaxerxes gave the command to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem. Moreover, the record is very specific as to the exact time. It was, *In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes* reign in Persia (Nehemiah 2:1-6 A.S.V.). The reign of Artaxerxes Longimanus is well established in history. He succeeded his father Xerxes to the throne in 445 B.C.

Return now to Daniel and consider the divisions of the 490 years decreed. *From the going forth of the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, unto the anointed one, the prince, shall be seven sevens, and threescore and two sevens: . . . And after the threescore and two sevens shall the anointed one be cut off, and shall have nothing.* Threescore and two sevens are sixty-two sevens, plus the seven sevens adds up to sixty-nine sevens. Sixty-nine time seven make 483 sevens, or years. But the decree declares seventy sevens, or 490 years. One seven of years must yet be acounted for. Verse 27 of Daniel 9 presents it. *And he,* the prince of the people who destroyed the city, *Shall make a firm covenant with many for one seven* (or week of years A.S.V.). There are the last seven years of Israel's history. This is prophetic history.

The first division of the time is seven sevens, or 49 years. There is the time foretold for rebuilding Jerusalem, for, "It shall be built again, with street, and mote, even in troublous times." Those troublous times are described in detail in the book of Nehemiah. The ending of the sixty-two sevens is the more significant as it marks the climax of so many things.

Note now the statement in verse 25. The time, from "The going forth of the commandment" unto a great event, is the seven sevens and sixty-two sevens, or 483 years. The event is the cutting off of the anointed one. Who is the anointed one? He is the Messiah promised to Israel. Messiah means anointed one.

Check now from 445 B.C. according to Jewish reckoning, a point in future time. The prophetic year has 360 days. Calculating them, 69 x 7 x 360 = 173,880 days. To make the date coincide with the Julian calendar which we use, it is necessary to resort to the Julian year of 365 days. From 445 B.C. to 32 A.D. are 476 years; 445 plus 32 = 447, one year too many. But wait, a year must be deducted for the interval between B.C. 1 and A. D. 1, for the period is not two years but one. Now multiply 476 x 365 days = 173,740 days. Since a leap-year must be added for every four years in the Julian calendar, there would be an extra 116 days for leap-years. That would total 173,856 days, still 24 days short of the prophetic total. The difference is discovered in the variation of the Passover between 445 B.C. and 32 A.D.

The Mosaic law required that the pascal lamb be shut up on the 10th day of the month Nisan and slain on the 14th day at the going down of the sun. Jesus, the Lamb of God, entered Jerusalem on the tenth day of Nisan 32 A.D. and died on the cross at sunset of the fourteenth. The time of shutting up the lamb in Israel and the beginning of the Passover season varied from early to late in the spring. In 445 B.C., the penning of the lamb occurred on the date equivalent to March 14. In 32 A.D., the date of separation was April 6. The difference, therefore, between March 14 and April 6 is exactly 24 days, which, when added to the 173,856 equals 173,880, which checks exactly with the 173,880 days of the prophetic method of calculating the time.

It is seen by the above timetable that the sixty-nine-year weeks terminated with the "Commandment to rebuild Jerusalem" on the very day that Jesus, the anointed one, the Prince of Israel, made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Here, one must distinguish between the anointed one, the Prince of the house of David, and the prince of the people who destroyed the city. That is evidently why the message of Gabriel left out the word Prince, and only named Him the anointed one.

When Jesus approached the city of Jerusalem, the multitude proclaimed Him along the way, saying,

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Brethren Youth Crusaders

NEWS FROM PROJECT CHURCH

The Junior Youth at Derby, Kansas, had election of officers and the new leaders are as follows:

President—Marie Grieve
Vice President—Randy Pray
Secretary-Treasurer—Bruce Dodds
Margaret Bishard, Advisor

(Editor's Note:
Remember! Derby is our Project Church for 1964-65—goal: $10,000.)

ARIZONA CONFERENCE

The first District Youth Conference in Arizona, between the Papago Park B.Y.C. and the Tucson B. Y.C., was held Saturday, October 31. The Halloween party was at the Jasper Price home, member of the Papago Park Church.

Amidst goblins, witches, and black cats, various forms of games and entertainment were carried out by those present. There were six attending from Tucson and eleven from Tempe. There were also ten sponsors present.

On the order of business, we decided to hold our annual winter retreat at Mt. Lemmon in Tucson, during Thanksgiving vacation. Further plans were made by each youth group during their individual meetings.

We plan to hold our next district meeting on Friday, January 29, at the Tucson Church. This will be youth night at their evangelistic services being held at that time.

PAPAGO GOES

The Papago Park Brethren Youth started the new year with the election of officers. The following members were elected:

President Larry Baker
Vice President Steve Thompson
Secretary Katie Price
Treasurer Diana Stiffler
Historian Paulette Price
Sponsors Bob and Laura Wright

After holding an officer's meeting, we decided on some of the following ideas for our future meetings: an installation of the new officers, a volleyball game with the adults, a Halloween party, a panel discussion on Christian dating, and a winter retreat with the Tucson youth group.

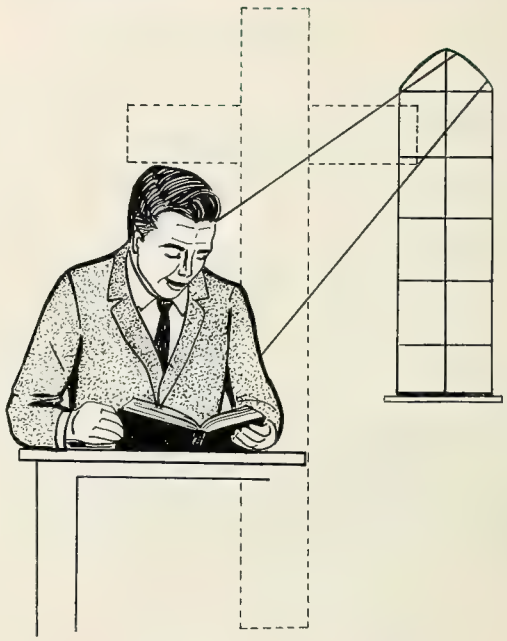
We have been having regular devotional meetings every Sunday evening preceding worship services. Sometimes we hold them in different homes but usually we hold them at the church.

On the average, we have 12-15 members attending each meeting. Along with increasing our membership, we are trying to successfully complete our national goals. As an example, for the National Project for Derby, Kansas, we are collecting pennies in a gallon jug. These pennies will be presented by representatives of our youth group at National Conference.

This year the Papago Park Brethren Youth are going to be heard from!

—Katie Price, secretary

THE LIFE WORK RECRUIT



Assign personal calls and duties

This point and the one concerning personal acquaintance with the pastor or pastor's wife go together. We hardly think it is necessary to say that the pastor would not ask a young recruit to accompany him on calls where there are emotional problems involved, marriage problems, or where any shattering experiences might be expected or anticipated. But every pastor has certain ones upon whom he pays a friendly visit for social reasons as well as spiritual.

It would also be very helpful to have a young person present if the pastor was trying through visits to win another to the Lord. This inside glimpse into soul-winning practices would be invaluable to a budding minister or any one hoping to engage in this most neglected of Christian practices. If there is another young person about the recruit's age seeking membership in the church or even seeking help of a not too personal nature the efforts of the recruit to help his contemporary might be effective.

On visits back and forth, the pastor might even entrust the young person with the driving of the car if he is qualified to do so. In these trips between calls there is time for more conversations.

Duties might include routine work in the church office, especially if there is no full time secretary. Working with the pastor and helping him in any duty or for the preparation of any responsibility will make the recruit feel needed. Bible school finds the pastor extremely busy. Again young recruits can fill many a spot, run many an errand, perform many a duty.

How this point of assigning calls and special duties is worked out is highly individual and it will depend upon the schedule of the pastor, the location of the church, the activities of the church and many other things.

PLANS FOR PLEASANT HILL

The Junior BYC at Pleasant Hill, Ohio was reorganized on October 4 with the following officers elected.

President Betsy Kraus
Vice President David Gilbert
Secretary Sarah Bryant
Treasurer Sherry Gardner

Mrs. Bolton is our advisor.

We discussed plans for raising project money and for socials and Mrs. Bolton gave us a brief history of the book of Acts. Each of us will take turns leading the meeting and appointing those to lead songs, read Scripture and have prayer.

We joined with the Senior and Junior High groups for a hayride on October 9. Twenty-seven young people and two advisors enjoyed the cold, windy ride in the back of big trucks filled with straw. We returned to the church for hotdogs, potato chips and hot chocolate served by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Schauer and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Oburn. We had fun bobbing for apples furnished by Maxine Delcamp, the Senior BYC advisor.

On October 24, the three groups had a Halloween party and our group had the devotions; Scripture, prayer and a short talk on Halloween fun, but the importance of not wearing a mask to fool people at other times.

On November 8, we had a Public Service with our group presenting a playlet "Visitors from Know-Nothing Land." The cast follows:

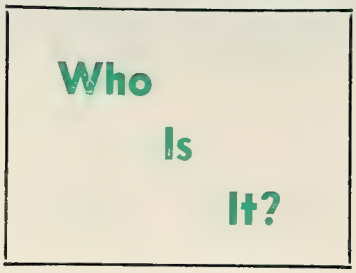
Peggy Betsy Kraus
Alice Sherry Gardner
Dot Kaye Bolton
Dummy Doolittle Clara Bolton
Goofy Lazybones David Gilbert

The audience seemed to appreciate our acting and the play's message that schools are important.

We are working hard studying the book of Acts and hope to have a Quiz team. We have been meeting a half hour early for handcraft. The girls made plastic bottle angels and egg carton wreaths and the boys made bookends.

—Sarah Bryant, secretary

PICTURE PUZZLER



Speaker for the 1965 Youth Conference...attended Ashland College and Seminary . . . attended Fuller Theological Seminary...former pastor at New Paris, Indiana...married...wife's name is Julia...one little girl ..great interest in Sunday School. Can you supply the name and picture? If you have difficulty, look in next week's Evangelist for the answer!

GOALS GAB



Goal Number 8

The 1964 Youth Conference presented the first Brethren Youth Bible Quiz. This program was so enthusiastically received that it has been continued for 1964-65 with the book of Acts being the study for this year.

Wide participation was experienced in last year's quiz but the Goals Committee of the Youth Conference felt even more should enter the quizzing. Therefore, each youth group in your church will receive 10 points when they participate in the local quiz and send a team for each age group to the district or state finals (if you are in an area where these are held).

The age divisions are different this year and are as follows:

Junior — grades 4- 6
Junior Hi — grades 7- 9
Senior Hi — grades 10-12.

SISTERHOOD

Devotional Program for February

SENIOR

General Theme:

"Building Christian Character"

February Theme: "Meekness"

Call to Worship: St. John 11:25-26
Song Service (Use own choice of songs)
Scripture: Psalm 1
Prayer
Bible Study
Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus"
Special Music
Topic:
Senior—*"Meekness"*
Junior—"Birds"*
Hymn: "Spirit of Sisterhood"

JUNIOR

General Theme:

"Appreciation of God's Gifts"

February Theme: "Birds"

Business Meeting
S.M.M. Benediction

** This month the junior patronesses are to prepare the topic, "Birds," for their own respective groups, pointing out why we should appreciate birds as gifts of God and how we may show this appreciation. You may use Genesis 1:21-22 or any other scripture and poem or story which is relevant to this topic. We would appreciate any comments you may have concerning this procedure.*

NATIONAL AND DISTRICT DUES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 31, 1965

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

HOW GOD ACTED THROUGH HIS MEN

by MRS. PHIL LERSCH

ON HIS WAY to heaven, Jesus foretold that His followers would spread His witness throughout **Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria,** and even unto the "uttermost part of the earth." As we study the book of Acts, we see this prediction literally coming true. Acts 6:7 summarizes the work of the building of the **Jerusalem** church: **And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of priests were obedient to the faith.**

Driven away from the mother church by persecution, the disciples spread the good word throughout **Judea, Samaria,** and **Galilee.** So this progress is reported in Acts 9:31: **Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee, and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.** Even though it took hardship and suffering to accomplish the spread of the Gospel, it is amazing to see how the church traveled and grew.

Besides covering much ground, the church soon enlarged the borders of its heart. The first followers were only Jews. But when Philip preached in Samaria, he opened the door a crack to those outside the Jewish faith. For the Samaritans were half Jew and half Gentile. Peter learned from God by a special object lesson that God expected the followers of Christ to share their faith with Gentiles. So when Cornelius, a Roman Gentile, called and asked Peter for help, the door was opened a little more to those who were not Jewish.

Then for the first time, those "nameless pioneers" described in last month's study actually sought out an audience who were Gentiles. In Antioch, the men from

Cyprus and Cyrene who had been scattered because of persecution "spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus."

How was it possible for the church which began in one city and was led by a small group of Jews to increase its size, its area, and its vision? The answer is found in the report of the disciples as recorded in three different verses:

And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles (14:27).

And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them (15:4).

Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the Gospel, and believe (15:7).

Why could the church grow as it did? The disciples were God's instruments. The Holy Spirit acted through those men who gave their lives to Him. Many times the men didn't know the significance of what they were doing. They simply let God direct each move. **He acted through men to build His church.**

Those believers who had to leave Jerusalem because of the persecution didn't stop to think about the part they would play in spreading the borders of the church. Peter probably had no idea that his visit to Cornelius would bring Gentiles into the church. When Stephen was stoned, he was unaware of the effect of his dying on a young man standing by whose name was Saul. It was only later that these apostles realized **all that God had done with them.**

Having grasped this idea of God's using the apostles, let us now consider how this happened in the next stage of the growth of the church. Following the progress report as outlined in 9:31, concerning the churches in Judea, Galilee and Samaria, the church continued to move. The outline following will give WHO THE MEN WERE (Roman numerals) that God used, WHAT THE MEN DID (Arabic numerals), and THE RESULTS OF THESE ACTIONS. In Bible study it is helpful for each student to outline like this for himself. Those names in boldface print can be found on the map.

I. Peter
 1. at Lydda healed a paralyzed man named Aeneas (9:32-35), result—residents turned to the Lord.
 2. at Joppa raised Dorcas (Tabitha) from the dead (9:36-43), result—many believed.
 3. went to Caesarea to tell Cornelius about Christ (10:1-11, 18), result—
 a. the Holy Spirit descended; believers were baptized;
 b. Peter was called on the carpet back home;
 c. Jerusalem Christans finally saw the light.
 4. went to prison under heavy guard (12:1-24), result—an angel released him.

II. Scattered Christians
 1. preached to men in Pheonicia, **Cyprus,** and **Antioch,** even Gentiles (11:19-24), result—
 a. many believed;
 b. Jerusalem church sent Barnabas to **Antioch.**

III. Barnabas
 1. went to Tarsus to get Saul (11:25-26), result—Saul and Barnabas taught and strengthened the "Christians" there.

IV. Prophets (Agabus)
 1. foretold a famine (11:27-30), result—Christians sent money with Barnabas and Saul and elders to **Jerusalem.**

V. Barnabas and Saul
 1. returned from Jerusalem bringing John Mark (12:25—13:13), result—Saul and Barnabas commissioned for missionary service.
 2. traveled to **Salamis in Cyprus** preaching to Jews in synagogues (13:4-5).
 3. traveled to **Paphos in Cyprus** and preached to the deputy (13:6-12), result—
 a. struck blind a Jewish false prophet, a sorcerer;



b. Sergius Paulus, the deputy, believed.

4. sailed to Perga in Pamphylia (13:13), result—John Mark returned to Jerusalem.
5. traveled to Antioch of Pisidia and preached in the synagogue (13:14-43), result—invited to speak again.
6. spoke the next Sabbath to a full house, but heckled by Jewish leaders (13:44-47), result—turned to the Gentiles who rejoiced.
7. preached to the Gentiles (13:48-50), result—
 a. many believed;
 b. Jews drove Paul and Barnabas from the city.
8. went to **Iconium** to the Jewish synagogue (13:51—14:5), result—
 a. many Jews and Greeks believed;
 b. the possibility of a stoning drove disciples from the city.
9. fled to **Lystra** where Paul healed a lame man (14:6-18), result—
 a. those watching began worshipping Paul and Barnabas;
 b. Paul used the event to preach about God.
10. Paul lived after being stoned in Lystra by Jews from Antioch and Iconium (14:19-20), result—the disciples left the city.
11. backtracked to the churches they had established (14:21-25), result—
 a. confirmed and strengthened believers;
 b. ordained elders.
12. returned to **Antioch** where they had been commissioned (14:26-28), result—reported on their trip—"what God had done with them."
13. argued with men from Judea who insisted that salvation depended upon circumcision (15:1-2), result—went to Jerusalem about the question.
14. reported the conversion of the Gentiles to the churches along the way (15:3-5), result—joy.
15. Jerusalem church considered the question from Antioch (15:6-29), result—
 a. James spoke for the church not to add more burdens to new believers;
 b. the church sent suggestions to help in the Christian life;
 c. Judas and Silas accompanied Paul and Barnabas with the report.
16. traveled to Antioch with the report (15:30-35), result—
 a. the group was consoled;
 b. Judas and Silas remained for a while.
17. Paul and Barnabas separated, result—
 a. Barnabas took John Mark to **Cyprus**;
 b. Paul took Silas to **Syria** and Cilicia.
18. Paul and Silas traveled to **Derbe** and **Lystra**, result—Timothy became Paul's companion.

So this in outline form is HOW GOD ACTED THROUGH HIS MEN during that period of extension away from Palestine. After these things, "the churches were established in the faith, and increased in number daily" (16:5).

TOPIC:

MEEKNESS

by MRS. KAY ALBRIGHT BURGI

AS WE have been studying what a Christian girl's conduct should be, you perhaps have been trying to live a more Christlike life. After you were given a lesson on love at your Sisterhood meeting, did you try to be more loving to those with whom you live? Or after a lesson on patience, did you try to be a little more patient with your sister or brother? But you and I both know how long it lasted. That's because we get the cart before the horse.

Before you can *act* like a Christian, you have to *be* a Christian. Before you can be Christlike, you must first have Christ living in your heart. All these virtues we will be talking about, like love, joy, patience, and meekness, are the result of taking Christ as your Savior. It is because He lives in your heart *first*. These characteristics of Christian conduct are called "fruit" in the Bible. We all know fruit is the product of trees. When Jesus was here on earth, He told the people to abide in Him and bear fruit. So first you must be a tree grounded in Christ and then you will bear fruit.

A man once told me that if he could walk with me for just one day, he could tell what kind of Christian I was. At the time I didn't believe him, but when I stopped and thought of how I talked with my girlfriends, how I acted toward certain people, and of how little I prayed, I knew that he would have been able to tell. Maybe you think you could fool him. Maybe you could! But God knows even the secret thoughts of your heart and Him you couldn't fool. Are you just putting on a good show or does Christ truly live in your heart? Perhaps you'd understand what I mean better if I asked you if you go to choir practice, Bible study, or even Sisterhood because you want to learn how to serve Christ better, or because you want others to think you're a pretty good girl?

But perhaps you are a Christian and you just don't seem to be producing any fruit. What's wrong? Remember, as a Christian, you are like a tree. Just as a tree won't produce fruit unless it gets enough sunshine and rain, you won't produce the fruit of a Christian unless you receive enough nourishment from

reading the Bible and prayer. You've been told this many times I'm sure, but sometimes we forget and need to be reminded.

This may seem like a long introduction to a topic on "Meekness," but first, we need to plant the tree before we can have any fruit. For most people the word "meek" has a vague meaning. The dictionary gives such synonyms as gentle, kind, and mild which still leaves us up in the air. It's one of those words that we have an idea what it means, but we can't express it in words. To make sure we're all thinking on the same terms, let's use the definition of Jeremiah the prophet. He said, *As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you* (26:14).

Sometimes we're prone to think of a meek person as being wishy-washy and easily walked upon. Yet Jesus said, *Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth* (Matt. 5:5), and we know that a Christian must have a lot of backbone if he's to live for Christ. If we use the definition we found in Jeremiah of "I am in your hand," we can easily see how it fits with the Christian life.

Jeremiah had told the Israelites that God was going to allow them to be captured if they didn't return to God, but they wouldn't believe Jeremiah and wanted to get rid of him. It took courage for Jeremiah to speak out against all the Israelites and their ways, but he did it and was willing to suffer the consequences. We, too, must be willing to speak out about our Lord and not be afraid of what our friends think. We may suffer the loss of some popularity or be the target of some gossip, but if we are to be meek, we must first be bold.

When you realize that everyone of your girlfriends, your brothers and sisters, and even that boyfriend has a soul that never dies, you should sense the urgency of telling them about your Savior. The future of their souls is more important than your temporary popularity. Speak out for your Lord and be willing to accept any personal loss.

We have been talking about the need to be considered lowly by our friends in order that we might serve Christ. But also, we need to be meek before our Savior. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" Romans says. Christ did all for us and all we can say in return is "I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you." Paul tells us we can go "boldly unto the throne of grace," but we need to do it with all humility of heart, realizing our unworthiness.

You needn't worry about producing the fruit of meekness if you are a tree deeply rooted in your Lord. For as you reach into His Word to receive nourishment, your heart will be meek and humble as you realize anew His love for you. But first you must plant the tree.

JUNIOR BIBLE STUDY

GUIDE FOR DAILY LIVING

(Romans 12:3-5)

by MRS. MILTON BOWMAN

LAST MONTH, we studied the first two verses of the twelfth chapter of Romans. We found that, in order to serve God in a pleasing way, we need to give Him our hearts and lives. Of course, we belong to Him for two reasons:

1. because He made us;
2. because He bought us with His own blood when He died on the cross for us. However, it pleases God when we tell Him that we love Him, and when we put Him first in our lives. We, also, learned last month that God wants us to live for Him each day. We need to *know* God's will and, then, be willing to *obey* Him. We must follow His teachings each day.

This month we will study Romans 12:3-5. These verses tell us how we can prove to God that we have given our lives to Him. They also tell us what our position is in regard to God's plan for us.

WE MUST BE HUMBLE
(verse 3)

According to the Phillips translation of Romans 12:3, we read *As your spiritual teacher I give this piece of advice to each one of you. Don't cherish exaggerated ideas of yourself or your importance, but try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities by the light of the faith that God has given to you all.* In order to understand some of these words, we might look them up in our dictionary. The word cherish means to hold, and the word exaggerated means *enlarged*; so that sentence might read "Don't hold enlarged ideas of yourself or your importance." People who have big opinions of themselves and what they can do are proud, we say. Solomon says, in Proverbs 16:18, that *Pride goeth before destruction, and a*

haughty spirit before a fall. The last part of the verse mentions a sane estimate of our capabilities. This really means a sound rating of our talents. We should think quietly, as God helps us to do, about the many things that God has done for us because we have asked Him. In other words, we should be humble. Many girls get puffed up because they can do certain things that others cannot do. Sometimes they even look down on other girls with different talents. This is wrong because it is God who gives us power to do things, and all talents are precious to Him.

The greatest people of all time have been HUMBLE in SPIRIT. The story is told that one day George Washington was riding with a party of friends. Their horses jumped a rock fence, but the last steed over kicked off several rocks. "Better replace them," suggested the General. "Oh, someone will do that," was the careless reply. When the riding party disbanded, Washington turned his horse and rode back the way they had come. Dismounting, he carefully replaced the stones. "Oh, General," called a man who came along just then "You are too big to be doing that." "Oh, no," replied Washington, "I am just the right size."

Washington was the right size to replace those stones. Christ was the right size to take the pan of water and wash the apostles' feet. We should be the right size to do whatever lowly task of service may be offered to us. We will not be fit to do the *large* tasks in life until we are willing to do the *small* tasks. This is true humility and should be an everyday part of our lives.

Real humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is never to be fretted, or irritated, or angry, or disappointed. It is to be at rest when nobody praises you and when you are despised and blamed. It is a secret peace that comes through our faith when all around and above seems to be trouble. We need humility in *spirit* and *deed.*

WE ARE PART OF HIS BODY
(verses 4, 5)

I would like to read for you Romans 12:4 and 5 from the New English Bible which explains these verses in a way that is easier for us to understand, *For just as in a single human body there are many limbs and organs, all with different functions, so all of us, united with Christ, form one body, serving individually as limbs and organs to one another.* This is really a lovely picture comparing the church of Christ as a body with our own physical bodies. We are made up of arms, legs, ears, eyes, nose and a mouth. We might add the fingers, toes, head, neck, etc. Within our bodies we have lungs, a heart, stomach, and many other organs. Each part of our body has a definite function, or work, to perform. It has something to do to keep us healthy and strong.

It would never do for the heart to tell the lungs that they are not needed, or for the head to tell the arms that they are unnecessary. Every part of the body is important and has a work to do. Each part depends on the others! As they work together it makes up a healthy body. The work of the church is likened unto a body united with Christ as the head. This means that we all need to co-operate or work together to make God's work a success in the world. Many different types of work need to be done. In this way, every talent can be used for God in His service.

We need to discover what talents we have and, then dedicate them to God. If you can sing in the choir at school, you should be singing in the church. You should be willing to give time for rehearsal and practice and, then, happily serve in your place as needed. This is also true of playing an instrument, giving readings, leading a meeting, etc. In this way, you are performing as a special organ of the body of Christ. All this helps to make the body healthy and keep God's work going smoothly in the world. Annie Johnson Flint illustrates this in her poem:

The World's Bible

Christ has no hands but our hands
To do His work today,
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way,
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell men how He died,
He has no help but our help
To bring them to His side.

We are the only Bible
The careless world will read.
We are the sinners Gospel,
We are the scoffer's creed,
We are the Lord's last message,
Given in deed and word.
What if the type is crooked?
What if the print is blurred?

What if our hands are busy
With other work than His?
What if our feet are walking
Where sin's allurement is?
What if our tongues are speaking
Of things His lips would spurn?
How can we hope to help Him
And hasten His return?

Mrs. Flint feels that every part of our bodies should be used for God. He has done so much for us that we ought to be happy to take our places as a *part* of His body. We should offer our services to Him in a humble spirit. If we do the little things that are ours to do from day to day, then we will be prepared to do the big things for Christ as He asks us. Next month we will study the many kinds of work we can do for God; so study Romans 12 again.

1964 - 65 Theme Ephesians 5:15-20

"FULFILLING THE TIME"

Signal Lights Program for February

Prepared by Mrs. Alberta Holsinger

Bible Theme: "STORIES JESUS TOLD"

Project: A TRACTOR FOR EDEN

Call to Worship:

Jesus told of God above;
Of His wisdom and His love.
Jesus' stories are true;
God loves you and you and you.

Sing:

"Jesus Loves Me"
"Jesus Loves the Little Ones"
"Jesus Loves the Children of the World"

Bible Story:

JESUS TELLS OF GOD'S LOVE

Jesus knew that people needed love. He often talked about the love of God. He wanted people to know that God loved them. He wanted them to know that God cared for them.

One day, some people were sitting on the hillside. Many of the people looked very worried. Perhaps some of the fathers were wondering whether or not they could catch enough fish that day to sell so that they could buy food for their families. Perhaps some of the mothers were wondering whether or not they would have enough cloth so that they could make new robes for each member of their family. Some of the people looked very sad. Perhaps some of them felt sorry for themselves because they didn't have as much to eat or as many robes as their neighbors. Some of the people looked lonely. Perhaps some of them did not have families where there were love and good times and fun together.

Jesus looked at the people. He felt sorry for them. He thought, "If only they knew that God loves them; if only they knew that God cares for them, then they would not be worried, nor sad, nor lonely."

Jesus looked up into the sky. There were birds flying overhead, chirping merrily. "Look at the birds," He said. "God has planned that they would have food to eat. Why are you worried about having enough to eat? Do you not know that if God takes care of the birds, surely He will take care of you? For you are more important than birds." The fathers listened to the words of Jesus. They began to believe that God did love them, that God would take care of them. They need not worry; they need only do their best each day as they worked to earn food for their families.

Then Jesus looked down the hillside. He saw some lovely lilies growing. "Look at the lilies," He said. "Notice how beautifully they are dressed. Why are you worried about having enough to wear? Do you not know that if God has planned that flowers should be dressed in such a lovely way, surely He will take care of you? For you are more important than the grass of the fields."

The mothers listened to the words of Jesus. They began to believe that God did love them, that God would care for them. They need not worry; they need only do their best each day to take good care of their families.

The lonely people listened to Jesus. Why, even though they had no families to love them, God loved them! As the people walked down the hillside to their homes, they were no longer worried, sad or lonely; but they were happy, because they knew God loved each of them. Based on Luke 12:22-30

Hymn of the Month:

"My Savior's Love"

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner condem'd, unclean.

Chorus:

How marvelous! how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! how wonderful
Is my Saviour's love for me!
When with the ransom'd in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy thro' the ages
To sing of His love for me.

Our hymn this month tells of Jesus' love for us. Let's read the words together. Are there any words you do not understand? (Some of the words you may need to explain to your group are: amazed, presence, condemned, ransomed.)

Now, let's listen to the music before we sing together "My Saviour's Love."

Mission Story:

GOD PROVIDES

A few years ago our missionaries in Argentina bought a house in Buenos Aires. It was a big old house. It would do for the church and missionary home for awhile. Later, they could add to it.

"It's a fine house," declared Rev. Byler.

"Indeed it is," agreed Mrs. Byler.

"But what will we use for furniture? There is no money to buy any."

"God knows what we need," said Rev. Byler. "He will provide it."

Days went by. The Bylers and the Brethren in Buenos Aires cleaned and scrubbed and painted.

One day Mrs. Byler said, "Let's see what's in the attic. It's boarded shut. I wonder what's in there."

The men pried the boards from the atticway. When the door was opened, what a surprise! Under a thick layer of dust was all the furniture the Bylers needed!

"Where did it come from? Whose is it?" they wondered.

They talked with people who lived in the neighborhood. They learned that many, many years ago a German family built the house. They went to Germany for a visit. They stored their furniture in the attic.

For some reason they never returned. The house was sold first to one family and then to another.

Of all the families who lived in it, none ever looked in the attic. For forty years the furniture was stored in the attic waiting for the missionaries.

God knew what they would need. God provided for those needs even before the Bylers were born.

God knows what is needed at our Bible school in Argentina. He is letting us help buy the tractor. Aren't you glad we can help the missionaries this way? Aren't you glad God provides for all our needs?

Based on the article: "Unto Him that is Able" by Jane Byler

Friendship Circle of Prayer:

Let us thank God for taking care of us and providing all our needs. Let us thank Him for watching over our missionaries.

Let us ask Him to show us ways we can serve Him and help our missionaries.

Business:

1. Roll Call—tell what you did without this month.
2. Talk about things you can do this month to show others you love them.
3. Birthdays to remember:

Mark Bowers will be ten years old on March 11.

Stephen Byler will be fourteen years old on March 19.

Handwork:

A BASKET OF ROSES TO MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY

Choose a sick or shut-in person known by most of your Signal Lights. This project will be for that person.

You will need seed catalogues with pictures of roses in them, strips of white paper about three inches by one and one-half inches, paste, pencils, and a "basket" cut from brown paper pasted on a piece of green construction paper. (Do not paste the top edge of the basket.)

Each child will cut a rose from the seed catalog. The stems should be cut off near the top. Paste a strip of white paper to the rose in place of the stem. On this each child will write a message to the shut-in friend. (You will need to write the message for the younger children.) Each child will sign his name to his own message, and then put it into the "basket."

Choose two or three Signal Lights to deliver the rose basket.

Signal Lights Benediction

(continued from page 9)

"Hosanna to the son of David; blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." When He entered the temple, He "Cast out them that sold and bought in the temple . .", the merchandizers who had purchased their concessions from the High Priest. Jesus shouted with indignation, "My house shall be called a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of robbers." Moreover, the children in the temple acclaimed Him as "The son of David." Jesus then and there put the final seal upon His claim of Messiahship when He healed the blind and lame.

The rulers of the Jews had already rejected Jesus by their actions as recorded in Matthew 12, but the formal rejection must be made at the temple. The rejection was made in exact fulfillment of the word of Gabriel, at the end of the 69-year weeks.

One should never refer to the palm Sunday entering of Jesus into Jerusalem as *triumphant*. It was only triumphal, because Israel rejected Him as their Prince and refused to crown Him as their King. One day He will make His *triumphant entry,* when *His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the mount of Olives shall be cleft in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall move toward the north, and half of it toward the south. . .* (Zech. 14:4 A.S.V.). Then the Prince shall enter the east gate into the city. That east gate was walled up with masonry by the Mohammedans at the time of the Crusades and remains closed unto this day. But when He comes to Israel again, with all His glory, then shall the masonry be removed and the Prince will make His triumphal entry through its portals. Ezekiel saw it in his vision. *Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east . . . and the glory of Jehovah came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east . . . and behold the glory of Jehovah filled the house.* As for the east gate, Ezekiel continued in chapter 44:2, *And Jehovah said unto me, This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, neither shall any man enter by it; for Jehovah, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut. As for the prince, he shall sit therein as prince to eat bread before Jehovah; he shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.*

Back now to the Daniel record where we left it at verse 25. What does verse 26 in the statement, "The anointed one shall be cut off, and have nothing" mean? The Prince of the house of David, Jesus the anointed, came to claim His kingdom as promised to David. The royal line from David is traced in Matthew 1:6-16. John the Baptist announced Him, and He offered Himself to Israel. "He came unto His own and His own received Him not." The "cut him off" as Daniel had predicted, and He had nothing in Israel. Being destitute of His realm and His people, He ascended to His Father in Heaven, to direct the work of the calling out of the Gentiles a people for His name, a people to be His Bride.

The timetable of Daniel must not be left at this point, for it falls short of completion in our study. Only sixty-nine sevens are accounted for—69 of the 70 that Jehovah decreed for Israel. As stated above, verses 26ff of Daniel 9 reveal it. *And the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary . . . and he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week,* or a seven. That is a year week.

It must be noted here that Israel's prophetic history came to a sudden stop when Jesus cleansed the temple at His Triumphal entry. A parenthesis occurs in Israel's history between the sixty-ninth and the seventieth week. The parenthesis is coexistant almost entirely with the Church Age. The Church Age began on Pentecost, but it will end when the Lord catches the Church away to meet Him in the air

(I Thess. 4:13-18). The parenthesis for Israel's history which began with the Triumphal entry, will end when the Lord's Church is caught away to be His Bride. Immediately, the seventieth week for Israel will start its course.

History records who the people were that destroyed the city of Jerusalem. It was the Roman Empire under the hand of Titus the army general. The *prince that shall come* does not refer to the general Titus who destroyed the city. It refers to a prince that shall come from the people who destroyed the city. That prince shall come about the time of the beginning of the seventieth week. No prince of Rome has ever yet made a firm covenant with many of Israel. The Roman Empire was broken up into the provincial governments of Europe—the ten toes of the metal image of Nebuchadnezzar's vision recited in Daniel 2:31-45. Before a prince can rise from the people that destroyed Jerusalem, that people must again be united, or reunited. Moreover, *the many* must again be in the Holy Land. Of the latter, there are over two million of Israel in Palestine today, practically all of whom have gathered there in the last sixty years. But Rome is not yet reunited, although there is an undercurrent of unity in Nato, and the economic agreements of the *common market* which could finally develop into a consolidated Europe. The reuniting of the Roman Empire will be economic as well as political. When the uniting will ripen God only knows. But this, prophecy reveals, the seventieth week, or seven, cannot begin until the *Times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.* The Times of the Gentiles will be dealt with in another paper.

The ending of the Times of the Gentiles, and the catching away of the Church in the rapture will be simultaneous occurrances. The Rapture of the Church will be treated later. As the seventieth *week* of Israel's timetable begins, the Dictator of the revised Roman Empire who will come to power near that time, will make *the* contract with the many Jews for the seven year period. The *many* will be apostate Jews. The righteous remnant will not be duped into entering any contract or covenant with a world Gentile power. The "prince that will come" is none other than the *little horn* on the fourth beast of Daniel 7; and the *Beast out of the sea* of Revelation 13.

Under the *firm covenant,* or contract, or treaty which the Jews will enter with the prince of Rome, the Jews will have possession of the Holy Places in Palestine. Then Jewry will be protected from outside interference. They can then erect a temple on the old temple site, and according to verse 27 of Daniel 9, will again set up the sacrificial order, else it could not be interrupted in the midst of the week. Isaiah received a true picture of Israel's agreement with dictatorial Rome and called it a "Covenant with death and sheol."

As one views the Palestinian situation from the vantage point of 1965, he may well wonder why the city of Jerusalem is divided between Israeli and the Arab; and why the old temple site with its Mosque of Omar, or Dome of the Rock, is a part of Arab territory; and why the Jews do not build a temple elsewhere. The answer rests in one word—God. The hour of His timeclock is set. He is not ready yet. God moves in the affairs of men and especially in the destiny of His chosen people. The division of Jerusalem in the struggle between the Arab and the Jew in 1948 may be of His design. The temple will not be built until He is ready, and no Israelite would think of a temple anywhere but on Mount Moriah, where Jehovah appeared to David . . . in the threshing floor of Ornan . . .

The breaking of the covenant in the midst of the week; the time, times and a half of a time; the one who will come on the wing of abominations, and kindred items will appear in future papers on the prophetic story.

Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

MASSILLON, OHIO

IT WAS a real privilege for the undersigned to work with the good people of Massillon in revival meetings during Thanksgiving week. We began on Sunday evening and concluded the following Sunday with the Three-fold Communion service. We all need to have our faith challenged in these troubled times and the people of Massillon realized this as we turned to the great teachings in God's Word. The theme for the week was "Living for Jesus." The evangelist tried to point out when we live for self we fail miserably to do God's will.

In addition to the preaching of the Word, the evangelist illustrated a gospel hymn and told a story to the children every evening.

At the close of the meetings ten adults came to reconsecrate themselves to Christ. In the consecration service they promised the Lord Jesus to work together in a greater way to complete the physical church structure that the spiritual church may also be a stronger one.

On the last night of the meetings Mr. and Mrs. Akerman and Mr. and Mrs. Diana came forward and expressed their desire to unite with the Brethren in Massillon. They have all been worshipping with the people for some time and belonged to other churches and now wish to join the fellowship there. They will be the first to be baptized in the new church upon its completion.

I am sure the Lord has many great and wonderful things in store for the Brethren in Massillon. While in the meetings, the floor was poured in the Sunday School unit. Most of the decking was complete on the roof and the people look forward to moving into the new church in early spring.

Under the direction of their able pastor, Rev. J. G. Dodds, with the completion of their new church, the Massillon Brethren, working together, are going to do great things for the Lord Jesus Christ. I praise God for the opportunity of working among them and of sharing in the blessed Word of God.

Don Rowser

The Brethren Layman

The Laymen's Meeting

James E. Norris

Program for February, 1965

Topic:

Fulfilling the Time — BY HIS WILL

Hymns

Introduction:

"Don't be vague, but firmly grasp what you know to be the will of the Lord" (Eph. 5:17, Phillips' Translation).

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is (King James Version).

"Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Revised Standard Version).

Men of all countries and all ages have recognized the freedom of the human race in choosing what he or she would do. All law is based on the fact that man has the power to obey or disobey. Any penalty would be useless if we had no power to obey. The freedom of the human will is everywhere acknowledged in the Scriptures. *I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live* (Deut. 30:19). *Choose you this day whom ye will serve* (Josh. 24:15). We can go back to the day of Adam and Eve and see where they willingly disobeyed God (Genesis 3:1-13). Then in Revelation 22:17 we read, *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

Topics for Discussion:

1. How do we know what the will of God is? See II Tim. 2:15. Answer: By God's Word (Psalm 119:105).

2. God's will is to send missionaries to all the world. *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world* (Matt. 28:19-20). What about our part in this plan?

3. Don't be vague, but fully grasp what you know to be the will of the Lord. God's will is that we assume a humble attitude and seek relief from the many cares of this world through PRAYER. Prayer consists of offering our desires to God. *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you* (Matt. 7:7).

4. Our prayers must be offered through the mediation of Christ. Jesus declared, *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me* (John 14:6). Read John 15:16.

5. Every unholy motive and every improper disposition must, without reluctance or reserve, be given up. *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me* (Psalm 66:18).

6. Our prayers must be offered for things agreeable to the will of God. With every petition which is offered to God, the language of the heart should be, *not as I will, but as thou wilt.* These words spoken by Jesus himself are proof enough.

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

MILLEDGEVILLE, ILL.

THE MILLEDGEVILLE LAYMEN installed their new officers in October with Marvin Flynn as president; Owen Nye, vice president; Don Hollewell, secretary; and John Parks, treasurer.

The new goals for the year were discussed and we decided to put more effort forth to meet them. The No. 3 goal has been partially met in the past, but the report to the laymen's editor every other month has been neglected. This year we asked for volunteers and the suggestion met with good response. We are also striving harder to have 100 per cent membership in the $10 Club.

As president of the District Laymen, I would like to take this opportunity to urge as many laymen as possible to attend both National and District Conferences. I think it is the duty of a good layman to know the

business of the church and how it is operated. I was fortunate this year to be able to attend both conferences, and I feel that I received a great blessing from them. One meets so many good and faithful Christian friends and renews old acquaintances, and also meets and gets to know the ministry of our denomination. The messages given by the different speakers gives a Christian much to thing about and to work toward.

Let us, as laymen of the churches, work harder for the Lord and rely more on prayer. God always answers prayer, and I know he has answered many for me.

Harold Real

DERBY, KANS.

THE LAYMEN of the Derby Brethren Church were host to the Boys' Brotherhood on October 17. A wiener roast was enjoyed by eight laymen and seven boys. Following the fellowship around the camp fire, the laymen assembled together indoors for our monthly lesson.

The men attending the District Conference gave a report. Dwight Bishard and Paul Winter were able to represent us this year. We voted a goal of $5 per member of our laymen toward the district project which is to help with the travel expenses of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowers who are going to Nigeria to teach in the Waka school.

We have started to work hard on our goals.

Clifford Britton, Secretary

It is recounted that Dwight L. Moody once said, "I was twenty years old before I ever heard a sermon on regeneration. I was always told to be good, but you might as well tell a black man to be white without telling him how. You might tell a slave to be free, but that would not make him free. But He frees us. We are a bad lot the whole of us, by nature. It is astonishing how the devil blinds us, and makes us think we are so naturally good . . . It is regeneration by the power of the Holy Ghost we need."

Charles L. Feinberg in FOCUS ON PROPHECY (Fleming H. Revell Company)

Boys' Brotherhood Study Article —

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

by GEORGE KERLIN

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith—These are the words recorded in the Holy Scripture, Galatians 5:22. From these words we find, Christian character is not self-made, but is the gift of God through the work of the Holy Spirit within the hearts of each true Christian. Of these graces, love is the queen grace, for one is not a Christian without this possession. As we think of love, we at once think of God who is Love. The deeper-rooted you become in the true work of the Lord, the more abundance of love you possess and radiate. I know of no better way of judging a Christian than by the love he radiates to his fellowmen. As one looks about in this world of ours today, he can certainly see the lack of this radiation. Many times we try to imagine what kind of a world this would be if everyone in it were Christian. It is almost above comprehension, yet if each Christian would draw himself a little closer to God, one would be surprised how that extra supply of love would brighten up this somewhat darkened world of ours. How can we be about our Father's business of winning souls to Him if we lack love for lost souls? If we possessed that queen of grace, love, we would not look down on our fellowmen because of race, creed or color, and this, too, would make a better world.

We may ask ourselves if we really have to possess this grace to be a Christian? As I stated at the beginning, one cannot be a true Christian without this possession. We only have to read the Word of God to know this, for when the scribe asked Jesus which was the first commandment of all, Jesus answered, *The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment* (Mark 12:29, 30). When we do this, how can we not possess this grace of love?

Each time we recall the crucifixion of Jesus, we are reminded of the great love Jesus had when He said, *Forgive them for they know not what they do.* As Jesus walked on earth, we saw that great love radiate from Him through the great concern He had for His people. We see this same love in God who loved us so much He gave His only begotten Son who died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

All through the Bible we see this love radiating from all the saints. The great love Abraham had for God—so great that he would have sacrificed his son had not God stopped him; the great love Joseph had for his brothers—that he supplied them with food even after they had tried to kill him and then sold him into slavery; the love David possessed—so great he could not kill Saul when he had the opportunity because Saul was God's anointed. These are just a few of the many saints that possessed the fruit of the Spirit. Jesus said, *Love your enemies,* . . . and pray for them which despitefully use you. Can we do this without the grace of love? I think not. So as a Christian world, let's draw ourselves to a closer walk with our Heavenly Father and possess the fruit of the Spirit, and let it shine from each of our lives, thus making this world a much better place to pass through.

MISSIONARY NEWS

FAREWELL CHAPEL

by MRS. ROBERT HESS

WHEN SEVENTY-THREE students in blue school jackets marched candle-in-hand to the rear of the Waka Chapel on the evening of November 29, the cog of time had slipped forward one more notch at Waka School, Nigeria. The service, which is a combination of baccalaureate and graduation ceremony has come to be known as the annual Farewell Chapel, marked the end of one more phase in the educational life of the leaving class. Three additional students were also members of the graduating class but did not take part in the service because they are Moslem.

For twenty young men and two young ladies the event marked the end of six years of Nigerian High School study in the mission-related Waka Secondary School whereas the more fortunate companions in the class following them had been able to finish in five. The change was due to a move on the part of the Government to shorten the secondary school course. There were twenty-one boys and five girls in the second class. Together they became the first students to graduate from the new Church of the Brethren Secondary School at Biu, Nigeria.

Also among those marching into their futures were twenty-eight teachers, twenty-four men and four young women. They had just finished their two-year course at the Waka Teacher Training College and were headed for classrooms in the primary schools of the Church of the Brethren Mission in Nigeria, other missions and local government school systems. Actually they were all veterans of at least a year and in certain cases five or more years in classrooms where they had taught as more lowly qualified teachers. The Farewell Chapel punctuated the completion of their efforts to gain higher qualifications. Thus they were going forth to teach without restrictions in any, or all, elementary school classes.



The evening was of special significance to all at Waka—staff and even workmen—because it represented the achievement of full maturity of the dream of building the secondary school. It was for this moment that the building engineer had planned when he drew the blueprints more than six years ago, and it was for this that the teaching staff had aimed in the planning of courses of study and in the daily classroom work. Although the Waka Teacher Training College, which is on the same campus, thereby marked the completion of its fourteenth year, the exercises also fulfilled the goals and aspirations of both students and staff.

The future is strange and uncharted for most of the secondary students. None of them have parents who have come so far in formal education and few have any close relatives who have done so. In perhaps a majority of cases one or both of the parents are illiterate and in many cases the level of the standard of living is exceedingly low. Only with great effort and by the help of generous people have most of these students been able to obtain the yearly fees of approximately $55. Disease, superstition and poverty are the rule of life in the homes of student after student. There are few who have associates to guide them into the life of a high school graduate.

But for these graduates the future holds golden promise. Perhaps a dozen may get the opportunity

of higher education eventually meaning university degrees for a few. Others will go into nursing, teaching, the army, police, agriculture, industry or administration. Among those who cannot take the path toward university, many will be given opportunities for further specialized training. Their country is a young country struggling to become a modern democracy and desperately looking for young people who have the sought-for schooling.

The young people who have thus marked the end of one phase of their lives in the Farewell Chapel service are therefore among the rising generation of trained personnel to whom their countrymen look.

To them also the Church looks. On hand for the service was a Nigerian representative of the church in the area who charged those departing with their Christian responsibilities. The Church is proud of these young graduates and grateful that they should have had the opportunity to receive teaching qualifications or high school leaving certificates. Although few will become full time church men, the church sees in them a well-trained and active laity.

Missions Matter NOW



You know what it means to be saved! And if there is any doubt, there are hundreds of churches, and Bibles, for you to make sure you are on the train that leads to Heaven.

But what about him? What about the pagan whose washing machine is the local river, whose bed is the earth, whose book is **the missionary!** His eternal future hinges on one thin small strand. While **you are drenched** in the shower of His message, he reaches out for **a few mercy drops** of life-giving rain — the mercy drops of the Gospel.

You've got **your ticket** to Heaven. Give him an equal chance to board the same express!

Every dollar you invest in missions helps in the winning of some soul to Christ!

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PRAYER DAY FOR BROADCASTING ANNOUNCED

Talcottville, Conn. (Missionary News Service) Sunday, June 13, 1965, has been designated as a World Day of Prayer for gospel broadcasting, it was announced here by officers of International Christian Broadcasters. Materials about Christian broadcasting will be made available to churches in an effort to enlist united prayer for this vital work.



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NOTES and COMMENTS

A DAUGHTER BORN TO THE KEN SOLOMONS



A DAUGHTER, Margaret Marie, was born to Jeanette and Ken Solomon, Soldini, Argentina, on Saturday, January 9, at 10 P. M. She weighed seven pounds.

This fourth child and second daughter in the family has been named for her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Margaret DeLozier of Ashland, Ohio, and her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Marie Solomon of Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

We wish to congratulate the Solomons upon the birth of this new daughter and wish for them the very best. Remember to pray for this family as they labor in South America for the Lord and for the Brethren Church.

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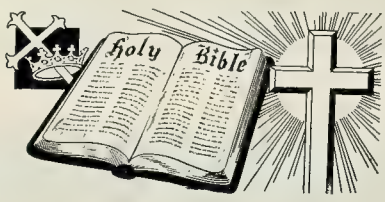
BEGINNING in February, **The Brethren Evangelist** will contain the first article of a series on the doctrines of the church. The first one will be on "Feet-washing" by Dr. Joseph R. Shultz of the Ashland Theological Seminary.

Other subjects will be: "The Love Feast;" "The Eucharist;" "The Holy Kiss;" "Trine Immersion;" "The Laying on of Hands;" "Anointing with Oil;" "Church Membership;" "Stewardship in the Local Church;" "Nonconformity;" and "The Second Coming." We are certain that you will appreciate these articles as they will appear.

"THEY WENT TO CHURCH IN MOSCOW"

BE SURE to read the article entitled "They Went to Church in Moscow" by Myron J. Taylor, found on page 15 of this magazine.

This article relates the experiences of Mr. and Mrs. James McKenzie of Portsmouth, Ohio, as they made an exchange visit to Russia. The article was written by their pastor.



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"Our Hearts' Desire"

The following is a little article that your Editor felt would be of value to each of us as we consider our mission as Christians. Read this over very carefully and think upon these things! S.G.

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved (Rom. 10:1).

Not long ago I had the privilege of visiting in the home of a Jewish couple. Both were orthodox, the wife's grandfather having been a rabbi, of the tribe of Levi, who had died the very day that the Russians and Americans had met in Berlin. Needless to say there was hatred in their hearts toward the Germans, the wife's kinfolk having suffered at their hands during the period of extreme anti-Semitism. This couple had lived in the States only eighteen months, having come from Israel, where they had sojourned for thirteen years. As I talked with them, my heart burned within me, realizing that I was talking with some of God's chosen people—descendants of those who had been led out of Egypt to go to the Promised Land; heirs of the promise which God made to Abraham.

The more I talked with the husband, the more I realized I was not talking with an Israelite in name only, but one who was well educated in Jewish history; one orthodox in the keeping of the law. In fact, before I left the home they showed me the word of God on its doorpost. The wife told how her grandfather kept not only the Ten Commandments but over 600 other commandments written in the Word. For instance, she said he would burn no light whatever on the Sabbath.

I tried to talk to these dear folk about Christ, but at this point their anger kindled. I gave them my own personal testimony—that I was a Gentile sinner away from God; that Christ who had died, had made reconciliation for me; that only in Him could I stand and say I was at peace with Him. The husband answered that I was just being modest when I said my relationship with God was dependent upon Jesus.

As I came away from this home, I felt I knew something of what Paul meant when he wrote, *I could wish myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises* (Rom. 9: 3, 4).

In the hope that we may recapture something of the passion which moved Paul in his missionary labors, let us examine three great realities in his life:

1. *A Genuine Experience with God.* The apostle knew the time, place and circumstances surrounding the experience. He knew in whom he had believed. He was not ashamed. He was made a new creature. Old things had passed away, new things appeared. People noticed it—"He which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. And they glorified God in him."

In my mind's eye I can see Ananias as he walks along the street called Straight. He comes to the house of Judas. There he inquires if one named Saul of Tarsus is present. I can see Ananias as he goes over to Saul and lays his hands upon him. I can hear those tender words which he utters: *Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost* (Acts 9:17). Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales. His sight is restored. He arises and is baptized. The apostle never forgot that wonderful experience, but witnessed to it before all whom he met.

Paul leaned heavily upon experience. Even after his conversion he saw the need of a growth in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. His determination was to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Many Pharisees and a host of Sadducees ridiculed Paul for his belief, but he stood firm. He said: *If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept* (I Cor. 15:19, 20). "When he shall appear, then shall we appear with Him in glory."

If he were here today I think that he would express it in the words of that grand song which says:

"My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand."

2. *The Mind of Christ Concerning His Mission.* The apostle had a clear conception of the mission of our Lord. That objective was before him continually. He never forgot that Jesus died for the sins of the whole world. He said: *For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved* (Rom. 10:12, 13).

There are some questions about which the apostle was very much concerned. He wrote the same in a

letter to the Romans: How shall they (Jews and Greeks) call on Him in whom they have not believed? How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach except they be sent? These questions deeply concern every Christian today. The issue must be met. God calls us to witness to the saving virtue of Jesus' death and resurrection.

3. *God's Sustaining Grace.* Nothing was more precious to the apostle than grace. In each of his letters there is a note of grace attached. He wanted to come to them in the "fullness of the blessing." We also find him saying that enticing words of man's wisdom were far from what he desired. He mus come to them in the demonstration of the Spiri and of power, that their faith should not stand i the wisdom of man, but in the power of God."

As we observed Christian workers today we find tha those who give themselves to the work unreservedl are those to whom grace is given. We are fully con vinced that we will keep the blessing of God upo our lives only as we forever seek to see others saved We shall not only be interested in those at home bu those around the world. A passion for the lost mus go beyond the front door of our churches. "Wher there is no vision, the people perish."

—Free Methodis



Meyersdale, Pa. Rev. Robert Hoffman reports that two boys were baptized and received into membership of the church on December 27. He also reports that the Main Street Brethren Church entered a team in the area Church Basketball League for the year. The December average attendance in Sunday School shows an increase over last year.

New Lebanon, Ohio. On December 13, one person was received into membership by baptism, according to Rev. Percy Miller, interim pastor. An installation service for Rev. Donald Rowser was held on Sunday, January 17; this service was followed by a reception for him and his family. Rev. Rowser took over the pastorate during the week of November 10.

North Georgetown, Ohio. On Sunday evening, December 27, five young people were baptized by Rev. Keith Bennett at the Canton Trinity Brethren Church. They will be received into the church at a later date. Dr. Bruce Stark, professor at the Ashland Theological Seminary, is acting pastor.

Smithville, Ohio. A baptismal service was held for two persons recently and they were received into membership of the church on Sunday, January 10. On this Sunday, a farewell dinner was given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Donald Rowser and family following the worship service.

Ardmore, Ind. Rev. William Cole reports that a young man who is now in the Marines was confirmed and welcomed into membership of the Church on New Year's Day.

Flora, Ind. Mrs. Lee Voorhees, corresponding secretary, reports that Rev. Wm. Livingston has recently resigned as pastor of the church to take over duties as superintendent of the Brethren's Home near Flora. She also reports that one person was baptized and received into the church recently.

Falls City, Nebr. Rev. Robert Holsinger reports that Mr. John Porte, Field Secretary of the Brethren Church, and Miss Beverly Summy, Acting Brethren Youth Director, were speakers at a special meeting on Saturday evening, January 9. Mr. Porte was the guest speaker for the Laymen's Public Service on Sunday, January 10.

Pastor Wanted

The First Brethren Church of Peru, Indiana, will be in need of a full time pastor as of July 1, 1965. If you are interested, please contact:

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Weddings

HARTTER-JESSOP. Miss Conni Hartter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Elmer Hartter of Milford, Ind., be came the bride of Mr. Joseph Jes sop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kurma Jessop of Milford, Ind., on Saturda evening, January 2, 1965.

The ceremony was performed b the undersigned, pastor of th church.

Rev. Frank Barke

Memorials

BAME. Mrs. Donald (Ruby) Bam passed away on December 20, 1964 following an illness of several weeks Besides her husband, she is survive by two children, Patricia Bame Crook and Charles; her father, H. C. Oliver two sisters, Mrs. L. E. Lindower an Mrs. W. H. Wagner. She was a mem ber of the First Brethren Church Ashland, Ohio. The Memorial service were conducted by the undersigne and Dr. L. E. Lindower. Burial wa in the Ashland Cemetery.

Rev. Phil Lersch

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REIGER. Mrs. Mary E. Reiger 79, passed away on January 5, 1965 following a lingering illness. Mrs Reiger was a member of the Firs Brethren Church in Falls City, Neb raska, and had served in many of fices down through the years.

She was the sister of Rev. J. G Dodds, pastor of the Massillon Breth ren Church, Massillon, Ohio.

Funeral services were conducte by Rev. Robert Holsinger, pastor assisted by Rev. M. W. Dodds, a nephew.

Mrs. F. P. Schroedl

Daily Devotions

General Theme for the Year: "FULFILLING THE TIME"
Theme for January — "BY GIVING YOUR TALENTS TO HIM"

Writer for January — Rev. W. St. Clair Benshoff

January 31 - February 6 — "For the Purpose of Soul Winning"

Sunday, January 31, 1965

Read Scripture: Proverbs 11:27-31

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise (Proverbs 11:30).

The United States is perhaps the most favored nation ever to exist upon the earth. Without doubt the many blessings and facilities we have are a God-given sacred trust. Why has He thus favored us? Undoubtedly so that we might become the greatest nation of soul-winners in the history of man. We have to wonder just what the state of the world's nations would be at the moment had we been faithful to our trust and used our great blessings to bring blessings to others through the ministry of the Gospel. It is not yet too late, but we must act quickly. First, our lives must measure up to that of God's standard. Secondly, we must then be active in personal soul-winning, for "he that winneth souls is wise."

The Day's Thought

"Go and tell how great things the Lord hath done for you."

Monday, February 1, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 4:18-22

And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men (Matthew 4:19).

With soul-winning being the main business of the Christian, we cannot help but wonder how the many non-soul-winner Christians view their responsibility. Can being redeemed from sin mean so little to a Christian that there is no desire to tell another person about Christ? Of all the multitude of "things" a Christian can do in service to God and the church, there is but one thing which Christ drew out as being really important—Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Soul-winners are those who appreciate what Christ did to redeem them from sin, and who are not content until they are faithfully witnessing to those yet away from the redeeming grace of our Lord. Are you a soul-winner? Praise God, if you are! If you aren't why not?

The Day's Thought

To follow Christ is to become a soul-winner, for that is what He was.

Tuesday, February 2, 1965

Read Scripture: I Corinthians 9: 16-19

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more (I Corinthians 9:19).

Paul's desire was to win men to Christ. Even though he might have felt that he was free from any obligation to them, yet he loved people so much that he felt he must witness to them about Christ. How easily we pass off speaking to others about Christ by saying, "They don't live near me; there are other people who should talk to them; if they'd go to church they could hear the Gospel; there are churches and preachers near where they live, let 'them' get out and get them." Opportunity is not limited to geographical areas, nor by other peoples' responsibilities. It is when we, through love for others, have a chance to witness. This the true Christian servant will do, gaining many for Christ.

The Day's Thought

Whenever and wherever a soul needs Christ, that is an opportunity to witness.

Wednesday, February 3, 1965

Read Scripture: I Corinthians 9: 19-23

And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law (I Corinthians 9:20).

Again Paul speaks of "gaining" men for Christ. To do this he indicates a successful approach to soul-winning. He projected himself into the individual—into his life, his problems, his dreams, his ambitions, and by so doing was able to understand him. He could then witness to him as an individual, showing the love of God toward him. Christ did this. In other words, as did Christ, we need to become personally interested in the person as an individual for whom Christ died. There is a fine line to be drawn between becoming interested and becoming emotionally involved with a person we are trying to reach for Christ. We have to guard against becoming thus involved, but the sincere worker for Christ will guard himself, too.

The Day's Thought

In preaching the Gospel, we must also live the Gospel.

Thursday, February 4, 1965

Read Scripture: John 1:43-51

Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph (John 1:45).

Should we invite people to church? Is it not generally true that most invitations to attend church services go unheeded by the multitudes? Services are announced, publicity is sent out, and the "faithful few" and the "regulars" show up. It is a self-evident truth, then, that if we are to reach the "unsaved," we must go and find them, and witness to them about Christ. Well, what are we waiting for? What have we been waiting for for so many years? If we are going to do the business of the church (soul-winning), we are going to have to get up out of our pews of ease and go out into the highways and byways to tell the unconcerned that they need Christ. Love them as God loves them and then we can point them to Christ.

The Day's Thought

Suppose no one would have made the effort to "find" us for Christ.

Friday, February 5, 1965

Read Scripture: Daniel 12:1-3

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever (Daniel 12:3).

The "wise" Christian is the one who is about his Father's business —soul-winning. Not only will many lost persons find salvation through Christ as a result of the wise Christian, but such a person will be highly favored in time to come. The dazzling brightness of the sun shall be as nothing compared to the glorious beauty of the soul-winning Christian. This will not be a temporary status, for Daniel indicates that it is "for ever and ever." Unending joy is promised to the Christian who wins souls for Christ. However, it seems that the greatest joy will be to be standing at the throne of God and have someone tap us on the shoulder and say, "Thanks for telling me about Christ when we were on earth." Multiplied by the many we reach here for Christ should be reward enough for us.

The Day's Thought

The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

Saturday, February 6, 1965

Read Scripture: James 5:17-20

Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins (James 5:20).

There is more Gospel theology in this verse in James than first appears. We know that when a person accepts Christ, having acknowledged Him as the Son of God, he is redeemed, or saved. His sin is covered by the blood of Christ. Also, a person so saved is a new creature in Christ Jesus and can build and live a new life. Old things are passed away. Let us not become indifferent to the spiritual needs of others, but seek earnestly, pray faithfully, manifesting an interest in others, guarding our own lives, and the fruits of our endeavors will be evident. Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict the sinner of his sin, pray for the wisdom to speak to the individual, and then let God's marvellous grace do its soul-purifying work. A barren life shall then become a fruitful one.

The Day's Thought

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Readings from the Gospel according to St. Mark

Memory Scripture for the month—Mark 12:30

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

January 31 - February 6

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 13:26-31

The Clouds

"It looks like the sky is moving," said Linda.

"It's really the clouds that are moving," explained Gary.

"What makes them move so fast?" wondered Linda.

"The wind," replied Gary. "See how the tree branches are moving? And the snow, too. The wind is making them move."

"Look at that man," laughed Linda. "It's hard for him to walk against the wind."

"Yes," agreed Gary. "The wind is strong. It makes the clouds move fast."

"Do you know what Jesus told us about the clouds?" asked Daddy.

The children shook their heads.

"He said," continued Daddy, "that someday He would come back to earth and we will see Him coming through the clouds. I think of that whenever I see the lovely clouds in the sky."

"Now the clouds will remind me of Jesus' coming, too," said Linda.

"Maybe it will be a day like this," exclaimed Gary, "When the clouds are moving fast!"

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to be my Savior. Thank You that He is coming again to take those who love Him to heaven. In His name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 13:32-37

Coming Soon

"When will Aunt Doris get here?" asked Gary as he picked up a freshly-baked cookie from the table.

"I don't know," replied Mom. "She has eight hundred miles to drive. She may get here late tonight or she might come sometime tomorrow. We have her room and everything ready."

"I'll be glad to see her whenever she gets here," declared Gary.

"So many cars go by," sighed Linda, "but none of them belong to Aunt Doris."

"Keep watching," encouraged Mom. "She will be coming."

Jesus promised to come back. We don't know when He will come. We want to watch and be ready for Him.

Prayer:

I love You, Jesus, and I want to be ready when You come. Help me to read the Bible and pray. Help me to understand and obey the things You tell me. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 14:3-9

The Best

"That's a pretty bottle, Aunt Doris," said Linda as she watched Aunt Doris unpack her suitcase.

"That's a bottle of perfume I received for my birthday," answered Aunt Doris.

"The perfume is almost gone. Would you like the bottle when it's empty?"

"Oh, yes," replied Linda. "I like perfume bottles. They remind me of the woman who poured her perfume on Jesus' head."

"She wanted to give Him a gift to show her love," said Aunt Doris. "She gave Him the best she had."

"Some of the people thought it was a strange thing for her to do," remembered Linda.

"Yes," nodded Aunt Doris. "But Jesus spoke kindly to her. He is always pleased when we give our best to Him because we love Him."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, there are many ways I can show I love You. I do not have lots of money to give, but help me to remember as long as I am doing my best You are pleased. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 11:1-10

The Walk

"It's warmer out today," said Gary when he came home from school. "May we take the puppies outside?"

"Yes," answered Mom. "I think Queenie would enjoy taking her family for a walk."

"Walk! Walk! Me too," said Betsy.

"Yes," laughed Linda. "You may go, too."

Soon the three children, Queenie, her puppies, and, of course, Mittens the kitten were walking down the sidewalk.

"Such a parade!" laughed Mom as she watched them from the window.

In no time, all the children in the neighborhood gathered about.

"Look, Betsy is walking!" someone shouted.

"The puppies! The cute puppies!" said another.

"Oh, see the kitten. The kitten has a dog for a mother," laughed another.

Slowly and happily the children and animals made their way around the block and back to their own home.

"That reminded me," laughed Gary, "of the time the crowd followed Jesus into Jerusalem. Everyone was glad He was there. They all shouted and talked at once."

"Yes," said Mom. "They were saying He was king. That's just what Jesus wants to be—king of our lives."

Prayer:

I'm glad You came to earth, dear Jesus, to tell me of God. I want You to be my Savior and King. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 15:22-33

Saved

Queenie barked excitedly. She ran into the street, picked Mittens up by the fur on the back of her neck, and hurried back to the curb.

"Did you see that?" shouted Gary.

"Sure did!" answered Linda.

"That car almost ran over Mittens," said Gary.

"Queenie might have been killed, too," added Linda.

"Queenie didn't think about herself," replied Gary. "She was thinking about saving Mittens. She loves that kitten."

Linda nodded. "Now I understand better about Jesus. He was thinking about you and me and all the other people when He died on the cross. He loves us and died to save us."

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for loving me. Thank You for dying on the cross to save me. Help me never to forget You are my Savior. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 16:1-7

It Is Open

"Please get the book on the front seat of my car, Linda," called Aunt Doris. Then she closed the window quickly for it was very cold outside.

Linda started toward the garage.

Gary came running home from school. "Hi, Linda," he said. "You beat me home. Why do you look so unhappy?"

"Aunt Doris wants me to get a book in her car for her. I can't open the garage door. It sticks," explained Linda.

"It is hard," agreed Gary. "I'll see if I can help you."

"Oh, look there!" exclaimed Linda. "The door is open!"

"Just like the rock was rolled away from Jesus' tomb," laughed Gary.

"The women found the hard work was done for them," said Linda. "Most important of all, though, they found that Jesus was alive again. What a glad time that was!"

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that I know Jesus is living. Thank You that I know someday I will live in heaven with Him. In His name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1965

Read Scripture: Mark 16:14-20

Tell Others

"You seem happy all the time, Aunt Doris," said Linda.

"I am happy," answered Aunt Doris. "Tomorrow your Uncle Jim will come. Then in another month we will sail for Nigeria."

"I wish you didn't have to go so far away," sighed Linda. "It will be such a long time before we see you again."

"I know," agreed Aunt Doris, "but we are doing what Jesus wants us to do. He told us to go into all the world. He wants some people to work for Him at home. He wants others to work away. We know He wants us in Nigeria to tell people of God. We wouldn't be happy anywhere else."

"Do people always know where they can best serve Jesus?" Linda wondered.

"Yes," answered Aunt Doris. "If they try to follow Him, they know where and how He wants them to serve."

"I'm going to follow Jesus," said Linda. "I know I will be happiest if I do."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Jesus. While I am young help me to learn and to do all I can for You. Help me to know what You want me to do when I'm older, too. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MISSIONARY NEWS

NIGERIA

AS WE REFLECT on the past year we give sincere thanks to God for His kindness to us. We praise Him for the growth of our own area church (Lardin Gabas) and for the strengthening of the Fellowship of Churches of Christ in the Sudan and the Christian Council of Nigeria.

During the year we welcomed the executive visit of Calvert N. Ellis, chairman of the Foreign Mission Commission, Virgil Ingraham, general secretary of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, and J. Henry Long, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Commission, Church of the Brethren. We are thankful for the encouragement which was given by the visitors to increase our program and working budgets. We especially note the increase for missionary evangelistic travel, language study, new vehicles, and remodeling residences and vacation facilities.

One of the significant aspects of the visit was the inauguration of a new administrative structure for the mission. This brings the church in America and the church here into a new relationship. Missionary churchmen are now primarily and directly responsible to the Lardin Gabas for all their work.

Impact of Witness

While the impact of the Christian witness is far-reaching in education, medicine, and agriculture, we feel here that our greatest strides as a mission come in extending the church's life itself. In the past year 1,674 new members were baptized, increasing the membership of the church to over 10,000 persons. Another 2,300 persons have taken the covenant and are preparing for church membership. Preaching on any given Sunday occurs at 266 places of worship. More than 22,000 persons on the average gather at these services.

We have been pleased and impressed by the number of missionaries who have come to serve with us from other denominational backgrounds. At the present time, we have among our eighty-eight missionaries persons from six denominations other than the Church of the Brethren. We are also enjoying the fine relationship with the Evangelical Missionary Society of Basel, Switzerland, on the northeast border of our mission area. We have supplied them with some primary school teachers and they have students at Kulp Bible School. W have been discussing the possibilities of receiving sta from their mission. Negotiations are under way to hav their converts become a part of Lardin Gabas.

The church rejoices that during the year more N gerians have been able to accept places of responsibilit But as we look to the future we continue to face th problem of insufficient leadership. Our pastors and mi isters are in need of more training. We also expres concern that so many of our congregations do not hav missionary churchmen to help them during this stag of transition.

Magnitude in Action

The magnitude of the Brethren witness is seen in edu cation as well as in evangelism. At the beginning of th year there were 42 primary schools training over 7,00 pupils to take their place in their communities and th church. We have 202 Nigerian teachers in our progran

We are happy for the relatively smooth turnover c three of our mission schools to the Bornu Educatio Authority. This was a first for our mission and for thi part of Nigeria. As this nation struggles for her economy it is difficult to predict what financial assistance fro



General Secretary's Deputation. Left to right—Elder Ma Sule, Virgil Ingraham, Roger Ingold and Elder Ngamarij

the government can be expected for the operation of our schools. This is easily the most difficult and discouraging aspect of the educational program. The grant system was changed this year, doubling the cost borne by the mission and the community. One school closed because of this action.

Waka Schools continue to develop into smoothly running institutions. The Teacher Training College is a five-year program for the development of primary teachers. The December 1963 class was the first to leave with full qualifications to teach all classes in the primary school. This program has 149 students enrolled in it. The Waka Secondary School program has 161 students. We presently have the best qualified staff which we have ever had at these schools but some posts need to be filled and we need to plan for more permanency of that staff.

Medical Ministry Increases

In the United States there is about one doctor for less than one thousand persons. In our area we have a ratio of one doctor for every one hundred thousand persons. This accounts for our continued increase in the work load. During the past five years the patient load at Garkida Hospital has increased fifty per cent and in 1963 deliveries alone increased twenty per cent. Our eleven mission station dispensaries treated some sixty thousand new cases this year.

Northern Nigeria has the largest leprosy control scheme in the world, and one half million people have been treated since its inception. We have played a significant role in the development of this scheme in our area, so that although leprosy is still a problem, there has been a marked reduction in its incidence. During the year twenty-eight per cent of the cases surveyed in outpatient clinics were discharged cured. At our Garkida Hospital we are continuing our rehabilitation, agricultural, and occupational therapy programs and seeking more Nigerian participation in administration.

The 1964 Simulium fly survey of the Hawal River Valley indicated that the river blindness project was a success. The fly has either been eradicated or temporarily controlled. Dr. Burke's public health program has also provided a successful introduction to "prevention rather than cure" medicine.

Rural Development

Each year more farmers come for service and advice from the rural development staff. Seventeen farmers were given loans this season, making a total of 102 who have been helped with oxen and plow. Thirty have paid off their loans. A few are now getting wagons, peanut hullers, and other equipment. We are introducing a peanut digger, a cultivator, and a drag. We hope to develop a planter. These are to be used with oxen, although some tractors are doing custom work in the riceland preparation.

The Future Farmer clubs continue. The Kulp Bible School graduates have been able to show others improved methods followed in the school. The poultry and swine projects excited interest, fertilizers and insecticides were distributed, and new varieties of peanuts, corn and rice were widely used this year. We also developed a shallow-well digger which helped many communities during the dry season.

Some 370 girls participate in the Girls' Life Brigade. Official permission has just been granted to organize another girls' group which uses the local vernacular.

Personnel

M. Umaru H. Tarfu began his duties in November as the assistant manager of the primary schools. During the year, fifteen persons were appointed to serve in Nigeria. Two medical doctors will also be arriving in January for a three-month term.

Missionary personnel assigned to Nigeria, including missionaries on furlough, short-term workers, BVS'ers, I-W's and non-Brethren with the mission, total eighty-eight.

Summing Up

There continues to be much opportunity for expansion in all of our program areas in Nigeria. We believe a still greater work awaits the church there.

GOSPEL MESSENGER
Church of the Brethren



Missionaries' JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Valerie Rowsey	January 1, 1962
Rebecca Byler	January 11, 1958
H. Raymond Aspinall	January 19
Deborah Curtis	January 20, 1960

Why not join the
TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

Brethren Youth Crusaders



STEWARDSHIP

Junior Topic under Goal number 5

SCRIPTURE—Philippians 4:13-23

MUSIC—"A Charge to Keep I Have," "Jesus Paid It All."

PUBLICITY—Make a poster showing people in various acts of stewardship such as singing, placing money in an offering plate or a clock to show the value of time. These pictures may be obtained from magazines, church materials or may be drawn on the poster. Be sure to include all the vital information such as time, place, date and topic title.

LESSON—



Part I — In this section of our study we suggest that you make a large clock on posterboard leaving enough room around the edges to write in various items. The object of this section of study will be to show each person how valuable his time is for God. Have the youth name different things they should be doing for Christ and write these items at the hour mark on the clock. Therefore, you should have at least 12 different things to correspond with the hours marked on the clock. If you have a chalkboard available, you might want to use it rather than the posterboard. You might want to include such suggestions as attending church services, youth meetings, visiting the sick, helping a neighbor, witnessing, etc.

After these ideas are named and written down, ask each student to consider them and see how many of these activities are included in his hours. Point out that we use much of our time for other pleasures rather than the privilege of serving God.

Part II — This portion of the lesson will emphasize the importance of our talents and how we should use them. The following three suggestions could be used or any combination of them:

A. Have different members display their talents such as singing, recitation, playing an instrument, etc. These, of course should know what their part will be well in advance of the evening's study so they can prepare.

B. Set up a "Talent Hunt" in your church. Arrange with the pastor for this program and for use of the mimeograph machine in your church or some method of producing a Talent Hunt questionnaire. On this form you should ask for the person's name address and phone number and have a simple form for him to check if he sings and what part, plays an instrument and what kind, would like to teach, would help direct music, conduct the nursery etc. It would be well to check with the pastor for special needs in your church and include them on this form so you might find a person who would be able to fulfill that particular need. The group should see that these forms are distributed either by mail or in the Sunday bulletin or mid-week newsletter and that they are tabulated and the information given to the pastor and church leaders.

C. Complete the following statements with the words provided. Each student should have his own copy and be able to check his answers after everyone has completed the work.

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1. A talent is to be ————, not ————.
2. Each person is given at least ——— ————.
3. The Bible says if we do not use our talents, they will be ———— ————. Matt. 25:28
4. Paul says our reasonable service is to present our ———— as living ———— in service to Him. Rom. 12:1
5. God has given us different kinds of gifts or abilities such as apostles or ————; evangelists or ———— and ————. Eph. 4:11
6. Every gift is given to us by the ————. James 1:17
7. Though we may have different talents, they are all distributed by the same ————. I Cor. 12:4
8. Our gifts or abilities should be used with ————. I Cor. 13:1-3, 13.

Words for the above blanks:

prophets	bodies	used	pastors
talent	taken	Spirit	one
love	sacrifices	away	
teachers	Father	hidden	

Answers given below.

Part III — The final section of this lesson includes consideration of our treasures and what portion should be given to the Lord. A Sword Drill follows which gives references on what we are expected to return to God. Each student should have a *Bible* which must remain closed until the reference is given and then the first person finding the reference may read it.

Leviticus 27:30, I Corinthians 16:2, Genesis 28:22, Philippians 4:15, Malachi 3:10, Proverbs 3:9, II Corinthians 9:7, Malachi 3:8, Acts 20:35, Romans 12:8.

Answers to Part II-C: 1-used, hidden; 2-one talent; 3-taken away; 4-bodies, sacrifices; 5-prophets, pastors, teachers; 6-Father; 7-Spirit; 8-love.



All things belong to God—we are His caretakers.

1. Do I give at least a tithe (one-tenth) of my income to the work of the Lord? Yes? No?
2. Do I give God a fair share of my time? Yes? No?
3. Are my God-given talents dedicated to His work and glory? Yes? Sometimes? No?

How do you rate?

DERBY SENIORS

The BYC youth group at Derby, Kansas has been moving ahead the past few months, working on various projects.

One of the first activities the church accomplished was the "Every Member Canvass" meeting in which the youth took an active part. There was a small luncheon and a meeting afterwards where a discussion about the new church plans took place with missionary secretary, Rev. Virgil Ingraham, leading the discussion.

The next project was a paper drive which took place in October with all the members helping to gather papers in Mulvane and Derby, Kansas.

For our December project, Christmas cards and wrapping paper were sold.

On Wednesdays and once a month in the Sunday BYC meetings, the book of Acts is studied and the questions are asked. Pray for us that the Lord might bless as we work for Him.

Gwen Grieve, secretary

SISTERHOOD

APPRECIATING GOD'S GIFTS

by MRS. DAVID OVERDORF

DO YOU KNOW why the Bible has endured so long? Because no matter how long ago those people lived, they felt and acted the same way we do. They struggled along in and out of God's will and so do we. The Bible has the solution to that struggle, and it always remains the same — surrender. There's no substitute for it nor anything so rewarding.

To prove my point I'd like you to stop right here and read Luke 18:10-14, and then be prepared to answer some personal questions about yourself.

To begin with, are you popular? I mean do people like you and select you above others to lead them and if they do, why? Did you plan it that way by scheming or maybe pushing someone else aside so you'd be recognized? Did you start an "I'm in Favor of Me" campaign and manage to come out on top? Now maybe this doesn't exactly pertain to you, but let's face it, it's pretty important to be important! However, whether you realize it or not yet, how you were elected president of the class, or cheerleader for the football team is what really counts.

Now listen to this next question carefully. Are you struggling with God on the outside but without God on the inside? In other words, your friends believe you to be a Christian, but at night before you go to bed your prayers go something like this: "Lord, I thank you that I'm talented enough to be chairman of the decoration committee. I'm personable and have a lot of good Christian friends, and I don't associate with those beneath me. Thank you for not making me like them. Amen." Sound familiar? It should—you read almost the same prayer in the Bible a short time ago. This very old Book has the same old advice, "For everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

God can't work in you if you're too proud to admit you might be fallible. He can't make you popular, as only He can, if you won't allow yourself to be lowered occasionally to help others. You might stop to observe that those beneath you are probably there because you didn't bend down to help them up. Remember this, you can make more friends in two weeks by being interested in them than you can in two years by trying to make them interested in you.

Now let's devote a few paragraphs to a different type of person. Someone who perhaps fills an image of you. Suppose you would like very much to be a very important person but you don't know how to even begin the struggle. You don't seem to have any outstanding talents or even very many friends. If this is your problem, I say, "Good!" Good, because now you can start at the bottom and come up right.

The first step is giving your *whole* self to the Lord right away and really meaning it. Now don't get me wrong, this doesn't guarantee instant popularity. You'll be the same old person but with a different outlook, and two things I can guarantee are a new sense of right and wrong, and an unbelievable love for others. What could make you more popular than this? And here's the best part of all; being the center of attraction won't be your goal any longer. You'll be living for God both inside and out, and with such a Power controlling you, your prayers will become words of humility, sincerely spoken and very real. Nothing else will matter and you will be fulfilled.

Suppose we now ponder briefly that word talent. You know, we're very fortunate. God has given almost all of us a talent in common; the capacity to learn. Complete surrender won't enhance all A's, but there will be a new awareness of the innumerable things you don't know and a desire to find them out. God will show you the way, but you'll have to do most of the work yourself. Edgar Guest puts it the best way I know:

Friend, if a mountain you should see,
Crusted with jewels thick,
And you were told that you were free
Each day a gem to pick
And bear away the precious stone,
Henceforth to be your very own,
Would you return with spade and sack,
Or on such fortune turn your back?

Suppose by him who watched it there
'Twas very plainly told
That each could take what he could bear
of silver and of gold,
But must himself alone obtain
And carry what his strength could gain,
Would you begrudge the labor which
Promised in time to make you rich?

Well, college is a mountain steep,
With jewels richly set,
And who shall venture there may keep
Whate'er he wills to get,
But he himself must dig it out,
Unaided carry it about.
And to the mountain come alone
To make the knowledge there his own.

Who toils for truth shall find it there,
'Tis ever on display,
And none who watched you will care
How much you take away.
The gems are stored on ledge and shelf,
But you must earn them for yourself
'Tis yours to choose and yours to say
What riches you will bear away.

Perhaps God won't lead you into college, but an obligation to develop yourself the best you can remains ever before you. So you see, there will always be a struggle, but there will be things to appreciate along the way. Don't overlook or forget them, because God can take what seems like nothing and make it part of the most vital Power on earth—Himself. What more could you want?

Our guest writer this month is Mrs. David Overdorf, the former Shari Linton, of South Bend, Indiana. Thank you, Shari, for your contribution and for helping us to more greatly appreciate the gifts of God.

The Times of the Gentiles in PROPHECY

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

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THE "TIMES OF THE GENTILES" is an expression of Scripture used only once, and that by Jesus in Luke 21:24. The writer of the gospel that records the words was a Gentile Christian. He was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write a different record than that of the other gospel writers. Matthew, we know, wrote his gospel of and to Israel. Luke was inspired to write his message to and for the Greeks. Therefore, he emphasized the references made by the Master relative to those who were not of Israel—the Gentiles as recorded in verses 20-24. Jesus foretold the destruction of Jerusalem and its condition as "Trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

The destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. by Titus the Roman General is a fact of history which needs no enlargement here. Not only was that part of Jesus' prediction fulfilled, but Jerusalem has been trodden down of the Gentiles even unto this day, and shall be "Until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

Let us clarify the use of the words *the Gentiles* in relation to Israel. God had said to Abraham, *I will make thee a great nation* (Gen. 12:2a - A.S.V.). Pursuant to the promise, God also said, *Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, northward and southward and eastward and westward: for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever* (Gen. 13:14b, 15 - A.S.V.). The seed of Abraham became a great nation known as Israel, and still is. Israel possessed the God-given land; she owned it and still does, for it was given to her *forever*. But Israel was dispossessed. She was unfaithful to the trust, as recorded in Deut. 29:10-13, and the warning given to the people at the time of the *trust* or *covenant* has been invoked (Deut. 29:22-28), *And Jehovah rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as to this day* (Deut. 29:28 - A.S.V.). But they are still Israel and God knows where every living Israelite is today. Some two million have returned to their homeland in this century. All of the rest of them are scattered among the nations.

The Gentiles are all people who do not come within the covenant of Israel. The covenant of Abraham was renewed with Isaac, with Jacob, and Jacob's children forever.

God has always made His sun to rise on the Gentiles as well as the Israelites. Paul said on Mars Hill that, "God made of one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed seasons, and the bounds of their habitation." Gentiles have had their blessings from God, but Israel was given a special work to do and covenant to keep; for it was through her that the revelation of God's plan of Salvation and Blessing was to be made.

Jehovah established His people in the land of His gift, and selected Jerusalem as the city of His visible presence. There stood the temple housing the Ark of the Covenant. There were the cherubim and the mercy-seat, and over it dwelt the Shekinah Glory as the pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night. The visible manifestation had accompanied the Ark from Sinai unto the days of Ezekiel.

When God chose the people of Israel for His special possession, He promised untold blessings for their fidelity, but at the same time assured them of retribution for unfaithfulness. Often punishment was necessary, and the Gentiles were used as instruments to execute the judgments of God. The references here are to the major incidents of Israel's history.

At the time of the beginning of the Times of the Gentiles, Israel had become exceedingly sinful, and the core of its iniquity was idolatry. The first commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," was violated. Idols to many false gods dotted the land. Phallic emblems were displayed on every street corner. Children were sacrificed to Molech in the valley of Hinnom. Worship in the temple was desecrated in the extreme. Jehovah charged through the Prophet Ezekiel, *Do ye pollute yourselves after the manner of your fathers? and play ye the harlot after their abominations? and when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, do ye pollute yourselves with all your idols unto this day? and shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel* (Ezek. 20:30, 31 - A.S.V.). Then said He, *The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness* (Ezek. 9:9a - A.S.V.). Je-

hovah had reached the limit of His patience and He removed the Shekinah Glory from Israel. Sadly Ezekiel relates what he saw, *And the glory of Jehovah went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city* (Ezek. 11:23 - A.S.V.).

The Shekinah was departed and what was the doom of Israel? A curse was pronounced upon the ruling house. Ezekiel delivered the sentence. *Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: this burden concerneth the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel...they shall go into exile, into captivity. And the prince that is among them...I will bring him to Babylon...he shall die there* (Ezek. 12:10-15 - A.S.V.). Jeremiah, also, was sent to the house of King Johoiakim (also called Jeconiah, and Coniah) to deliver the curse on the family. Here are the culminating words, *Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days; for no more shall a man of his seed prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling in Judah* (Jer. 22:30 - A.S.V.). And from that hour, the house of Solomon was set aside and the hand of the executioner was at the gates.

Someday, Jehovah's plan to make Israel the center of the earth and its government will be brought to fruition, for He had said, *Jehovah thy God will set thee on high above all the nations of the earth: and all these blessings shall come upon thee...if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of Jehovah thy God... but if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of Jehovah thy God, to observe to do all his commandments...Jehovah will send upon thee cursing, discomfiture and rebuke, ...Jehovah will cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies...and thou shalt be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth ..and Jehovah will scatter thee among all the peoples, from one end of the earth even unto the other...and among these nations shalt thou find no ease...but Jehovah will give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and pining of soul* (Deut. 28 - A.S.V.). What a prospect! And it has come to pass. Israel failed Him, and God removed the Shekinah. He gave the world into the hands of the Gentiles and the Times of the Gentiles began. (This will continue in next issue)

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

WHAT THEN?

After the joys of earth,
After its song of mirth,
After its hours of light,
After its dreams so bright—
What then?
Only an empty name,
Only a weary frame,
Only a conscience smart,
Only an aching heart, ...
Only a sad farewell
To a world loved too well, ...
What then?
Oh, then — the judgment throne,
Then all the woes that dwell
Oh then — the last hope — gone!
In an eternal Hell!

—Selected.

JOHN, IN REVELATION, saw this judgment (Re 20:11). He saw Christ the Judge (Rev. 1:14-16) He saw the people who came before the great whit throne (Rev. 20:12). These people are the unsave resurrected for judgment and Hell (John 5:28, 29) This resurrection (Rev. 20:13) is the second resur rection, and follows a thousand years after the firs resurrection (20:5, 6). John saw the books, the record (v. 12). From these records the secret sins will b brought to light (Matt. 5:28; I John 3:15). Finally John saw the unsaved cast into the lake of fire (Re 20:15).

The great white throne judgment scene is so aw ful that the heavens and the earth vanish away (11). In this connection we may also refer to Reve lation 21: 1 and II Peter 3:10. Six times in the firs seven verses of Revelation 20, the term "a thousan years" is used. The Word teaches plainly the fac of two resurrections (Dan. 12:2). Paul speaks of tw resurrections (Acts 24:15). In physical death the sou and spirit are separated from the body (Eccl. 8:8) The second death (Rev. 20:14) is complete separatio of body, soul and spirit from God in an eternal dy ing. The second death has no power over the right eous (v. 6). The punishment of the second death wi be according to the sinner's desert (Luke 12:47). T die without faith in Christ is to be as lost as the mos wicked sinner (Rev. 21:8). A comparison of Revelatio 19:20 with 20:10 shows, that the beast and the fals prophet are still in the fire of Hell after a thousan years.

In a day that is not far,
At the blazing judgment bar,
Even now the awful summons I can hear;
I must meet the mighty God,
I must face His holy Word,
I must stand before the judgment bar.

Every secret lust and thought
There shall be to judgment brought,
When the Lord in all His glory shall appear;
All the deeds of darkest night
Shall come out to greet the light
When I stand before the judgment bar.

I must meet my cankered gold,
For whose greed my life was sold,
It shall mock me in the judgment's lurid glare,
Saying, "Ye have sold for nought
All the Savior's blood had bought,
And you stand before the judgment bar."

—J. A. Brown



Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

HIGH FIDELITY

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of y departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, have finished my course, I have kept the faith (II imothy 4:6, 7).

We have a "Hi Fi" in the Brethren's Home, which nothing more or less than an "educated radio," nproved to give more minute reproductions of the rograms produced on it. The nickname "Hi Fi" stands r high fidelity, meaning a more exact rendering the speech or music which is reproduced on the instrument. Friends in the Flora Church, and others, have provided us with a fine array of the best programs on the market.

A newspaper advertisement catches the eye with this headline: "Five exciting adventures in high fidelity, yours free." This is a reference to recordings of music by five famous musicians.

High fidelity is an idea that belongs not exclusively to music. Paul sums up his life in our text as one of high fidelity. High fidelity to the great commandments—love of God and love of neighbor—is a rather exciting adventure. It is exciting—and rewarding—to reproduce in the living of each day that which God sets before man as the way of life. This means highest allegiance to Him who came to reveal God to man and uncompromising concern for the well-being of our neighbor. Shall we not strive each day that the music of our living be in "high fidelity" to His love for us.

Vhen the McKenzies of Portsmouth eturned a visit from a Russian family

THEY WENT TO CHURCH IN MOSCOW

by MYRON J. TAYLOR



The McKenzies visit the Kremlin. eft to right are: Anatole Podznev, hilip McKenzie, interpreter, Jim cKenzie, Carol Jean McKenzie, ina Podznev, Victor Podznev, and torney Ronald McCowen.

ON APRIL 22, 1964, a cable arrived from Moscow, Russia, viting the James McKenzie fam-, of Portsmouth, Ohio, to visit e Soviet Union for the May Day stival May 1.

Needless to say, this caused quite stir in the McKenzie household. Should they accept the invitation? Could they, with so short a time to prepare? They decided to try. With much special assistance from our State Department and the Soviet Embassy in Washington all necessary arrangements were made and Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, with their son, Philip, were on their way to Moscow.

Just who financed the trip? The best information the McKenzies could gain was that the seventeen thousand members of the "Trade Union" in the automobile factory where Victor Podznev worked were sponsoring the visit.

Return Visit

At Christmas time last year the Portsmouth, Ohio, Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored the "Peace on Earth" project that brought the Victor Podznev family for a visit to our town. This visit received world-wide attention for several days. During their visit the Podznevs attended church at Central Church of Christ. The return invitation to the McKenzies was a gesture of good will on the part of the Russian people.

The McKenzies went from New York by plane to Amsterdam, whence they were taken to Moscow on the Russian airliner, "Air-Float." As soon as they boarded the Russian plane they became aware of a totally different atmosphere. Their feeling was "uneasy, a little frightened." They were received kindly but began to gain an impression which deepened as the trip progressed—that Russia was a land of mystery.

They were told immediately that all cameras and photographic equipment must be put away; no pictures would be allowed. This irritated Mr. McKenzie, for when the Russians visited the U.S.A., he and Mrs. McKenzie had even bought a camera for them.

Upon arrival at Moscow he protested this action at once. Why were the Russians so sensitive about picture taking? The Podznevs had no such restrictions placed on them while visiting in Portsmouth. Three government men went into a huddle. The spokesman came back to the visitors from America, instructed a reporter to turn on a tape recorder, asked Mr. McKenzie to restate his objections, apologized, and gave permission for Mr. McKenzie to take any pictures he desired while on his visit. This agreement was honored as long as they were in Russia.

The visitors' place of residence was the Metropol Hotel. The Podznevs have only a two-room apartment and so could not entertain the McKenzies in their home. The Podznevs did meet them early each morning and accompanied them on trips to meals, etc.

The McKenzies spent eight days in Russia. The trip had been planned for eleven days but they wanted to visit some other cities in Europe and cut short their visit. This did not please the Russians and may have deeply offended the Podznevs.

Kremlin and Parade

The first day in Moscow took the Americans to the Kremlin. Their evaluation was—"the only thing in the Soviet Union that an American would be impressed with." There was dignity, strength, and a cold, disciplined atmosphere. A visit to the Kremlin makes you feel that the Russians mean business.

Then came a visit to the American Embassy. Here the McKenzies were advised to be very careful with any conversation in their hotel room. It was suspected that the room was "bugged"—that is, wired with microphones to record all conversation. "We are sure our room was bugged; also the table at which we ate in the hotel." It was ironic for them to return home and learn that the very room they had visited in the American Embassy had been wired for the picking up of all conversation!

The mammoth May Day parade was the next major event. The American visitors had to pass at least seven barricades of guards, placed about three-quarters of a block apart, before they arrived at the place for the parade. The crowd of spectators was estimated at two million. The whole affair went off in a precise, machine-like manner. There was a formidable military display, and the visitors, in keeping with the policy made on their arrival, took pictures of it all.

The visitors made an interesting observation about the Russian people. "They didn't look up, they didn't look right, they didn't look left. They just kept their noses right in front of them and went about their business. They didn't speak to each other and there was no display of expression or emotion. You never see anyone smile."

When pressed by reporters to express what he thought of the Russian people, Mr. McKenzie finally said he thought they were very unfriendly. He said no one would speak to him or even look at him. The government officials offered several explanations during the visit. Basically, they said, the people had been subjected to so much suffering in pre-Communist days and under Stalin that they had learned to tend to their own bus ness and not get involved wi others.

Church

Then came what was to be t high light of the entire visit f these American Christians—atte dance at church. The Russians h planned to tour another plant. T McKenzies made it clear that th expected to go to church. At fi the Russians said the itinera could not be changed. They we reminded of how many times la winter plans in Portsmouth we changed to allow the Podznevs do what they desired. After a ha day's deliberation permission w reluctantly granted.

On all previous occasions t McKenzies had been accompani by a busload and a car full of r porters, ever present, interviewi and even taking film as th walked along the streets. On Su day morning the Americans ca to the hotel door and there was n one except a lone driver to ta them to church. "This was the fi time since we arrived in Mosc that we were alone outside o room."

The visitors were taken direct to the church. It was a drea rainy morning. The building wou seat comfortably seven or eig hundred, but Mr. McKenzie es mated that fifteen hundred mu have been present that day. Pe ple were standing out on the ste down every aisle, into every co ridor. The place was packed. general impression the congreg tion was made up of "humble, poo sad looking people."

An usher had to ask people leave in order for the McKenzi to have seats. The minister who d livered the sermon was in his thi ties. The sermons are delivered three languages each Sunday b cause there are so many Russia dialects. After the service the mi ister, Michael Zhurkov, came in the balcony to visit and invited t McKenzies to his study. The info mation he gave was probably mo interesting than anything else th learned on the trip. They felt was frank and honest with them

They had made two or three o servations of interest during t worship service. From their pos tion in the balcony the McKenzi had a good view of the congreg

ion and they noticed at once that ll over the building people were veeping — "Practically everybody vas crying." Later they questioned he minister about this and he xplained that the Russians are a leep and emotional people. This veeping was an expression of "joyful sorrow." When they are very appy the people weep.

Observable, too, was a continual otation of the people standing and hose sitting. One would stand a while, then another would stand o that he could be seated. This, f course, would prevent anyone rom becoming unduly tired from standing through three sermons.

One elderly lady apparently became ill and the ushers came to remove her so that she could receive medical treatment. She grasped he pew and held on: "They practically had to tear her out of the pew—she didn't intend to go." Worship means much to these people who have to pay such a high price for loving and believing in God.

Under the Soviet

The minister related that he had lost two brothers fighting Hitler's armies in World War II. He did his best to defend the present political system in the Soviet Union.

The church had a baptistry and all members are immersed. The Lord's Supper is observed once a month.

The minister was asked why the congregation did not enlarge their building since they obviously needed more space. He replied that the government owned all property and would allow no expansion of the building. The church does have much more religious freedom now than it had under Stalin. But there are no Sunday schools, no religious education for youth, no evening services. Only one service a week is permitted. The ministers could call in the homes of the Christians. The strength of the church depends entirely on one church service each week and what is taught in the home.

The present building is maintained through the giving of members, who are generous in spite of their limited means. The congregation supports three full-time ministers.

Mr. McKenzie asked, "What is the place of the church in Soviet society?" Minister Zhukov replied that the church is much more important now than a few years ago, but it is still struggling for existence. All worship was once prohibited; it is only tolerated now. Powerful forces are at work among the people to discourage church membership. Atheism is the official policy of the government. The church is considered "an obstruction to communism."

One Communist leader had explained: "Religion is like a nail, the harder you hit it on the head the deeper it goes into the wood. So we decided to tolerate it."

The government recently discovered among Russian children a stronger religious feeling than they had known. This led to an increase in antireligious propaganda in the public schools.

Most believers in Christ in the Soviet Union belong to the Russian Orthodox Church. Lutherans and Baptists are the strongest Protestant groups. The Baptists and Pentecostals have joined forces, with the Pentecostals agreeing to forego speaking in tongues. Many smaller sects have become active in recent years. Jehovah's Witnesses have probably made the most inroads; "This situation was made for them, for they are a house-to-house, in-the-home type of religious group anyway." Surely this has something to say to us in America!

The McKenzies were impressed with how unimportant many religious differences become in a climate of persecution. Denominational distinctions tend to drop away. "To believe in God and trust in Jesus Christ is everything. You feel like a brother to any man who will declare his faith in Christ."

The official policy of the Soviet government continues unchanged —the utter destruction of the church. In the newer industrial cities no churches are permitted to be built. The great cathedrals in the older cities have become museums. But resistance to such limitation is much greater than the government anticipated. The church does not die easily. After more than forty years, one of the most powerful governments in the world has not been able to destroy the church.

The guest register at the First Baptist Church of Moscow revealed many names well known in the U.S.A.—Billy Graham, Adlai Stevenson, former President Eisenhower, and many others.

One American family went to Russia on a good will tour and had enough conviction to go to church. They have returned home with a better understanding of the Russian people and a greater determination to serve the God whom some of the Russians pay so high a price to praise. They will never forget the day an American family went to church in Moscow.

Mr. Taylor is minister to the Central Church of Christ, Portsmouth, Ohio.

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CUBAN BAPTIST MINISTER CHARGES PERSECUTION

HALIFAX, N. S. (EP) — Clergy in Cuba are despised and humiliated and are under constant surveillance, a Baptist pastor said here. The clergyman, who asked anonymity, claimed asylum for himself, his wife and four children when a Cuban airliner landed at Gander, Newfoundland, Sept. 7. The plane was enroute to Spain and Czechoslovakia.

He said he had left Cuba because the Castro government had started teaching children hatred and persecution. "They teach them to inform on their parents and the youngsters are in danger of having their faith in God destroyed," he said.

ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED IN CANADA

TORONTO, ONT. (EP)—Anti-Semitic "hate literature" appeared here during the Jewish observance of Rosh Hashanah. Handbills were distributed outside Maple Leaf Gardens during the performance of the British quartet, the Beatles. The handbills suggested the Beatles were a part of a Jewish plot to corrupt the world. Later, window stickers on stores charged "Communism is Jewish."

The Brethren Layman

OUR MEMBERSHIP

Dear Brethren:

Here is our membership record as of Dec. 10, 1964. It is our first report for the current conference year and has been compiled by brother Delbert Mellinger, the national treasurer. The two year score is given in the hope that it will remind and encourage each of you to make or improve the record as shown. Let's push for the thousand membership mark.

	1963-64	1964-65	F.S.B. Gain or Loss
Akron	18	3	-15
Ardmore	23	23	
Ashland - Garber	16	13	- 3
Ashland - Park Street	15	3	-12
Berlin	0	14	+14
Bryan	16	18	+ 2
Burlington	0	6	+ 6
Canton	13	19	+ 6
Cheyenne	0	15	+15
County Line	9	9	
Dayton	27	21	- 6
Denver	4	0	- 4
Derby	10	12	+ 2
Elkhart	14	0	-14
Fairless Hills-Levittown	0	12	+12
Falls City	18	20	+ 2
Goshen	34	19	-15
Gratis	23	20	- 3
Hagerstown	46	25	-21
Huntington	12	10	- 2
Johnstown I	14	0	-14
Johnstown II	17	17	
Johnstown III	21	21	
Kokomo	0	10	+10
Lanark	16	0	-16
Loree	0	16	+16
Louisville	16	20	+ 4
Masontown	10	10	
Meyersdale	15	0	-15
Milford	0	16	+16
Milledgeville	15	17	+ 2
Muncie	0	7	+ 7
Nappanee	54	45	- 9
North Georgetown	11	9	- 2
North Liberty	14	15	+ 1
North Manchester	6	8	+ 2
Oak Hill	17	14	- 3
Roann	8	0	- 8
Sarasota	23	22	- 1
Smithville	14	16	+ 2
South Bend	42	27	-15
St. James	14	18	+ 4
Vandergrift-Pleasant View	17	17	
Vinco	21	12	- 9
Washington, D. C.	17	13	- 4
Waterloo	30	25	- 5
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BOYS' BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY by Rex McConahay

THE ANOINTING SERVICE

A paraphrase of James 5:14-16 by J. Paul Dowdy

"Is there any one of the Christian brethren among you who has sickness of any kind whatever? If so, he is commanded to call for the elders of the church, since the body of the believer belongs to the Lord; and when those devout overseers of the flock of God have come in to him, let them pray over him, earnestly asking of God that he may be healed, if it is the Lord's will; and they shall anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, as a symbol of reconsecration and of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon him to heal, and the prayer which is offered in faith, Nothing doubting, shall save him that is sick, and the Lord who redeemed him, if in His infinite wisdom it sha seem good to the Lord; and if he have committe sins for which the sickness may or may not be chastening from the Lord, his sins shall be forgive him."

I. Procedure of the anointing service. James 5:13-1

A. An afflicted person calls for the pastor t anoint him.

B. Oil is poured in the pastor's hand and place on the forehead of the sick person. The per son is then anointed in the name of th Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

C. The pastor and an assisting deacon put their hands on the head of the sick person and pray.

I. Scriptural Meaning.

A. Jesus commanded His disciples to anoint the sick for healing.
Luke 9:1, 2
Mark 6:13

B. The individual asks for the anointing.
James 4:14

C. The act of anointing was practiced in the Old Testament.
I Samuel 10:1, 2
I Samuel 16:12, 13
Genesis 28:18, 19

D. The act of anointing involves the Holy Spirit.
I Samuel 10:6

E. A confession of sins helps to free our heart and soul for a greater working of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
James 5:16
Proverbs 28:13
I John 1:9
Romans 10:9, 10

II. The spiritual significance to us.

The anointing with oil enables us to express full trust and confidence in God giving us peace and calmness to endure the operation or illness.

May each one look for meaning and value in our illness and afflictions. Search for God's plan in our lives. Use this time as a time of rest and study.

Into each life comes rainy days. Remember though that land without rain is a desert.

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

JOHNSTOWN III, PENNA.

THIRD BRETHREN laymen have been meeting regularly on a monthly basis with fair turnouts, about 14 to 21 each time. During our church building extension program, several of the meetings have been held in the homes of members. Plans are set for cooperation with the Men's Bible Class in what is known as the Game Supper, an annual affair held during the small game season in Pennsylvania. We plan, also, to have a joint meeting with the Boys' Brotherhood in December. Officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Floyd Benshoff; vice president, John Golby; secretary, Walter Ream; assistant secretary, Aldridge Tilley; treasurer, Theodore Jones.

Walter Ream, Secretary

OAK HILL, W. VA.

HELLO FROM OAK HILL. It's been quite some time since the laymen of our church have sent in a report although we have been doing some things.

We held our public service on May 1. The guest speaker was Charles Garvin. Mr. Garvin is the judge of our Fayette County and an active laymen in his church. Our most recent activity was a laymen's rally, held in October. The event, held on Saturday evening, had Mr. John Porte, national president, as the speaker. He remained in our midst to be the speaker at the Sunday morning worship service on October 18. A fine dinner was served at the rally by the W.M.S.

We elected officers for the coming year as follows: Paul Fox, president; Ed Hall, vice president; Layton Pegram, secretary-treasurer.

Pictured in photo below: L. Pegram, J. Porte, J. Mills, G. Koone, K. Pegram.



Ohio Conference Laymen's Retreat

A FALL RETREAT was held at Camp Bethany, located in the central portion of Ohio, on October 16-18, 1964, with members of the Miami Valley, and the Northeastern Ohio Districts of Brethren Laymen and their Boys' Brotherhoods in attendance.

With the weatherman cooperating, the men and boys worked under ideal conditions around the camp. At the same time they were able to behold the glory of God's Universe, both day and night, as the unknown number of fall colors made themselves visible as though we were viewing a gallery of thousands of God's paintings. In a very clear sky, the moon and stars seemed to make the most vivid impression as to the immensity of the galaxies scattered through the immeasurable miles of space in the heavens.

As the group gathered around the fireplace in the basement of the chapel, they were led in song by George Schuster of Trinity Brethren, Canton, Ohio; after which, Brother Royce Gates of the Firestone Brethren Church gave the evening devotions. Refreshments for the evening were furnished by the laymen of the Canton church. Registrations were handled by Brother Elmer O. Frank of the Smithville church.

Arising early on Saturday morning, the group was prepared to go forth for a day of work and recreation by the most inspiring period of devotion which was opened by Ohio Conference of Brethren Laymen President, Dave Brandenburg of Dayton, Ohio. Brother Dennis Randall of the Miami Valley District presented the devotional period with passages of Scripture taken from the book of Philippians pertaining to the love and peace of God in our daily lives. Following the ser-

vice and a hearty breakfast, the group then spent the rest of the day in clearing portions of the grounds of dead trees and cutting firewood for future camp use, painting portions of the newly rebuilt chapel, and doing various other chores.

After the evening meal, the group assembled in the chapel basement and were taken on an enlightening tour through the book of Job guided by Professor J. Ray Klingensmith of the Ashland College Seminary. The balance of the program consisted of films dealing with the wonders of nature both in the animal and vegetable kingdom throughout the state of Ohio, being presented by the N. E. O. District.

After refreshments, all retired to their cabins for the night having spent a most wonderful day of Christian fellowship together in work, and recreation with spiritual inspiration given at the beginning and closing of the day.

Rising early on Sunday morning, we were again inspired by Brother Dennis Randall in the early morning devotional period.

Following breakfast, Sunday school assembled with the boys having Brother Virgil Barnhart of Miami Valley as their teacher and leader. The adult group gathered together for a timely and appropriate lesson period dealing with the offices of the church concerning laymen. This period being led by George Schuster of the N. E. O. District.

The Worship service of the morning consisted of devotions led by Royce Gates, the song service led by Brother Elton Whitted, who then introduced the speaker of the morning, Rev. Perry Prather of Ashland. The message for this service was also a timely and appropriate one dealing with the responsibilities of Christian laymen, and offered a challenge to laymen and to the boys of the brotherhood who are the potential laymen of the future. This message, by a retired minister who seems to be more active now than ever, was a truly inspirational climax to a laymen's and boys' brotherhood retreat which will dwell in the memory of this reporter for as long as he is able to be so blessed.

George Schuster, Secretary
Ohio Conference of Brethren Laymen

Where are the HYPOCRITES?

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The man who says he is kept away from the church by hypocrites is not influenced by them to stay away from anywhere else.

Business is full of them, but he sees a chance to make some money; he doesn't stop because of that.

Society is crowded with them, and yet he never thinks of becoming a hermit.

Married life is full of them, but that doesn't make him remain a bachelor.

Hell is full of them, and yet he isn't doing a thing to keep from going there.

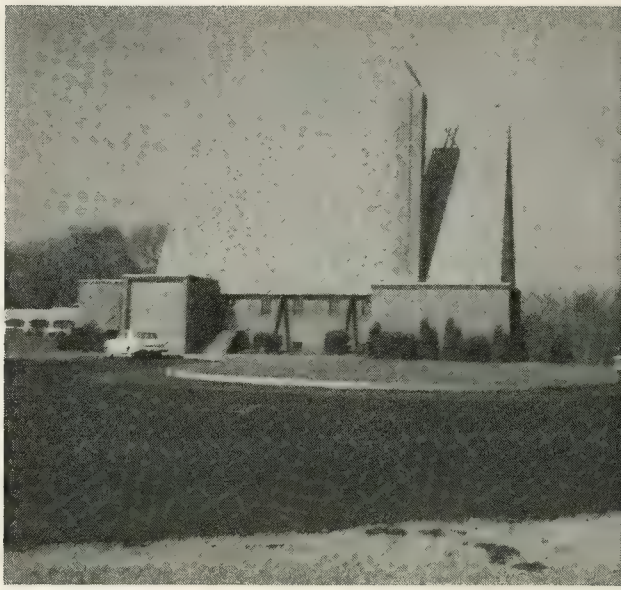
He wants to have you think that he is trying to avoid the society of hypocrites and yet he takes not a single step toward the only place no hypocrite can go—Heaven.

CANTON, OHIO

THE LAYMEN of Trinity Brethren Church in Can ton take great pleasure and pride in the fa that our church parking lot is now blacktopped. W have been working toward the completion of th project for the last two years, and each member the Laymen Club has been contributing toward th cause. The money we contributed, along with a ni gift from a friend of the Laymen, finally made possib the fulfillment of our goal.

The Laymen have been meeting monthly, and a making a serious effort to comply with our Nation Goals in order to form a stronger organization an further God's will among the men of our churc

Carl R. Howenstin



A good view of the Trinity Brethren Church of Can ton, Ohio, showing the black-top job just complete by the laymen.

SAYS KERMIT LONG, "With all our education, ou theology, our fine buildings, our image of the churc we are doing less to win people to Christ than ou unschooled forefathers did. We're no longer fishe of men, but keepers of the aquarium, and we spen most of our time swiping fish from each other's bowl "Keepers of the aquarium"—that phrase jolts u What a denunciation of some Christian churches!

There are far more important things to fast fro than bread and butter. The real fasting should b from wrong *willing*, wrong *thinking*, wrong *feelin* and wrong *acting*. In fasting from these things, will not be done to be seen of men; but in secret t be seen of God. To fast from poisonous thoughts an emotions is to be rewarded openly with a new sou and a new life.

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from the Woman's Outlook

Gleanings from STEWARDSHIP FACTS

by MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

ROMOTING CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP among our W.M.S. members and also our congregations as been the objective of the W.M.S. for many years. Ve firmly believe that Christian Stewardship is the ey to the growth of local congregations.

During National Conference each year, every Woan's Missionary Society is given a small book entled "Stewardship Facts," and I would like to share ith you some of the interesting things I read, especially the following story.

Perhaps the reason this story rang a bell with me s because during the month of January the Amerian people begin to think about income tax.

"The other day I checked a queer return. Some guy ith an income under $5,000 claimed he gave $642 o a church. Sure, he was within the 20 per cent mit, but it looked mighty suspicious to me. So I opped a trolley and dropped in on the guy and asked bout his return. I thought he'd become nervous like nost of them do, but not this guy. He came back at ne about the $624 without batting an eyelash.

" 'Have you a receipt from the church?' I asked, iguring that would make him squirm. 'Sure,' he said, I always drop them in the drawer.' And off he went o bring the receipts.

"Well, he had me. One look and I knew he was on he level. So I apologized for bothering him, explaining that I had to check on deductions that seem unusually high. Upon leaving, he invited me to attend hurch. 'Thanks, but I belong to a church, myself,' replied.

" 'Excuse me, that possibility hadn't occurred to ne,' he said with a smile.

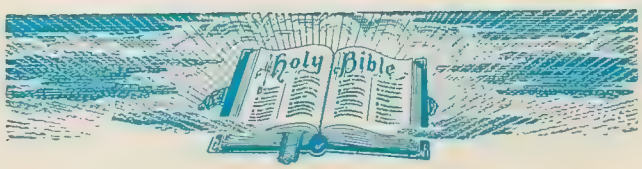
"As I rode home, I kept wondering what he meant y that last remark. It wasn't until Sunday morning vhen I put my usual dollar in the offering plate that t come to me."

The tax man suddenly became aware that there was omething wrong with his "usual dollar." Could he ave possibly been a Brethren layman? We must agree hat the tax man had not been practicing Christian tewardship of his material possessions. He had been atisfying himself by putting a dollar bill in the offering plate each Sunday. You and I know that a dollar does not buy as much for us as it did a few years go. Then why do we kid ourselves and expect the dollar bill to perform miracles in the church offering? In spite of rising costs, there are some people who expect the church to continue to get along on the same amount of money as it used to. This could be one of the reasons why ministers salaries are not raised.

Christian Stewardship is proportionate giving. Proportionate giving is giving a portion for Jesus and His cause. That calls for a definite amount or percentage. Unless people are ready to make a definite commitment to the Lord, they are not ready to give proportionately. This kind of giving requires a portion, a definite part of the entire income. Just as He expects us, His children, to proportion our time, so He expects us to proportion our money. Let us be fair. As we are forced to give Uncle Sam what rightly belongs to him, let us cheerfully give the Lord His share so that His work will not be hampered.

When we finally realize that our money is ourselves and that where our money is, there we are; then our money and its use become a glorious ministry in Christ.

I wonder, if Christ were here today
In person, as we are face to face,
Could I place in His hand this offering
And say, "It is all I had to bring
To spread Thy work of redeeming grace"?
I wonder, if Christ were standing here,
Watching our gifts of thankfulness,
Could I make this offering honestly,
With His loving eyes fixed on me
And feel it was something He could bless?
I wonder, if Christ is here today
And no heart motive hid from Him,
Can it be that He finds me hesitate
To sacrifice for a cause so great
Was I worth the cross to Him?



Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

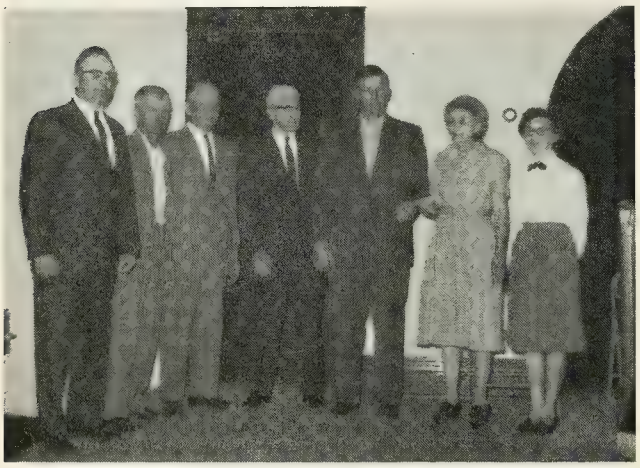
UDELL, IOWA

THE UDELL BRETHREN CHURCH would like to share a special occasion with the brethren. By the time this goes to print, the undersigned and wife will be occupying the new parsonage which is a great asset to the Udell church and surrounding community.

This picture shows Glen Mathews, church treasurer, handing a check for $1124.26 to Zola Saums, W.M.S. treasurer, which was sent to the mission board as a gift to missions by the church. This was the tithe from the inheritance which the church received from the estate of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gray, who had served as deacon and deaconess. Mr. Gray had also served on the board of trustees of the church for a number of years. The proceeds of the inheritance were used for the new parsonage.

Loyd Selex, Vernon Berger, and Lionel Spring served as the building committee for the new parsonage.

Rev. Amos Mast



Left to right: Loyd Selex, Vernon Berger, Lionel Spring, moderator; Amos Mast, pastor; Glen Mathews, church treasurer; Zola Saums, W.M.S. treasurer; and Mrs. Laurence Powell, W.M.S. president.

NORTH MANCHESTER, IND.

ON NOVEMBER 1, five persons, who had been instructed in the Pastor's Class on the meaning of church membership, were baptized and welcomed as members of the First Brethren Church at North Manchester, Indiana, and on November 15, two persons were received by letter.

This fall the Laymen held a public auction which netted them a good sum and replenished their treas ury.

Members of the Senior W.M.S. have made two trip recently; one to our mission station in Kentucky t distribute clothing, and another group went to th Flora Brethren's Home where they had a delightfu visit with former friends and also met new friend The Senior Sisterhood also visited the Home and pre sented a program.

The church had their third annual Visitation Da on November 29. Booklets based on the program the church and containing interesting pictures an illustrations were given to each family called on. Th was an every member visitation—not to solicit fo funds but to present the work of the church unde the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Woodrow Imme

Mrs. Salena Schutz
Corresponding Secretar

GRETNA, OHIO

THE GRETNA BRETHREN CHURCH received wonderful refreshing from the Lord in our re cent revival conducted by Rev. George Solomo Brother Solomon took a week of his vacation to lea us in this week of meetings. The Evangelist we ha selected could not come because of illness; so we wer happy that Rev. Solomon came to lead us in our sum mer meetings.

The average attendance for the 7 services was 9 We consider this good in view of the small churc small community and in the summer month of Augus Seventeen have been received into the membersh of the church as a result of the meetings. Ten o of the seventeen were adults. We were able to g into five new homes in these additions. This mak a total of 21 for the year.

Since March 15, we have had 100 or more in atte dance every Sunday in the Sunday school. Instea of experiencing a summer slump, we seem to ha gained. We are now crowded for room. One class meeting in the basement of the parsonage. For a this we thank God and give Him the glory.

In order to create a greater interest in our pray meetings and to help the youth in their quiz contes we have organized two prayer meeting groups; on for adults led by the pastor and one for the you led by the youth sponsors. Both groups are studyin the Book of Acts with "Witnessing" as the gener theme. We believe this will prove a wonderful bles ing to the church. The B.Y.C. has been meeting e ery Sunday evening now for some time.

We have supported the work at Massillon by liftin an offering for the new church. We observed Hom coming with Rev. Virgil Ingraham as the speake Rev. Joseph Shultz presented the challenge of th Seminary and our people have made a pledge to th work. Rev. Charles Munson, our District Evangeli was present recently. He gave a challenging messa and assisted in the ordination of Mr. and Mrs. Wilb Roby as Deacon and Deaconess.

Pray for our work here that it may continue grow in every Christian dimension.

Rev. L. V. King, Past

REV. HAMEL SELECTED YEAR'S CITIZEN



REV. J. D. HAMEL has been named the "Citizen of the Year" in Sarasota by Sarasota Bay Post 0, American Legion.

Rev. Hamel, pastor of the First Brethren Church, was warded the citation for his "outstanding American patriotism," his "selfless and tireless" work with Sarasota's youth, and "dedicated effort to establishing ife's guideposts in spiritual, moral and citizenship raining."

Rev. Hamel received his citation for "distinguished ublic service" from Jack Wilkins, commander of Legion Post 30.

The citation was presented during the annual Vetrans' Day memorial observances at Memorial Park oday.

A Sarasota resident for five years, Rev. Hamel lives t 2784 Cheryl Lane. He and Mrs. Hamel have three hildren.

He was trained originally in his family's jewelry usiness as a watchmaker. Sometimes he still practices this talent around 2 a. m. at the central fire station. During World War II, Rev. Hamel became a combat infantryman with the 32nd Infantry Division.

MAURERTOWN, VA.

DR. JOHN F. LOCKE of Maurertown, Va., and pastor of the Mt. Olive and Bethlehem churches, was the speaker for two weeks of meetings at the Maurertown Brethren Church. His messages were good and practical and delivered with vigor. The attendance was good, and I believe much good was accomplished.

One night the Choir came forward to dedicate their singing to the Lord. Another night a young girl came forward for rededication, and then another night the girl's Mother came forward and rededicated her life. Both have been active but felt that they needed to get closer to the Lord. There were two first-time confessions. These were the visible results. Time will tell more of what the preaching of the old-fashioned gospel accomplished. There was special singing each night, with our choir furnishing the music about six nights. The attendance was good with an average of 78 each night. Yes, the Lord blessed us real good.

Rev. Wilbur L. Thomas, pastor.

We do not enjoy a reign of law. God reigns. He is not imprisoned by His own house rules. Laws are His slaves, the tool-kit of the Divine Maintenance and Repairman. The earth does work like a vast machine, but the Maker runs it and can make it do anything He wants.

David A. Redding in THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST (Fleming H. Revell Company)



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NOTES and COMMENTS

PASTORS' CONFERENCE DATES

ALL BRETHREN PASTORS should note th Pastors' Conference Dates for this spring The dates that have been set are at a later dat than in past years.

The date of this conference is May 4-6! Be sur to mark these dates on your calendar.

Try To Preach Sometime

SOME LAY PEOPLE need to stand in the pulpi and try to preach. It would give them a fres viewpoint.

Here's the kind of experience you would have:

1. You would be thinking about those who wer home after Sunday school. Very inspiring!

2. You would be thinking about members cruis ing around in a boat, soaking up sunshine, or fish ing. Even more inspiring!

3. You would read the thoughts of some wear soul who says to himself: "Boy, I hope he'll mak it short today. I'm bushed. These pews get harde by the minute."

4. About halfway through your sermon you se a couple of people sound asleep; others yawnin or gazing into space (ecclesiastical spacemen You also wonder how many choir members ar doing likewise.

5. Suddenly you get the impression that severa members aren't listening at all. They are just tak ing inventory of you—tie straight, collar flat, hai combed just right? Then you forget your sermo wondering why a couple of teenagers are giggling

6. Back on the beam momentarily, you come t the climax of the message. Then you spot a lad taking a little girl by the hand and leading he out of the auditorium, while all eyes follow ther out the door.

TRY IT SOMETIME—C. Michael Warr, Pasto First Baptist Church, Rock Hill, S. C.



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the editor's editorial

"Captive in Christ's Triumphal Procession"

The following is a news item that came to your Editor's desk from the Evangelical Press Association which needs to be read by every Christian, therefore it is being presented here in the Editorial pages of this magazine.

DR. PAUL CARLSON'S TESTIMONY

Rolling Hills, Calif. (EP)—"But thanks be to God, who continually leads us about, captive in Christ's triumphal procession, and everywhere uses us to reveal and spread abroad the fragrance of the knowledge of himself."

These words, the rendering of II Corinthians 2:14 in the New English Bible, were quoted by Dr. Paul Carlson—medical missionary of the Evangelical Covenant Church slain in the Stanleyville massacre in The Congo—in the last tape received by his local church here.

In the tape, addressed to the Rolling Hills Covenant Church, Dr. Carlson referred to the uncertainties of the Congo situation at that time (August, 1964), but concluded with the hope that whatever might come, his life would reflect the latter part of the verse . . . that he would "reveal and spread abroad the fragrance of the knowledge" of Christ.

On November 24 he was machine-gunned to death with other white hostages held by the Simbas (rebel soldiers) on the streets of Stanleyville. But every indication was that the prayerful hope he expressed in his last communication to his church was fulfilled in his cheerful bravery in captivity and in his courageous death.

Said Ferdinand Deprey, a Belgian refugee from Stanleyville who had been held prisoner with Dr. Carlson: "He was very cheerful and a great moral example."

Until 1961, Dr. Carlson had conducted a private practice in Rolling Hills, exclusive community in the southern extremity of the sprawling Los Angeles metropolitan area. But in the fall of that year he responded to the urgent call for medical assistance in the strife-torn Congo, and went there for several months of service with the Congo Protestant Relief Agency. And when he returned his heart was burdened for the thousands of people he had seen in desperate physical and spiritual need.

In the words of his father, Gust Carslon, 63: "He told us he wanted to go back, that he wanted to do God's work and help where the need was the greatest. He said they needed him much more in the Congo than here.

"That is where he wanted to be."

With his wife, the former Lois Lindblom of Menominee, Mich., and his children Wayne, 9, and Lynette, 7, he applied for mission service through his denomination, the Evangelical Covenant Church, with headquarters in Chicago.

His wife and children were evacuated from the immediate trouble area in late August, but Dr. Paul Carlson felt his place was there in the crisis spot where he was needed most.

An associate of Dr. Carlson's, Miss Ann Berg, who left Africa late in September and is now in Oakland, California, stated: "Paul willingly went with rebel forces because they needed him to treat their wounded.

"He was a dedicated, kindly man. We told ourselves then that if anyone could get along with the rebels it would be Paul."

But apparently no one could "get along" with the rebels in the bitter tensions which developed. So there came that dark day when Dr. Carlson, along with many others, was led out to Lumumba Square—and then shot to death by the people he had sought to help in the name of Christ.

How has his family reacted? Dr. Dwight Carlson, 31, now in residency in Harbor General Hospital near here, declares: "We prayed as a family for his life; but prayed also that God's will would be done.

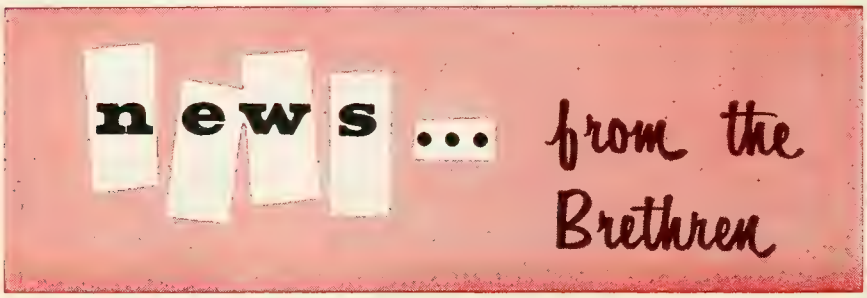
"Despite the emotion and tears that welled up in our hearts, we were reminded of a statement our mother made many years ago, that God had

given her each of her children and she and dad committed them to God to use as He saw fit.

"We feel He has done this in this incident."

To the Simbas, Dr. Carlson was their captive as they led him out in the Stanleyville street to die. But his family, and all those everywhere who share his faith in Christ and in the Bible as the Word of God, know that as he walked out to die, he was really "captive in Christ's triumpha procession." And somehow they know that, no only to those rebel captors but to all a shocke and grieved world, he has by his life and deat fulfilled his prayerful desire . . . he has reveale and spread abroad the fragrance of the knowledg of Christ.

Larry Ward



Sarasota, Fla. Rev. J. D. Hamel reports that four were recently baptized and received into membership of the church.

Conemaugh, Pa. It is reported that Mrs. Walter Wertz suffered a stroke some time ago and has not been too well since. We urge all to remember her in prayer. Mrs. Wertz is the first vice president of the national Woman's Missionary Society.

Ashland (Park St.), Ohio. At a recent Truth Seekers Class meeting Dr. and Mrs. Louis Farre of Argentina were the guest speakers. Mrs. Farre is the former Grace Yoder, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Yoder, pioneer missionaries of South America. Mrs. Farre graduated from Ashland College in 1928 and this was her first return visit to the campus since her graduation.

Dayton, Ohio. Rev. Clayton Berkshire reports that two persons were recently received into membership of the church on the basis of their previous relationship to the Hillcrest Brethren.

Massillon, Ohio. During the recent revival services conducted by Rev. Donald Rowser, two couples stepped out to request membership into the church.

Bryan, Ohio. At the recent annual meeting, Rev. Smith Rose was called to serve as pastor for another year beginning in September of this year. This call has been accepted. Also at this meeting, it was voted to air-condition the auditorium and to put storm windows on all sanctuary windows.

Smithville, Ohio. On Sunday morning, January 10, Paul Steiner was recognized as a licensed minister. Mr. Steiner is now a Middler in the Ashland Theological Seminary.

Memorials

SINK. Mrs. Susie Sink, a member of the First Brethren Church, Flora, Ind., passed away recently. Services were conducted by Rev. C. A. Stewart and Rev. William Livingston. Burial was in Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Lee Voorhees

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SHIVELY. Mrs. U. J. Shively passed away on December 31, 1964, at the age of 84. She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Helen; and a son, Robert.

The dedicated work of Mrs. Shively is well known to almost every member of the Brethren Church. For thirty-five years she served as the capable spiritual president of the National Woman's Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. It was due to her vision and diligent efforts that Memorial Chapel now stands on the campus of Ashland College.

Mrs. Shively was a member of the Brethren Church for over seventy years, most of which she served in the First Brethren Church of Nappanee, Indiana.

The funeral services were conducted by the undersigned. Dr. Glen L. Clayton, President of Ashland Col lege, paid tribute to Mrs. Shively noting her devoted contribution t the college and the Brethren Church

Rev. William Anderson

Weddings

IMMEL - BAME. Miss Caroly Joyce Immel and Charles Bame wer united in marriage in an impressiv candlelight ceremony at the Firs Brethren Church, North Manchester Ind., at 4 o'clock on December 2 1964. The bride is the daughter o the Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow A. Im mel, pastor of the First Brethre Church in North Manchester. Th bridegroom is the son of Mr. Donal Bame and the late Mrs. Bame o Ashland, Ohio.

The bride's father, assisted by th Rev. Philip Lersch of Ashland, o ficiated at the double ring cere mony.

The couple will live at Flagstaf Arizona, where the groom is an asso ciate instructor in the music depart ment at Arizona State College whil doing graduate study in that fiel Mr. Bame is a graduate of Ashlan College. Mrs. Bame has completed a requirements for her degree whic she will receive from Ashland Col lege next June.

Mrs. J. Raymond Schult

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KRING-KNOWLTON. Miss Jane Lee Kring, a member of the Ardmor Brethren Church, South Bend, In diana, became the bride of Donal Lee Knowlton in a candlelight servic in the church on December 26, 1964 The pastor, Rev. C. William Cole, of ficiated. The bride will graduate fron the South Bend School of Practica Nursing this January. The groom i now attending American Jet Inc.

Reah Harman
Corresponding Secretary

Daily Devotions

General Theme for the Year: "FULFILLING THE TIME"
Theme for February — "BY GIVING YOUR POSSESSIONS TO HIM"

Writer for February — Miss Beverly Summy

February 7 - 13 — "Giving Our Time to God"

Our writer for the month of February is Miss Beverly Summy of Ashland, Ohio.

Miss Summy is the Acting Youth Director for the Brethren Church having served in this capacity since Rev. Marlin McCann resigned as Youth Director over a year ago. Before this time, she was the secretary in the Brethren Youth office.

Beverly is a member of the Garber Memorial Brethren Church in Ashland and is very active in the church. We are happy to have her as our writer for this month.

Sunday, February 7, 1965

Read Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

The beautiful passage you have just read in Ecclesiastes expresses how important time is and how it should be used wisely. Time is a precious gift from God to be used for His glory, but too often we let it run through our fingers like sand, water, and quicksilver; and it is soon gone.

It is not easy in these rushing days to sort out our lives and put first things first. But do it we must!

In Hosea we are told that it is time to seek the Lord and that should be our first concern. Then all our hours, days, and years will be dedicated to Him and will be filled with service for Him.

The believer must then use his time wisely, selecting the best rather than the better, the important rather than the trivial, and the fruitful rather than the unfruitful.

The Day's Thought

O Lord, show me the importance of my time here and help me use it —not wantonly, but wisely.

Monday, February 8, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 6:8-15

The apostles of the early Church felt they must unburden themselves from the more trivial task of caring for the physical needs of the Church so they could devote themselves to the spiritual needs of the believers. Therefore, they decided to select deacons of the Church to care for the physical demands that some felt were being neglected.

Strangely enough, as the Scripture reveals in Acts 6, these deacons, and particularly Stephen, did not confine their time to physical needs only. Soon Stephen's boldness and power in witnessing led to trouble with disputers in the synagogue.

Too often we have the mistaken idea that deacons are to be seen only at the Communion, serving the bread and the cup, and never to be heard testifying to God's glory. All believers are to witness in the time God has given them.

The Day's Thought

Remember—the first Christian martyr was not an apostle! He was Stephen, a layman and a deacon, who used his time for God! How do you use your time?

Tuesday, February 9, 1965

Read Scripture: Proverbs 28:27; Matthew 25:34-46

For many people, giving means money! Oddly enough, our Lord never said much about money except that the *love* of money was wrong. He said much more about giving our time to others and perhaps a coat or cup of water.

There are even other things you can give: encouragement, the will to live, and a reason for living.

While confined to a hospital, I was able to observe the reactions of various people to a crippling disease. One young man with broad muscular shoulders and strong arms was left with paralyzed legs. He was given double leg braces and crutches. His strong arms and shoulders were able to carry him, but he decided he could not do it and sat down in a wheel chair to remain there the rest of his days. Others fought for their very life and breath and struggled to grasp a pencil.

Some doctors and nurses pampered patients and others drove them mercilessly, knowing that they *must* make the patient mad enough to fight back. These same patients then had something to give to others.

You have much to give—give it away and you shall receive in abundant measure.

The Day's Thought

God gave His all. Can you do less?

Wednesday, February 10, 1965

Read Scripture: John 5:33-39

Recently a college student was heard to say, during a discussion on how to deal with people of strange cults, "How can we expect the Bible to convince them of the truth? If they would approach me with their literature, it would not convince me of their beliefs." Others present at the discussion pointed out that we need never be afraid of the Bible being ineffective, for it is God's Word and the Holy Spirit gives it power.

The next conclusion that these students reached was that we must know the Bible as God's Word and know what it says. Here is where we fail so often.

A soldier is not drafted and immediately sent to the front lines of battle. His officers know he will be of little use against the enemy without time spent in preparation for such duty. The believer is engaged in spiritual warfare and *dare not* go into the field without time spent in preparation. We are often listed "missing in action" because we do not use our time for wise preparation.

The Day's Thought

Make me a soldier fit for the Lord's army, fitted for service and armed for battle!

Thursday, February 11, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 4:5-8

In a moment of time. Real temptation—Jesus was faced with it! I dare say *none* of us have ever been faced with the real choice of making the kingdoms of the world

ours or to turn our backs on them for something even better. But Jesus was thrust into this temptation in a "moment of time."

How would we face such temptation? How did Jesus face it? He knew and used the Scripture to fell Satan's foul ambitions. Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:13: *Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.*

When you are faced with temptation "in a moment of time," what can you say or do to shield yourself from the darts of the Devil? If you have used your time well by studying His Word, the Holy Spirit will call to your remembrance the words you need in that moment.

We are often fearful that we will forget, but the Holy Spirit never forgets. However, we cannot expect Him to give us words out of the "wild blue yonder" as some expect Him to do. We must have read and studied, and He will honor that preparation by recalling the right words to our minds.

The Day's Thought

Lord, make me a faithful student of Thy Word in the days Thou hast given me.

Friday, February 12, 1965

Read Scripture: Ephesians 5:6-17

Circumspectly means discreetly or being attentive to all circumstances or consequences; therefore, when we walk circumspectly, we are noting all the circumstances or consequences about us as we proceed. We do not bolt along our way as a fool would, caring only for himself.

The believer's time should be spent walking with the Lord, watching carefully for those things that would lead him astray and waste his time. It is his business to make time count—redeeming time for God's use.

We are not perfect and will not be perfect until the Lord takes us with Him. But the Bible says we are to be about the task of "perfecting" *now*. We should continually seek to attain to perfection, not faltering or falling because we are imperfect at this moment.

It is much better for us to learn by our mistakes and continue on than it is to deny we make mistakes. This kind of time conservation is absolutely essential.

The Day's Thought

Make your time count by walking before God and seeking to attain unto perfection.

Saturday, February 13, 1965

Read Scripture: Romans 13:11-14; II Corinthians 6:2

A little girl was busy with her blocks, quietly placing one on top of the other, when her daddy observed the hushed procedure. He approached her and said, "What are you doing, Honey?"

"I'm building a church," she replied and then cautioned, "and we must be very quiet."

"Why?" asked her daddy in a whisper.

"Because all the people are asleep," said she.

The Bible says we are to awake out of our sleep for our salvation is near, now is the accepted time, and now is the day of salvation.

With each passing moment since we first accepted Christ as our Savior, our time grows shorter and shorter. The time left to us on this earth is to be spent for Him in telling others about the salvation which is at hand. We do this by the words we speak, the life we live, and the actions we take.

The Day's Thought

Lord, wake us from our slumber and make us to know the day of salvation.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Isaiah

Memory Scripture for the month — Isaiah 26:4

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

February 7 - 13

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 1:16-18

Washed Away

Linda was painting a picture in her Sunday school paper. Queenie and the puppies were playing in the kitchen.

Linda finished her picture and was taking the pan of paint water to the kitchen to empty. The white puppy jumped on her, causing her to spill the water. Most of it went on the puppy.

"Oh, my," laughed Linda. "You have a big red spot now."

Mom heard the commotion and came to the kitchen. When she saw the puppy she laughed, too.

"Here is a cloth, Linda," she said. "Wet it and see if you can wash the spot from the pup."

Linda washed and rinsed; washed and rinsed. The puppy wiggled and squirmed. At last the spot was gone. The fur was fluffy and white again.

"You know," said Mom as she helped Linda wipe the water from the floor, "God tells us that our sins are red like this. When we accept Jesus as our Savior they are washed white. Just like the spot on the puppy's fur, they are completely gone."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for taking away my sins. Help me to try each day to do the things I should. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 2:3-5; 9:2

Light

"Here comes Uncle Jim!" shouted Gary.

All the family crowded about him. They were glad to see him. He and Aunt Doris would stay with them until they left for Nigeria next month.

"Did you have a good trip?" asked Dad.

"Yes," answered Uncle Jim. "I was sitting right behind the bus driver and I was glad he had good lights to see to drive. It's really a dark night."

Linda peeked out the window. "It doesn't look any darker than usual to me."

Dad laughed. "That's because we live in town where there are street lights every night."

"My bus traveled through the country," said Uncle Jim. "There's no moon and very few stars tonight. It made me think of Nigeria where many people have not heard of Jesus. They have not had the light of the Gospel."

Dad nodded. "The Bible says those of us who know Jesus have seen a great light."

"I'm glad you and Aunt Doris are going to Nigeria," said Linda. "We will miss you, but I'm glad you're going to tell them of Jesus."

"Maybe some day I'll come to help you," said Gary. "God may want me to be a missionary, too."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for our missionaries in Nigeria and Argentina. Help them as they tell the people of Jesus. If You want me to be a missionary when I'm older, help me to be willing to go wherever I can best serve You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 6:5-8

I'll Go

"Oh, dear," sighed Mom in the kitchen.

"What's wrong?" asked Gary, who was playing with his train in the dining room.

"I've started to bake a cake," answered Mom. "I need two cups of flour and I only have one cup."

"I'll go to the store for you," said Gary, jumping up.

"Good," smiled Mom. "I'll start to peel the potatoes for dinner while you are gone. Here's the money. Please get a five-pound sack."

Gary was glad to do the errand for Mom.

Are you glad when you can help? Do you try to do what God wants you to do every day?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my home and my family. Help me to do my share of the work. Help me to do the things You want me to do now and when I'm older. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 8:10-13

God Is With Us

The wind was blowing. It howled through the trees. It whistled down the chimney.

The snow was falling thick and fast. A blanket of white soon covered everything.

Dad had the radio on. "Don't go out tonight," the announcer kept warning. "Stay off the highway."

"I'm glad we're all at home," said Linda as she peeked out the window. "Oh, there's a car out there!"

"Sure enough!" exclaimed Gary as he looked out, too. "A man's getting out and coming up to the door."

Dad hurried to the door. "Come in," he said. "It's too cold to stand out there."

"Thank you," said the man as he stomped the snow from his shoes. "I'm Ralph Rogers. My family and I were on our way to see our sick grandmother. We got caught in this snowstorm. I'm afraid the car can't get through tonight. Can you tell me where we might find a place to stay."

"Right here," smiled Mom as she came from the kitchen. "You bring your family in while I fix some hot soup."

"God has certainly been with us," declared Mr. Rogers. "I know He caused me to stop the car here where we would find shelter."

"God is always with His children," agreed Dad.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for being with me. Help me to follow Your way every day. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 11:4-9

The Children Help

"I'm going to help Dad and Mr. Rogers dig their car out of the snow," said Gary as he pulled on his boots.

"Good," said Mom. "Since the highways are open the Rogers are anxious to be on their way. They are worried about their sick grandmother."

"Where are my mittens?" asked Gary.

"Where did you leave them?" wondered Mom.

"On the register to dry," answered Gary.

"Betsy help! Betsy help!" exclaimed the little one as she crawled under the desk. When she reappeared she had both of Gary's mittens.

"Well, Betsy can help," laughed Gary. "You're a good helper, Betsy. Thank you."

"Of course Betsy can help," said Mom. "There are may things children can do. You are going to help shovel the snow. Linda is entertaining the Rogers' children while Mrs. Rogers gets their things packed. By your helpfulness you are showing you love Jesus. That helps others to learn of Him and to love Him, too."

Prayer:

Help me, God, this day to do the things I can to help others learn of Jesus. In His name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 12

Saved From Falls

"What fun we had!" declared Linda as she and Gary and Uncle Jim came in the backdoor.

"You look cold," said Aunt Doris.

"We are," agreed Gary, "but it was fun."

"Could you stand up on your ice skates?" Mom asked Linda.

"Not at first," laughed Linda. "Uncle Jim helped me. When I started to fall I held tightly to him. He saved me from lots of tumbles."

"That's just the way it is when we let God help us," said Aunt Doris. "The Bible tells us He is our salvation. If we trust Him—hold on tightly as you say, Linda—we need not be afraid. He will help us. He will save us."

Prayer:

Dear God, it is good to know You will help me. May I always trust in You and not be afraid. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 25:8-9

Our God

Linda was looking through one of Aunt Doris' books. "What are all these funny things?" she asked.

Aunt Doris looked over her shoulder. "Oh, that's a picture of some of the African gods."

"You mean they worship these things?" wondered Linda.

"Yes," answered Aunt Doris. "Some worship idols like these as well as the sun and trees and other things about them."

"Don't they know there is only one God?"

"Some of them do," replied Aunt Doris. "Some of them are Christians, but many are not. That's why Uncle Jim and I are going to Nigeria. We want to tell them of our God."

"I'm glad we know Him," said Linda. "I am glad you can go to Africa to help others to learn of Him. I'll pray for you and Uncle Jim and the Nigerians every day."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that I know of Your love. Thank You for our missionaries who are telling the Nigerians and Argentines of You. Help them as they work for You in these faraway lands. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Spiritual Meditations

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OBEDIENCE AND FISH

Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net (Luke 5:5).

JUST LOWERING AND LIFTING nets in search of fish is a tiresome task. These men were experienced fishermen and no doubt had tried about all the places on the lake where fish were wont to be found. They knew how to "draw" the net that it would enclose any "school" of fish that would be caught within its folds. They had tried—(they had toiled all night and had "taken nothing").

Then, the Lord came wandering by and requested the use of Peter's boat. Peter had had the use of it all night and was tired. The best time for fishing was past, for the while, so why not let Him have it? Peter was through fishing for a while—Jesus had not yet begun to fish—and Peter was standing on the edge of a great surprise. To Peter, Jesus was the Master and loving Lord; to do His commands was his first duty.

When Jesus began giving suggestions about the fishing, Peter did not think of arguing or refusing to obey. Maybe they had been fishing on the wrong side of the boat, maybe they had been impatient and had not waited for the fish to gather into an advantageous group so that the net would surround them. Maybe they hadn't thought about the Master caring much about fishing, or even that He knew very much about it. And just maybe it wasn't the right sort of weather to cause the fish to be "running."

Some would have reasoned with Jesus on the basis of his whole night's experience of fruitless efforts; of his wide experience of the conditions of nature, and of his own intelligence and wisdom relative to favorable weather for fishing.

Peter loved Jesus; he had trust in Him, he preferred to show his love by being obedient to the Master. Contrary to Peter's expectations, the reward for his obedience was a breaking net filled with fish.

Just as Peter's obedience, love, and patience in obeying the Master was rewarded manyfold, so, likewise, will we be rewarded (not in fish) but in blessings, when we do as Christ's mother told the servants at the marriage in Cana of Galilee, "Whatsoever he saith unto thee, do it." At the marriage, the reward was wine that won the approval of the Master of the Wedding Feast; at Gennesaret the reward was a net bursting with fish.

Upon every acquiescence to the Lord's commands, the reward always exceeds the expectations. *The blessing follows the obedience, not precedes it.*



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OHIO FAMILY CAMP 1964



FAMILY CAMP this year at Ohio's Camp Bethany over the Labor Day weekend was less than previous years in but one respect: there were fewer in attendance. About eighty campers were there for the full three-day period. Twenty-four stayed for at least two days and twenty-three others were there for at least one day. There were others who came to camp for part of a day, especially for the Sunday programs.

What this year's camp may have lacked in quantity, it equaled or bettered in quality.

Its proximity to Ashland allows perhaps a better program than might have been possible otherwise. For example, families were blessed by the presence of Professor Delbert Flora of Ashland Theological Seminary. Rev. Flora brought the series of Bible studies based on Philippians 2 with the subject, "The Lordship of Jesus."

Also on this year's agenda were discussion periods on Family Living with Professor Charles Munson leading.

The Sunday morning worship period was most inspiring as Field Secretary, Rev. Virgil Ingraham emphasized anew the mission of the church as being missions.

Veteran family campers of previous years were also ready to lend a hand in various capacities. Virgil and Lois Barnhart of Gratis handled the get-acquainted period; Jean and Wilma Richards of Newark had one of the devotional periods; Mrs. William Ankrom of Louisville led the children while the adults were in their Bible study; Barb and Nelson Hess of Akron had charge of the teens; campfire services were ably led by Harold and Shirley Bowers of Ashland and Dale and Norma Roesch of Dayton; your reporter was privileged to lead in study of the Sunday school lesson with the adults. Rev. Don Rowser of Smithville and Rev. Phil Lersch of Ashland Park Street shared chairman duties during the weekend.

There were filmstrips, thought provoking movies, recreation, plenty of free time and of course snack times with more than ample food!

Getting back to attendance which totaled 127 registrations this year, there were several theories suggested for the lesser number. Some thought that the camp was growing too large in the few short years it has been offered, and that the 1963 Family Camp was simply too large to remain as effective in its program as it had been. Others suggested the thought that there were campers who did not come because of the fire which destroyed all the tents, there being a number of people who prefer tents to the cabins. Others thought this same reason suggested, as did camp literature, that space might be at a premium and so stayed home. The suggestion in the advance literature suggesting that campers bring tents if they had their own was well taken as a tent and/or trailer city was most evident in the area which leads to one of the campfire circles. Frankly, it offers the ideal way to attend a Family Camp.

One other feature this year, in addition to the most attractive chapel which was rebuilt after the fire, was the dedication of the new flags and flag pole which have been installed there. Rev. Rowser led the early morning campers, just after morning watch on Saturday, in a brief service of dedication. John Butonac of Akron led in the pledge to the American flag and Sherrie Sears of Ashland led the pledge to the Christian flag. The flag pole was provided and installed by the laymen of the Louisville church. The American flag which is one to have been flown over the Nation's Capitol in Washington, D. C., and the

Christian flag were given by the Northeastern Ohio Laymen.

Brad Weidenhamer organized a choir which sang during the Sunday morning worship hour. Buzz Bowers provided a variety of background music during the camp via a tape recorder and record player with speakers placed at the chapel windows.

This then was another Ohio Family Camp. With programs such as this and with God's continued blessings upon us, who will be the second family to register for the 1965 Family Camp over the Labor Day weekend? The Paul Clappers, all six (oops, seven by that time!) will be there, Apache tent-trailer... and a bigger coffee pot this time!

Paul Clapper

Gentile Times of Supremacy

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

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THE TIME of Gentile supremacy over the entire world was decreed by Jehovah. The decree was delivered by Jeremiah shortly after the first fall of Jerusalem in 597 B.C. The decree was sent to the surrounding nations of Israel; to Edom, Moab, Ammon, Tyre, and Sidon. They were representative of all nations. *Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, . . . I have made the earth, the men and the beasts that are upon the face of the earth, by my great power and by my outstretched arm; and I give it unto whom it seemeth right unto me. And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field also have I given him to serve him. And all the nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land come* (Jer. 27:4-7—A.S.V.).

Nebuchadnezzar took over the authority and *The Times of the Gentiles* began. To find the extent of it, we must seek the revelation in the book of Daniel.

Daniel, like Ezekiel, was a prophet of the Exile in Babylonia. He was the mouthpiece of Jehovah to reveal the great truths concerning the Times of the Gentiles. It is very significant that portions of the book are written in Hebrew, and portions in Aramaic. Chapters 1 and 8-12 were in Hebrew and chapters 2:4 to 7:28 are in Aramaic. Since the contents of chapters 1 and 8-12 concern Israel, they would naturally be written in Hebrew. Likewise, the portions 2:4 to 7:28 are in Aramaic because they have to do with the eastern countries around Israel, and Aramaic was a common language. The message concerning the Times of the Gentiles is found in the Aramaic portion.

God had chosen Nebuchadnezzar to be the first ruler of the *Times*. In Daniel 2 we read that this Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had a dream which he could not remember (2:4-11). None of the wisemen of Babylon were able to recall the dream for the king, and were ordered slain (2:12, 13). Daniel, a young captive Israelite, offered to reveal the matter with its interpretation. In answer to his request in prayer, God revealed to him the dream and the interpretation, which had to do with "What should come to pass hereafter" (2:27-29).

What Nebuchadnezzar had seen was a great image, and its being destroyed by, "The stone that was cut out without hands," and which, "Became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth" (2:31-35).

The image which Nebuchadnezzar saw was in appearance as a man of metal. The image represents the entire Times of the Gentiles which is as someone has said, *Man's Day*. In the interpretation, the head of gold was Nebuchadnezzar, himself, who was the personification of Babylon (2:36-38). After Babylon, followed the breast and arms of silver which were, according to history, the Medes and Persians —two arms—two people united. Next in the image was the loins of brass representing Greece (2:32, 39). Then last, the legs of iron, with feet mingling iron and clay, they pointed to the Roman Empire, two legs —Eastern and Western Rome (2:33, 40). Notice that the feet were not of a solid metal but ending in the toes of iron and clay. As iron and clay do not mix, so the toes were *broken, mingled,* but unmixed. We know that the Roman Empire was broken up into the provincial governments of Europe. Some of the toes continue as iron—Monarchial governments, while some as clay—Democratic governments mingling together but separate until final federation under the Little Horn (Deut. 7:25). The Little Horn of 7:25 is the *Prince that shall come,* as shown in chapter 9: 26, 27.

Daniel was given a picture of the world, "Until the appointed time of the end" (8:17-19), and the *Time* still marches on.

It should be noted that the exile of Israel to Babylon was not the final dispersion. At the end of the seventy years predicted (Jer. 25:11, 12), a portion of the exiled Judah returned to Palestine; for God must have a remnant of the Messianic tribe in the homeland into which His Christ would be born according to promise. The part of Judah which returned to Palestine set up their worship in Jerusalem and carried on for four hundred years, yet they were always under the power of the Gentile nations of the great image.

A notable change took place in the religious life of the Jews during the exile and in the succeeding years to the day of Jesus. The exile purged the last trace of idolatry from Jewry, and the leaders turned to the developing of a theology. The notable elements of the post-exile centuries were the preservation of the Royal Line of the Prince, and the theological growth.

The last two centuries saw the forming of the two great Judaistic parties, the Sadducees and the Pharisees.

There was a distinctive difference between the two leading parties. The Sadducees was the outgrowth of the work of the Hasmonaean family, often referred to as the Maccabees. The influence of this entire family upon Jewish life and religion was incalculable. The family background was largely political which carried through to the time of Christ as only semi-religious.

On the other hand, the party known as the Pharisees in Jesus' day held aloof from politics. They were called at first, The Hasidaeans, which means *the pious*. It was not a political, but a religious party. At the time of the revolt against the Persians, they sided with Mattathias, but when religious freedom was granted by Antiochus Apiphanes, they withdrew from the struggle and gave themselves almost exclusively to the interpretation of the Law. They held as binding, not only the written, but the oral law as well, and the traditions of the fathers. They often used a very fine splitting of hairs in their interpretations, and were noted for being zealous for the letter of the Law while doing violence to the spirit of it. It was this practice that caused Jesus to brand them as hypocrites.

This brings us down, in the Times of the Gentiles, to the ministry of Jesus.

The exile of Israel was the judgment of God upon her for the extreme idolatry into which she had drifted. The great offense against Jehovah after the return to Jerusalem was *hypocracy* and *unbelief* which called forth condemnation from the lips of Jesus as He pronounced the seven woes upon them (Matt. 23), after which He foretold the destruction of Jerusalem recorded by Luke (21:20-24). The penalty was most severe, for He said, *And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led captive into all the nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled* (Luke 21:24—A.S.V.). The prophecy of Jesus was carried out in the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus and the Roman army in 70 A.D.

Since the expression The Times of the Gentiles is not used in the prophecies of the Old Testament, and in the New Testament but once, and that by Jesus, it was doubtless coined by the Master for the purpose of revelation. It was a great revelation. Of course the Times of the Gentiles did not begin with Jesus' statement, or with His rejection, but was ushered in almost six hundred years before. It shall extend to the end of the age.

It is necessary here to refer to the meaning of the *End of the Age* as set forth in other prophetic papers. In dealing with the many phases of prophecy, it is essential to tie them together. It is unfortunate that the translators refer to the end of the *World*. The resulting impression is of the destruction of the earth. The Greek word is not GA—earth; or COSMOS—the fashion or order; but AION—an indefinite time or dispensation. Since the prophecies are addressed to Israel, or the Jews, it is the Jewish Age that stands in view. Now the Jewish Age contains a parenthesis, or open space of time. The first sixty-nine of Israel's seventy week decreed history, ended with the formal rejection of the Christ, the Prince. With that event at the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, Israel's prophetic history stopped, the parenthesis began, and the dispensation of grace, or the Church Age was ushered in. When the Church Age ends with its catching away to be with the Lord (I Thess. 4:13-17), the parenthesis in Jewish history will end and her seventieth week as decreed will begin. That seventieth week of years is the *End of the Age*.

To relate the *Times of the Gentiles* and the *Jewish Age*, it must be observed that they are coexistant for a part of their course. The Jewish Age is a continuation of Israel's history under a decreed dispensation, to give nativity to the Messiah, and continuity to the chosen people. Israel has her Prince, the uncrowned Messiah; the Messiah must have His constituency to accept and crown Him, when, "They look upon Him whom they pierced." The Times of the Gentiles is a world order recognized by Jehovah as "His servant" (Jer. 27:6, 7) for a period of time, and for a twofold purpose. First, it is to be the agent of judgment of Jehovah on Israel; then to mature and sustain her until her time of restoration (Jer. 30:7-9, 18-22). The Jewish Age shall come to a full end, and the Times of the Gentiles will be fulfilled simultaneously. Both will occur when, "The stone cut out without hands shall smite the feet of the great image"; when He who is the *Stone* will, "Come with power and great glory"; He who is the rejected Prince with the pierced side, will "Build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen," and set up the Kingdom of Heaven.

It remains now to consider another expression in the New Testament similar to the Times of the Gentiles. Paul closed his reference to Israel as branches broken off from the olive tree of God's planting (Jer. 11:16) with, *For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant of this mystery, lest ye be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening in part hath befallen Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in* (Romans 11:25—A.S.V.). The Times of the Gentiles, and The Fulness of the Gentile, are not the same. Paul described Israel as, "Being hardened in part" during her dispersion. And he states that the *hardening* will continue until The Fulness of the Gentiles be come in. Paul calls it a mystery. This is the mystery of the parenthesis in Israel's decreed time, a parenthesis in which the Messiah Prince prepares Himself a Bride, as James said (Acts 15:13-16) by taking out of the Gentiles a people for His name. When the last saint is added to His Church, then the Fulness of the Gentiles will be come in, and the hardening of Israel will be removed. It is then that the *Week* of the *End of the Age* will begin, a time frought with momentous events of destiny.

Wherein, therefore, lies the weight of these revelations for us today? Here is the burden of the Believer, that he is still under the great commission to bear witness to the whole world, of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus; to baptize; to teach faithful observance of all the commands of Jesus. This is the sole business of the Church.

The weight of these revelations hangs over the head of the unsaved like the sword of Damocles, and the hair that suspends that sword is as brittle as the seconds that tick away.



Our Duty Toward the HOLY SCRIPTURES IN THIS HOUR

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WHAT MUST CHRISTIANS do when the Word of God is under attack as it is today? As these attacks increase great multitudes are deceived and deceiving. God's Word teaches that Christ is God incarnate and that He is the only God-man, "the-only-one-of-its-kind Son." The doctrine of "the apostasy" is that man is divine and has no need of a divine Redeemer. We face a direct attack upon the Word of God in the denial of its divine origin and authority, denouncing it as false, an accumulation of myths and superstitions. The Word is ignored in the world-wide education's omission of the Bible on the plea that religion is not now a practical source of intellectual unity. The Bible is not included in the "Great Books of the Western World" because it does not represent "the fullest revelation of the Western mind." Another manner of leading men away from the truth is the misinterpretation of the Scriptures by false and modern cults, wrongly assigning divine authority to statements that the Bible does not make.

Many false teachings have plagued the Christian church from apostolic times to the present such as the denial of distinction of the Persons of the Trinity, the reality of the Lord's body and the incarnation, the deity of Christ, sin and its consequences and the necessity of the Atonement. In the Middle Ages an infallible church was substituted for an infallible Bible, and the Word of God was taken away from the people. Churchianity took the place of Christianity. However, the Reformation restored the Bible to the people. Then Satan began the overthrow of Christianity by rationalism, pantheism, Higher Criticism, and Modernism.

Many are unwilling to accept the Bible alone as sufficient authority for faith. Neither Modernist nor the traditionalist are willing to stand on the Bible alone. If the church produced the Word, then the authority of the church should be regarded as final. It was traditionalists who rejected Christ and demanded His crucifixion. But a small, despised minority, acting on the authority of the Old Testament Scriptures, accepted Jesus as Lord and Christ (Acts 3:20-26). A minority finding higher authority in the Scriptures made us indebted to the Old Testament for the birth of the Church. It was the Word that produced the Church. The Church was molded by a distinct body of truth (Eph. 3:1-12). If the Apostles had not broken with the Sanhedrin, taking their stand for Christ as the true Messiah, the truth would have been lost.

The revolt against God's Christ is not limited to unbelieving Israel. The Apostle John lived to see true servants of Christ ejected from a local church because a man had gained the pre-eminence (III John 9, 10). False leaders early gained control of some congregations, rejecting Christ and His Word (John 12:48). Diotrephes reminds us of the "man of sin" who will hold sway over organized Christendom prior to our Lord's return (II Thess. 2:3, 4). This self-exalted one will make war against the saints (Rev. 13:5-7). And a great religious leader will head a movement to worship the "man of sin" (Rev. 13:11, 12).

In our Lord's first coming the rival religious and political factions united to reject Him (Acts 4:25-27). Before the King comes to set up His Kingdom on earth (Ps. 2:6), another coalition will form against

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Him. This strange alliance will be headed by the Antichrist and his false prophet. The majority of Christendom and Judaism will accept this man (John 5:43). The assumption of human authority over the Bible doctrine of the Church (v. 44) sets the stage for the worship of a man (II Thess. 2:4). Dogmatic, tradition-rooted Romanists and free-thinking, ecumenical-minded Protestants are trending toward the mutual acceptance of human authority over the church visible, culminating in a strange coalition against God and His Christ. This revolt will be crushed by the returning Christ (II Thess. 2:8; Ps. 2:9).

The true Christ is so closely identified with the Bible that He is called "the Word of God" (Rev. 19:13). As He predicted, many false Christs will be presented to the world (Matt. 24:24), but the true believer will not be deceived by "the counsel of the ungodly." Just as the main body of Israel was rejected in its apostacy (Matt. 23:37, 38), so the larger professing church will meet a bitter rejection (Rev. 3:16; II Thess. 2:3; Luke 18:8). Such will be the peril of contradicting the Scriptures!

In our time, a great change has occurred among Protestants in their attitude toward the Bible because of the seeds of doubt as to the validity of the Scriptures. Many have lost confidence and interest in the Bible which their forefathers rescued through the horrors of the Reformation. What is happening to faith? Beside being as children, *tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive* (Eph. 4:14), the modern civilization permits man to construct a world from which God is totally excluded. We live in an alluring world in which we see everything but God. We live in a superior dispensation with an inferior zeal. *When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth* (Luke 18:8)? Faith will always be the victory that overcomes the world! But the tyranny of external occupation is followed by spiritual weakness.

The following lines with clarity and force show the wonderful assurance that comes from knowing and believing the Bible:

What mankind needs in times like these,
With all its modern recipes,
Is not, "I think," or "I suppose,"
"A Great Perhaps somehow, somewhere,
May condescend to answer prayer;"
But these assuring words: "I know
There is a God who hears us."

What mankind needs for all its aches
When conscience from its sleep awakes,
Is not, "I think," or "I assume
That pardon may at last be won
By what men do, or once have done:"
But these authentic words: "I know
Christ shed His blood to save us."

What mankind needs when death appears
And fills men's hearts with nameless fears
Is not "I think," or "I suppose
That there is life beyond the grave,
At least for those both good and brave:"
But these unerring words: "I know
That my Redeemer liveth."

—W. M. Czamanske

There is a famine of the hearing of the Word of God. More than seven hundred million people are in a dire famine of the Word behind the iron curtain. In America the famine of the Word of God is for the Bible to be possessed as an ornamental object, a beautifully bound book, never to be read or obeyed. The famine of the Word of God exists in the church's class rooms and in its pulpits where world problems take the place of the oracles of God. Lately, Paul Harvey, news commentator, reported that a middle-aged daughter complained to her father that in their church she had never heard a message on the atoning blood of Christ, the hope based on His resurrection, His deity, His second coming, the doctrine of Hell and of Heaven. To this her aged father replied that he had attended the same church all of his life and had never heard a Biblical sermon. In his characteristic way, Paul Harvey denounced the clergy of today who neglect the Bible and the calling of the ministry to be absorbed in physical matters, problems of the day, and allowing atoms and molecules, bombs and planes, politics and world government to become their idols.

Men not only fashion idols with their hands out of wood, metal, and stone, but also fashion idols with their heads in the way of false ideals, human religions, secular schemes of salvation, or making sensual satisfaction their chief aim. Anything that denies the priority to God and His Word in our lives comes under the Biblical meaning of idolatry. A people that places greater confidence in material wealth, human wisdom, scientific research, or military might than in God is worshiping idols. The thing that has sealed the Word of God to the believer is the believer's unbelief and disobedience and idolatry. The many things that are not identical with the interpretation of the Word of God but used in its place will never be a satisfying substitute for the living Word of God.

How can America be neutral toward God? On the plea of keeping sectarianism out of our public schools we are engaged in turning our schools over to the meanest of all sects, namely, the secularists. Many bend over backward to keep Christian ethics out of the schools in order to pacify a few militant atheists, but do nothing to check the open teaching of atheism in public education. Calvin Coolidge said, "Secularism will shake this nation to its foundation. Once secularism is enthroned as a public policy of our land, Christian freedom will survive temporarily on the

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capital bequeathed to us by our forefathers; but the prodigal must eventually wake up to the fact that his father's fortune cannot sustain him forever. The moral values left in the American public conscience are carried over from a day when our country was regarded as 'a Christian nation.'" But morals cannot long be maintained where secularism reigns.

Russia is the secular state in full bloom. It slaughters millions of innocent people who stand between its program and its promised age of peace and righteousness. Can men without God purge sin and bring in the millennium? Our life and liberty are not safe in a society where morals and freedom have lost their spiritual content. We cannot blame the waning tide of "freedom under God," wholly on legal decisions or secular leadership in the educational field. Secularism points an accusing finger at the average Christian. He is to insensitive to the tide that threatens to wash away every remaining liberty, BECAUSE HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW MUCH OUR TRADITIONAL FREEDOM OWES TO THE BIBLE! How many Christians cherish freedom as our forefathers knew it? "The pursuit of happiness" has become the search for pleasure with its emphasis on food, fun, and frolic. Freedom to worship God has come to mean that one can do as he pleases.

And what is going to be the result of education for a world society apart from the Word of God? For one thing, leaders with the lack of godly principles are going to be unable to solve the problems of this desperate age. In the words of Horace Mann spoken in 1848, "Shall this new empire be reclaimed to humanity, to a Christian life, and a Christian history; or shall it be a receptacle where the avarice, the profigacy, and the licentiousness of a corrupt civilization shall cast its criminals and breed its monsters?" Of public education Horace Mann said, "I have felt bound to show, that so far from its being an irreligious, and anti-Christian or an un-Christian system, it is a system which recognizes obligations in their fullest extent; that it is a system which invokes a religious spirit, and can never be fitly administered without such a spirit; that it inculcates the great commands, upon which hang all the law and the prophets." In that day sectarianism was stronger than it is today. Nevertheless the tax supported public schools of that day welcomed the Bible as a text book and pupils listened to its teachings reverently.

One of the greatest needs of our modern Christian life is that of recovering the sense of obligation to wholeheartedness which seems to be so largely lost. Men are content to know Christ as Savior in a general sort of way, but there is no compelling constraint with serious purpose and endeavor. Such men may be truly His, but they are certainly not wholly His. Let the Savior be Sovereign! Only those who follow Him make any impression for Him upon the life of the world. Caleb said, *I wholly followed the Lord my God* (Josh. 14:8b). We impoverish ourselves if w allow anything to contest Christ's sovereignty in life Christian liberty is to live life by God's standard before the world blamelessly. We never really enjo freedom until we submit to the Law of God. Self pleasing ends in utter captivity. The man who live only to do his own will, without any regard to God soon finds himself held in strong fetters of his ow forging. It becomes morally impossible for him t break the chains with which he has bound himself Those who discount the Bible are reaping all kind of evil. Obedience to God's laws may be costly bu it will strengthen and increase moral fiber and vigo for further obedience and conflict; while the con verse is warningly true also. The secret of outwar success is an inner life that is in touch with the Lor through delight in His Holy Word (Psalm 1). Thos who think they can by-pass God's Word shall neve know the truth but can only be the victims of thei own folly.

The strong stand of the Bible on questions of moral gives offense to some. Instead of speaking of malad justment it flatly calls sin "sin." In place of blam ing upbringing and unfortunate circumstances, i places the blame squarely on the individual. Its "shal not's" have never caused negativism and a frustrate personality. Sin does that. It is good for any one t know with unshakable convictions that there ar moral laws ordained by God that can only be broke at personal peril, and that if respected will lead to wholesome and satisfying life. Instead of the Bibl harming personality it puts steel into it. Life mus be undergirded with the awareness of a spiritual basi to living. That gives life a sense of purpose and mean ing. The Book has been the secret of this nation' greatness. The Bread of Life that fed our forefather cannot harm but can only help the young American of this generation. The Bible is a steadying force an driving power for daily right living. Christ as our Ex ample conquered the infernal Adversary by His us of verses of memorized Scripture. The Word hidde in the heart is the preventive for sin (Ps. 119:11) Scripture memorization is mentally stimulating an spiritually profitable. Meet with God in His Wor each day. Let that be your driving motive in Bibl reading and study.

As a Christian your most valuable, visible possessio is the Bible. You are responsible to God to know Hi truth for yourself (Deut. 29:29). Therein is your bless ing of comfort and hope (Romans 15:4); assuranc of personal salvation (I John 5:13); stability (Ro mans 1:11); knowledge of God's will for you (Col. 1:9) insight (Matt. 24:24); understanding of the time in which we live (I Chron. 12:32); lamp of prophec (II Peter 1:19); victory over sin (Romans 6:11-14) The man who masters the Bible will not miss any thing that the Lord may ask of him (II Tim. 3:15 17). As believer priests we have a responsibility t

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ave a good personal knowledge of the Bible so that ur lives and words may witness the Gospel to others. commentaries on the Holy Scriptures are used ney should be characterized by unqualified belief in neir divine inspiration, essential historical worthiess, and positive Christian usefulness. Explanations re not to be taken with the same confidence as the Word of God itself. We can do nothing in the battle or the Word of God in an antagonistic world until e first ourselves are clothed with that Word and are rong because it abides in us.

Let us be greatly encouraged with the fact that the ible is indestructible! And what shall we say in xplanation of the indestructible Bible? Peter gives s the anwser: The Bible, he says, is "the Word of od, which liveth and abideth forever." In plain act, it is indestructible, because, it is able, under od, to communicate eternal life to every man who elieves its message.

So let us war against any departure from the truth, ntagonism to the life of our Lord on earth. We must ot overdo any one area of Holy Writ but preach nd teach a well balanced Gospel, not shunning to eclare the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27). All nis is for ourselves that we may be strong in the Word. Our duty is to go out with this Word as the word of the Spirit in our hands to do valiantly the eats of the Lord!

We come now to definite recommendations for the hurches of this district conference:

1. Let us pray faithfully and earnestly that God nall call young men from our churches for the Gosel ministry, and vow to support them with our gifts.

2. Let us show an appreciative support to our Semiary Expansion Fund, knowing that without our eminary, The Brethren Church would be in a delorable state today.

3. Let us re-emphasize the motto of The Brethren hurch: "The Bible, truth (I Tim. 1:10; II Tim. 3:8); eaching a different doctrine (I Tim. 1:3; 6:3); aposatizing from the truth (II Tim. 4:4); turning from ne truth (I Tim. 4:1, 2)." *And let us do what we are old to do with the Word of God*: KNOW the Word II Tim. 3:15) in all its main teachings; KNOW its istorical facts, its great doctrines, prophecies, its evelation of God's will for us, its commands, warngs, promises, and its power. And let us see to it that here is an adequate body of men in The Brethren hurch who know the Word of God in its original nguages that we may be able to cope with the libralists and the false cultists.

If we are going to "hold fast the form (pattern) of ound words" (II Tim. 1:13), we must be a theological hurch that knows how to *rightly divide the Word f truth* (II Tim. 2:15). We must know the wrath of od as well as the love of God. We must emphasize ood works as well as denounce the works of the flesh. We must preach the prophetic Word as well as the hole Bible, and nothing but the Bible.

4. Let us acquaint all the people with "The Message f the Brethren Ministry," so that they may know hat our position on the Holy Scriptures is theologially sound and can tell others so.

5. Let us keep training classes in progress throughut the calendar year, even though only a few enroll. hen our constituency learns what teacher training, visitation, Christian life and church membership classes will do for a church, the response will grow and the church will grow. Special Bible training classes give needed enlightenment.

6. Let us as individuals and individual churches do something definitely to bring America back to the Bible by distributing some definite system of helps for systematic and devotional reading of the Bible. Let us ask God on our knees what part we are to take in this mighty life-and-death struggle. Let us become more Bible-centered in our auxiliary life of the church. Let laymen sponsor Boys' Brotherhood. Let us crusade for Christ in child evangelism, young life movements for Christ. Let us strengthen what we have in the Woman's Missionary Society and Sisterhood, Laymen and Boys' Brotherhood, and Brethren Youth. Let us try to reach the youth of our communities with the Bible, and do all we can to save our nation from becoming a godless state. Let us encourage community Bible classes.

7. Let us caution the waning of Christ's authority in our churches. Too often we let Him be little more than a beloved symbol. Let us not forget His Lordship over His Body, the Church, in all our deliberations and decisions. Let our Lord have the pre-eminence in all our church affairs. Let us not substitute our mind for His, and then expect Him to be our Helper. Let Him be Lord of all!

CAMP WYANDOTTE 1964

WE ARE HAPPY to report that this year we had sixty campers—twenty-eight young people and thirty-two juniors. This was the largest camp that we have had. Camp was held July 12 through 25, with Senior Camp being held the first week. Along with the seniors, there were also eleven staff members. During an impressive candlelight service, fourteen campers rededicated their lives to the Lord and one gave her life for full-time service. Five of the seniors received their diplomas. There were four intermediate classes held each morning and, also, four senior classes. Mrs. Wadena Wertz had charge of the crafts. Following are the senior and intermediate classes taught and the teachers: "Old Testament Heroes"—Rev. M. W. Dodds; "The Beginning and Meaning of Protestantism"—Rev. Dodds; "Missions in the Homeland"—Walter Wertz; "Christian Stewardship"—Rev. Kenneth Howard; "The Message of the Prophets"—Rev. Dodds; "Great Leaders of the Church"—Rev. Robert Holsinger; "The Meaning and Methods of Evangelism"—Rev. Howard; "Building Christian Character"—Walter Wertz.

On Sunday, July 19, 1964, there were seventy-nine in Sunday school and one hundred present for the worship service. The message was brought by Rev. Kenneth Howard. The Senior Tribe awards were given out after the church service. There were one hundred and thirty who fellowshipped together at the dinner hour. In the afternoon, rallies were held by the W.M.S., S.M.M., and the Laymen.

Several of the young people remained for the junior week to help as counsellors or to do some improve-

ments around the grounds. Along with the thirty-two junior campers, there were twenty staff members. Eight juniors came forward for first-time confessions; fourteen rededicated their lives to the Lord, and five received their diplomas. Junior classes taught and the teachers were: "God and the World in Which We Live"—Mrs. Dwight Bishard; "The History of the Brethren Church"—Rev. Robert Holsinger; "Missionary Heroes"—Rev. Kenneth Howard; "Bible Dramatics"—Rev. Carl Barber; Handcrafts—Mrs. George Grieve.

Several items were purchased and added to the camp this year. They were: a heavy-duty mower; two second-hand showers; fire extinguisher for the kitchen area; wheelbarrow to use around the camp for small jobs, and pencils with camp advertising. The W.M.S. presented the camp with four stainless st kettles and an electric clock for the kitchen. Wo accomplished during the year was: steps repair work on drainage ditches, painting, cutting trees a brush, bridges repaired and installation of a show stall. Tentative dates for Camp 1965 have been as follows: Senior Camp—July 18-25; Junior Camp July 25-31, with Rev. Carl Barber as Camp Direct

We pray God's richest blessing on each camper a trust each will continue in the things that they ha learned; so that they "may grow in grace and in t knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

In His Service
Mrs. Lee Howard
Secretary of Camp Boa



1965 Conference Highlights

AS THE WHEELS of this new year, 1965, begin to turn, so, also, do the wheels of planning for the General Conference of the Brethren Church to be held August 16-22, 1965. The theme for this conference session will be "Loving His Appearing"—II Timothy 4:8.

Among the many new activities you will find this year will be the Missionary Conference which will fall at the end of the conference week. The Missionary Conference, beginning on Friday evening with a missionary banquet and missionary inspirational service, will feature Dr. Clyde Taylor, Director, Evangelical Foreign Missionary Association of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Another highlight of the conference will be Dr. Ralph Earle, prominent theologian of the Nazarene Seminary, Kansas City. He will be bringing the inspirational addresses each morning, Wednesday through Saturday.

Rev. Jerry Flora, pastor of the Washington, D. C. church, will be speaking each evening at the Vesper services, and will be Youth Conference speaker for the week. The 1965 sessions of Brethren Youth "Catacomb Conference" will include the following:

Messages of the Early Church from Acts—Rev. Jerry Flora
Bible Quiz from Acts—finals on Saturday afternoon at the youth program
Symbols—study of early Christian symbols
Breaking of Bread—youth communion
Vespers—Rev. Jerry Flora
Mission Challenge—Saturday night with Dr. Clyde Taylor
Moderator's Address—Jim Gilmer
Having All Things in Common—project ingathering
Praise and Prayer—singing and prayer
Feasting Together—picnic and banquet

The Sisterhood of Mary and Martha program is follows:

Theme: "Loving His Appearing"
Tuesday: "Profitable Stewards"—Mrs. Ralph Davis
Wednesday: "Thankful Sisters"—breakfast
Thursday: "Faithful Funds"—ingathering
Friday: "Obedient Subjects"—business
Saturday: "Expectant Servants"—movie and instal tion of officers

This program of the Sisterhood of Mary and Mart is tentative and subject to change, but you can see th the time spent together in Christian fellowship and lea ing will be interesting and valuable. Plan now to tend the S.M.M. sessions at the 1965 Conference!

The following is a tentative list of many of the Co ference Highlights you will find during the week August 16-22:

Monday, August 16
Vice Moderator's Keynote Address—Dr. Harold Barn
Tuesday, August 17
Conference business sessions open
Moderator's Address—Rev. Charles Munson
Laymen's Public Service—Ken Anderson, laym Christian missionary film producer
Vespers—Rev. Jerry Flora, youth speaker

ednesday, August 18
Inspirational address—Dr. Ralph Earle, prominent theologian, Nazarene Seminary, Kansas City
Sunday school workshop—evening inspirational service
Vespers—Rev. Jerry Flora, youth speaker
hursday, August 19
Inspirational address—Dr. Ralph Earle
Ministers-Laymen breakfast and joint conference
Ashland College—Seminary night
Vespers—Rev. Jerry Flora, youth speaker
riday, August 20
Inspirational address—Dr. Ralph Earle in a. m.
Boys' Brotherhood-Laymen's breakfast
W. M. S. luncheon (?)
Missionary banquet
Missionary inspirational service and start of Missionary Conference with Dr. Clyde Taylor, Director, Evangelical Foreign Missionary Association of National Association of Evangelicals
Vespers—Rev. Jerry Flora, youth speaker
aturday, August 21
Inspirational address—Dr. Ralph Earle
Brethren Youth quiz final in afternoon
Youth night—inspirational service—Dr. Clyde Taylor
Vespers—Rev. Jerry Flora, youth speaker
unday a. m., August 22
Final session—Missionary Conference—Dr. Clyde Taylor

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Plan now to attend General Conference, 1965, which is eing planned that you may receive the utmost benefit om the sessions!

(Watch for more information on Conference in later sues of **The Brethren Evangelist.**)

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

THE SWEET PSALMIST OF ISRAEL

Near Bethlehem, the house of bread,
A shepherd lad is keeping
His father's flocks, and all are led
From pastures to their downy bed.
Beside the waters sleeping.

Across the harp his fingers glide,
Sweet melodies are ringing:
"Thou art my Shepherd and my Guide,
I shall not want with Thee beside,"
His grateful heart is singing.

Through all his psalms there runs a strain
That makes the teardrops glisten.
Like some sweet song with its refrain,
That heightens joy and lessens pain,
To which we love to listen.

But, best of all, his psalms record
Redemption's wondrous story;
For their inspirer is the Lord,
Who gave to men His saving Word.
The Word of grace and glory.

W. M. Czmanske

THE BOOK of Psalms bears its title by divine authority (Acts 1:20). The chief penman used by the Holy Spirit in the writing of the Psalms was David, the sweet Psalmist of Israel (II Sam. 23:1, 2). "David was the singer, but the Holy Ghost was the composer of the music" (II Tim. 3:16). Seventy-three of the 150 psalms are by their titles ascribed to David, but others classed as anonymous may be ascribed by Scripture to David—such as Psalms 2 (Acts 4:25). David arranged much of the Temple service of song and probably wrote much of its music (I Chron. 25:1).

The Psalms often prophesy of Christ (Luke 24:44). Psalms 22 is called a Messianic psalm (Matt. 27:35). Verses 16 and 18, along with others, are very definite in detailed prophecy (Matt. 27:35, 36, 40). Other Messianic psalms are chapters 2, 16, and 24. The psalms may be classified as instruction (32, 44, 52, 78), history (105, 106), adoration (8, 29), confession (51), thanksgiving (18), supplication (86), penitential (102, 130, 143), and impecatory or cursing (109, 140). The last expresses abhorence at the evil of God's enemies.

The historical experience on which a psalm is based may sometimes be ascertained (for Psalms 3 read II Sam. 15). A psalm may refer to a specific time in Israel's history, and also to the end time, the coming of the kingdom (compare Psalms 8:4-9 with Heb. 2:5-11). A better acquaintance with the psalms would help us to sing our hymns of the Church with better understanding (I Cor. 14:15).

The second psalm, "God's King," tells of David's greater Son: the Perfect Man, rejected, established and reigning over the nations, which was partially fulfilled at Christ's first coming (Acts 4:23-28). The poem is in fourdivisions: Man's rebellion, verses 1-3; God's attitude, 4-6 (II Sam. 7:8-17; Ps. 89:34-37); God's decree, 7-9; an exhortation and warning, 10-12. "Begotten," in verse 7, does not refer to Christ's birth, but to His resurrection (Acts 13:32, 33). Those who will not respond to God's overtures must break (Luke 20:18; Phil. 2:10, 11).



A great physician has analyzed the human body and has said that it contains enough fat to make a few bars of soap, enough potassium to set off a toy cannon, enough sulphur to rid a dog of fleas, enough phosphorus to tip a box of matches, enough iron to make a twelvepenny nail, enough gases to fill a few jars, and the rest is water, which can be drawn from any hydrant for almost nothing. The total worth of the human body in the market place is ninety-eight cents, and how often do we sell our souls for less than a dollar.

Louis H. Evans in YOUTH SEEKS A MASTER (Fleming H. Revell Company)

Brethren Youth Crusaders

THE VIEW FROM VANDERGRIFT

Here are some of the activities of the Pleasant View youth in Vandergrift, Pa.

We started our fiscal year with a cookout and song fest given by our pastor, Rev. Godwin and advisors John and Jean Lynch. We had plenty of eats and good Christian fellowship. Rev. Godwin also brought us a challenging message to stand firm for Christ in the face of all opposition or any trial.

At our first meeting we held election of officers with the following results:

Cookie Hesketh president
Rick Hesketh vice president
Pam Godwin secretary
Kathy Summerville ..assistant secretary
Linda Rupert treasurer
Sherri Kridler assistant treasurer

On October 3 we had a bake sale at the Thorofare and we had a net gain of $24.05. For revival, two nights on November 14 and 15, we had a youth choir and a special. These seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended.

On November 20th we held a fellowship with Brush Valley Brethren Youth. We opened the fellowship with a short worship service. Our assistant advisor, Bill Hesketh, presented an inspirational talk on Thanksgiving which gave us much to think about. We then retreated to the parsonage basement for games, singing, and food.

Of course, each month we travel to the rest home in Indiana, Pa., to give a service for the residents there. We enjoy bringing joy to these elderly people.

Every Wednesday night we have a youth prayer and Bible study for the preparation of the Bible quiz on Acts. Being the runner-up in the district quiz of Pennsylvania, we hope to be national winners this year.

We had a Christmas party for the Junior Church again this year and were hosts to the youth rally for the District in January.

—Pam Godwin, secretary

THE LIFE WORK RECRUIT

Involve in pastoral duties.

Firsthand observation of functions behind the scenes.

These two points are so closely related that it easy to discuss them together. However, these tw points are harder to pin down than are some of th others for a great deal depends upon the type church and the functions in which the pastor find himself involved. Usually when the minister is gon a member of the Deacon Board or the Moderator wi take charge of the worship service and introduce th guest speaker. If the young recruit is showing sign of much progress and is capable, it would be well fo him to take charge of the morning service in the ab sence of the minister. If the youngster is not quali fied to do this, he should, of course, not be place in this position.

The minister could take the boy with him fro time to time on certain kinds of calls or to certai meetings of ministerial groups where his presenc would be welcome. Occasionally, the minister coul ask the young recruit to read the morning Scriptur or offer a prayer but this should be done sparingl so that it does not become a routine duty to the youn person.

At special times of Baptism, Communion, Dedica tion of Babies, etc., the pastor could talk with th young recruit, describing any special preparation h makes for these special events. He could explain t the youngster something of his own spiritual prepa rations such as his Bible study, his sermons, his de votions. This is a good time to discuss some of th peculiar aspects of the minister's life which set hi apart from other professions. In fact, this is an idea time to become involved in purely spiritual matter as most daily contacts are of a more practical natur The pastor can make suggestions for Bible study fo the young person, and talk over any spiritual question he might have.

These two points involve the most personal contac with the young recruit and what the pastor does her will be highly individualistic and entirely persona It will depend upon how much time he can willingl devote to the recruit's instruction in his future duties and how anxious he is to make the young perso personally involved in his priesthood and service.

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PROJECT PATTER



Derby Brethren at Worship

The Derby Brethren bring greetings in the Lord's name. We are looking for Divine guidance as we seek to move forward for Him. Negotiations are now under way for the purchase of a lot immediately to the north of the parsonage to provide for future expansion. Consultations with the General Missionary Board are hastening the erection of the first unit.

We have just been visited by Beverly Summy, John Porte and Rev. Virgil Ingraham.

A leadership training class concerning "Sunday School Organization and Administration" is planned for January and February.



Derby Junior High Class
Eugene Winter, teacher

Your special prayers are requested for the Derby work in the following areas:

1. Pray for the development of a strong evangelistic church.
2. Pray that souls will be reached in the fast-growing Derby area.
3. Pray that the Lord will give guidance in the erection of a church building.
4. Pray that the Lord will provide certain material needs such as a filmstrip and slide projector, teaching aids and other equipment needed in the church building.



Derby Senior High Class
Dwight Bishard, teacher

Included with this report are some pictures showing the Derby Brethren at worship and study.

—Pastor M. W. Dodds

IDEA BOX



"For the Birds"

This Junior party idea is "For the Birds" and we mean that in the best sense.

Assign two children to read the Scripture as follows: Matthew 10:29-31 and Luke 12: 6, 7. Use the hymn, "This is My Father's World," as the opening song.

A review of the Genesis account of creation either verbally or in flannelgraph would be suitable and perhaps a Bible story where birds played an important part could be included. You might like to use a story from *Bird Life in Wington* by J. Calvin Reid published by W. M. Erdman's Publishing Co.

During the winter we should think of caring for the birds and this party theme gives you a number of opportunities to show God's care and our responsibility for His creations such as animals and birds.

GAMES you might like to use:

Have pictures of different birds hung at random about your room (using familiar birds) and have the children use a paper and pencil to write down as many birds as they can identify.

"The Birds Fly" is a game where the children stand and when a bird is mentioned they are to wave their hands and arms like a bird but if an animal is named, they are to drop their arms and hands to their sides. The last one left standing wins the game.

Or you might give facts of a Bible story concerning an experience with a bird (such as Noah and the dove or Elijah and the ravens). Credit goes to the one who first recognizes the bird.

Close with this poem:

"Said the robin to the sparrow,
'I should really like to know
Why the anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so.'
Said the sparrow to the robin,
'I suppose that it must be
That they have no heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me.'"

The hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" could be used with a final prayer for wisdom and strength to do the right thing at the right time.

For refreshments serve bird shaped cookies and chocolate milk.

MISSIONARY NEWS

Excerps from letters . . .

THE FOLLOWING are excerpts from letters of Margaret Lowery and Nancy Hostetler concerning December activities at Krypton Bible Center and Riverside Christian Training School. Although to speak of Christmas now may sound like past history, we relay this information to you, since we know that past history does affect the future.

KRYPTON

Our Christmas activities began on Sunday, December 13, when we held a joint singspiration and fellowship with the Dunraven and Krypton Sunday School groups. A group of young people, under the direction of Miss Sirkle from Riverside Christian Training School, were present and presented several Christmas selection. A splendid time was enjoyed by all. The children and teachers of the local public school were entertained on Thursday afternoon, December 17. The Homemakers assisted in this Christmas party. Games were played, refreshments were served, gifts of socks and gloves were given to each child, and a religious filmstrip pertaining to Christmas was shown. At the services on Sunday, December 20, special Christmas music and filmstrips were used. Our Christmas program at Krypton was held on Wednesday night, December 23. All who participated in the services did very well and need to be commended. A Christmas film was used to enhance the program. On Thursday, December 24, our Dunraven group filled the school house for its annual Christmas service. The audience was most receptive and I believe greatly blessed by the program of songs, Scripture and films. Numerous visits and supplies brought cheer to the shut-ins and less fortunate. The folks should have received a greater knowledge and deeper insight into the true meaning of Christmas.

Our friends and supporters have been the finest this past year. Your contributions have helped make it a successful year and have done much to bring comfort and joy to many. It makes us humbly grateful to think of all you have done for me personally as well as for the Mission program. We welcome this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks for your support and prayers.

. . . Margaret Lowery



Church at Krypton

MEMORIAL GIFTS FOR MISSIONS

$500

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Rishel
by Mrs. Mary E. Ringler

$50

Mr. John Weed
by Mrs. John Weed
and
Mrs. Marguerite Gribble Dunning

Riverside Christian Training School

THE NEW CHURCH is beautiful and made a fine setting for the staging of the Christmas play "The Road to Bethlehem," presented by Dr. Barnett's dramatic class. Also included in the evening's program, which was attended by a larger community audience despite bad weather, were several numbers by the community band under the direction of our music teacher, Miss Sirkle. Afterwards, there was a short P.T.A. meeting in the church basement and the play cast, which did a wonderful job for student amateurs, was honored at the refreshment table.

The boys living in the dorm had a nice surprise for Christmas. Partitions were set up in the dorm to make seven separate rooms, each including closet space and provisions for a desk area. There is bed space for approximately 20 boys. It looks very nice and cozy and the boys enjoy it.

Another fine treat was the donation of money and provisions to have a very special Christmas supper. We were able to have pure hamburgers and all the ice cream the kids could eat, in addition to french fries, angel food cake and all the trimmings.

One weekend the athletic department sponsored an invitational basketball tournament in the gym. The other three teams were Oakdale Christian High, Henderson Settlement, and Kingdom Come. There were games Friday and Saturday evenings and the R.C.T.S. '64 Rams completely outplayed their opponents and won the championship trophy.

Nancy Hostetler

UP-TO-DATE ON THE DRUSHALS

FOR QUITE SOME TIME Mrs. George Drushal, retired director of Riverside Christian Training School, has been residing on the west coast of the U.S. At the present time, she is living with her daughter, Adah, at 3000 S. E. 118th Avenue, Portland Oregon. It is most interesting to hear about their continued work in His service.

Adah works four nights a week in the Juvenile Detention Home. It is not a Christian institution and she is restricted from teaching Christianity, but is able to help them through love. Adah and her mother are very active in church work, taking part in Union Gospel Mission services in "Skid Row" area, and help one night a week at Seamen's Center. Workers from the Center meet ships from all over the world, giving friendly welcome by serving cookies, coffee, and provide games, books and tracts for them. They are able to witness to them of Christ and many are won to Him there. Each Tuesday the Drushals have a Bible Class for children living on their street and they take a number of them to Sunday School and church.

NEW TEN DOLLAR CLUB MEMBERS



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker	Vinco Church
Paul E. Bolinger	Wabash Church
Ralph L. Fairbanks	Mansfield Church
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hollinger	New Lebanon Church
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Shipshewana Sunday School	Shipshewana, Indiana
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wagoner	Mt. Olive Church
William Walk	Vinco Church
Young Adult Class	Hagerstown Church
Mrs. Myrtle Zinn	Flora Church

Why not join the TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

SISTERHOOD

Introducing . . .



THIS MONTH we are introducing Miss Nancy Keffer, our newly appointed National Sisterhood Treasurer. Nancy's home is in Ashland, Ohio, and this year she is a freshman at Ashland College, majoring in elementary education. While in college she is a member of the Women's Gospel Team. Nancy is a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Ashland, where she sings in the church adult choir.

Nancy was a very active member of the Sisterhood society in her home church, having served as president at one time; so she is quite familiar with SMM work. We pray God's blessing upon you, Nancy, as you serve in this capacity.

You may write to Nancy at 965 Smith Road, Ashland, Ohio 44805.

Dear Girls,

As the old year ends and the new one begins, so should your Sisterhood groups. Take a good look at *your* group! Has your attendance diminished or do your meetings seem to go on with no meaning? Do you look forward to Sisterhood or do you dread it? If these things are happening to you and to your group, how can you pep things up?

Since we are in a new year, many of you are making resolutions. We always, or so it seems to me, make the same ones year after year! But this year, let's all resolve a little differently. Top your resolution list with Sisterhood attendance. Surely one night a month can be set aside for this. Secondly, remember to contribute to your Thank Offering. Many times we forget to and then when we have to turn it in we don't have any, so we go to our parents (or maybe another fund we have). Finally, remember to spend time in prayer and Bible Study. If you don't have time before going to bed, get up earlier in the morning.

These three resolutions should top every Sisterhood girl's list. Are they at the top of your list of resolutions, or are they completely forgotten?

Sincerely,
Nancy Keffer

PRESIDENT HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF BIBLE READING PROGRAM

NEW YORK (EP)—President Johnson will serve as honorary chairman of the 21st annual Worldwide Bible Reading program of the American Bible Society, it was announced here by Everett Smith, society president.

Also on the sponsoring committee are the nation's three living former presidents—Herbert Hoover, Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The annual program is intended to unite Christians around the world by the reading of identical, pre-selected Scripture passages each day between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The program started during World War II when a Marine on Guadalcanal wrote to his family asking that they maintain ties by the simultaneous reading of the Scripture passages. The Bible society was asked to suggest the passages and, believing other servicemen might want to follow the practice, provided a list of passages on bookmarks to overseas chaplains.

The society reported that this year, 14 million bookmarks in many languages and Braille systems will be distributed.

ORDINATION SERVICE
ROY AMSTUTZ
Smithville, Ohio
November 8, 1964

ON SUNDAY MORNING, November 8, 1964, Mr. Roy Amstutz of Smithville, Ohio, was ordained to the Christian Ministry in the Smithville Brethren Church. The order of service was as follows:

Prelude"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Bach
Mr. John Farlow, Organist
Hymn"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Invocation Elder Donald Rowser
Offertory"Ave Verum" Gounod
Doxology and Dedication of Offering
Action of the Church calling for Ordination
Robert West, Moderator
Action of the District Ministerial Examining Board
Elder Rowser
Anthem"Lovely Appear" Gounod
Choir
Ordination Sermon Elder Virgil Meyer
Solo"How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"
Beulah Amstutz
Accompanied by R. W. Klingel
The Scriptural Charge I Tim. 3:1-7; II Tim. 4:1-5
Elder Rowser
Questions and Charge to the Candidate
Elder J. G. Dodds
Ordination Prayer with Laying on of Hands
Elders Rowser and Dodds
Setting Apart as Elder Elder Dodds
Declaration of Authority Elder Rowser

The Consecration of Mrs. Roy Amstutz as wife of an Elder

Charge to serve as wife of an Elder Elder Meyer
Prayer with Laying on of Hands
Elders Dodds and Meyer
Hymn"Lord, Speak To Me"
Benediction Elder Roy Amstutz
Postlude"Psalm 19" Marcello

Near Smithville, Ohio, on June 20, 1917, a son was born to Mrs. Emma Amstutz and the late Vernon Amstutz who was named Roy. Living in this community of Smithville, Roy attended the local schools, graduating from the Creston High School in 1935, and followed the vocation of farming and carpentry.

In 1944 he married the former Wava Harris, daughter of the late William and Ida Harris whose home near Nashville, Ohio, became the present Camp Bethany. Roy and Wava have four children: John, 19, Joyce, 17, Janet, 13, and James, 5.

Roy had felt the call into the ministry for many years. It was not until his health was broken, however, that he made a decision to enter the ministry, if his strength permitted. Six years ago on the second Sunday in November, God restored Roy's health. At this time Roy is completing his fifth year of study at Ashland Theological Seminary and Ashland College, where he is employed. He is also serving as pastor of the Bethel E. U. B. Church near Wooster, Ohio.

STEPS to STEWARDSHIP

The following are some steps to Stewardship. On which step are you standing?

The Tip Step — These folks give God a dime as they do the girl who checks their hat. They even give a quarter and equal their gratuity to the porter or waiter. Surely God is not pleased by such ungratefulness for His blessings.

The Amusement Step — They give when, or if, they attend church. It is on the same level as their patronage of the baseball park. They pay only when they go —or as a government official once put on his pledge card: "$5.00 per week, when I come." Can we hope for God's blessings on such giving?

The Promise Step — It is a well-known fact that many pledge that which they never even try to pay. They impress the church canvassers with their false "generosity" and do not hesitate to let others know how much "we pledge." What God thinks of this is found in the story of Ananias and Sapphira who made a pledge, had money to pay it, and then held out on God. They were accused of lying to the Holy Spirit, and their punishment was death. False promises do not merit His Blessing.

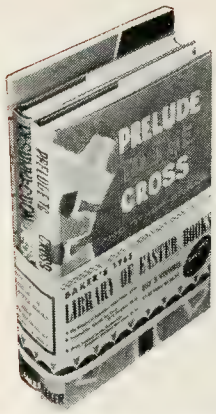
The Tithe Step — Some believe the law of the tithe to be God's plan for all time and therefore binding upon Christians; honesty requires them to pay it. Others accept it as a fair and reasonable plan for recognizing His ownership and their stewardship. Whether we consider it an obligation or a privilege, surely we ought not do less as Christians than has been required by the law.

The Tithe and Offering Step — The tithe of old was the measure of honesty, and the offering was the evidence of love. God, speaking through Malachi said: "Ye have robbed me in tithes and offerings." The tithe places rich and poor on the same plane; the offering above the tithe enables the one of greater means to show this true appreciation of his blessing. May it not be that God is saying to you today, as He said to one of old, "Friend, go up higher."

ON WHICH STEP ARE YOU STANDING?

—From a pastoral letter
THE UNITED EVANGELICAL





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A NOBLE NAME

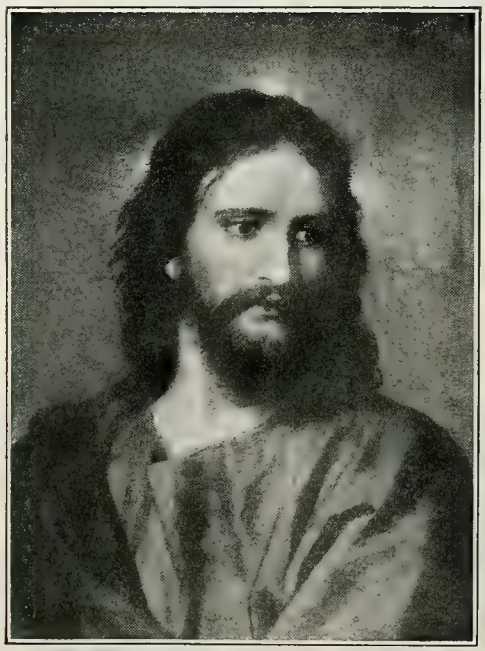
You may not own a lot of wealth
Like many people that you know;
You may not have the best of health
As through the years of life you go;
You may not always make success,
Nor every day feel just the same;
Mistakes sometimes you should confess,
But you can have a noble name.

You may not always please some folks,
Nor have their smiles and fine applause;
You may go under heavy strokes
When you stand true to God's great cause
Sometimes instead of help from men
You'll have to suffer lots of blame;
Yes, criticisms from their pen,
But you can have a noble name.

You may not have a talent great,
Nor be a genius in some art;
You may not with the mighty rate
By some small wisdom you impart;
You may not rise as high in life
As you desire and plan and aim;
Mistakes with you may seem quite rife,
But you can have a noble name.

You may not fill the highest place,
Nor write the grandest, greatest books;
You may be slow along life's race
And have to occupy the nooks;
No badge of honor you may bear,
Nor scale the sunny peaks of fame;
No laurels you may ever wear,
But you can have a noble name.

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour,
Taylorsville, N. C.



the editor's editorial

The Brethren's Home

ONE OF THE most important possessions of the Brethren Church is the Brethren's Home near Flora, Indiana. It is here that some of our most faithful Brethren may find refuge during their later years. It is here where Christian men and women may find fellowship and the comforts of home independent of the cares and worries that plague us when we grow older. Tender care and love are the elements given by those in charge to those who have come there to spend the remainder of their lives—these elements are most needed in this stage of life.

It has been suggested that perhaps the Brethren's Home is not needed anymore since it is seemingly out of reach for so many Brethren.

The ideal, of course, would be to have such a home in every district of the denomination, as has been suggested. But this is impossible because of the size of our denomination. Even if this was done, there would always be those who would use the same excuse which they are using now, "it's too far from where I've lived all my life."

And of course we could abandon the now existing Brethren's Home leaving nothing for those who would be willing to retire there. Why should we destroy that which we already have and which is serving some of our Brethren? There are those in the home today from other districts of our denomination. There are some from Ohio and Pennsylvania living there now. In days past there were Brethren there from the Central and Mid-West Districts who were very happy to live there for the remainder of their lives. There will continue to be those who will want to live in the Home.

When we consider such measures as doing away with this which we have, we are losing sight of that which God has blessed us with. To those of you who have never visited the Home, you have no idea as to what the advantages are for those who live there.

As stated elsewhere in this magazine, each resident has his own private room, with his own furniture and belongings as he so desires. Besides this, there is a large "sitting room" available to the residents at any time where they may read, watch television or visit. This is not true with nursing homes. The resident is generally in a room with another person, and too often there are more than two in a room. When a resident has visitors, whether in a nursing home or the Brethren's Home, there are times when he would like to talk in the confines of a private room. This is one of the big advantages of the Brethren's Home. You can always go to your room for private visits.

One great advantage about the Brethren's Home which is not found in private nursing homes, is the dining room where all the residents may gather around the tables for their meals. If you ever have the opportunity to visit the Home, be sure to let them know in advance so that you may be privileged to enjoy a meal with them. This will be a joy that you shall never forget! Christian fellowship is evident and there is much joy radiated from this time of "eating together of the common meal."

There is always the "family altar." Time is always taken for devotions each day. Very seldom do you find this in private nursing homes.

Another feature of the home that is appealing is the private cottage for couples, or individuals, if desired. These cottages are ideal for the couple who wishes to take care of themselves as long as possible. The cottage contains a living room, a bedroom, a bath and kitchenette. What more could be provided for the comfort of older couples?

Certainly with all of this, it would not be advisable to do away with something that has taken years to build up. Something that is available to our Brethren men and women who in later years might need such a place to live. Until such a home can be provided in every district of our denomination, let us support the now existing Brethren's Home and give encouragement to the Benevolent Board who is doing an excellent job in improving and maintaining that which we now have. Support the Benevolent Day Offering! S.G.

SISTERHOOD

The SMM Mailbag . . .

from VINCO (Pa.) Senior

OUR MEETING for the month of November was held at the Fellowship House. The members of the Laymen's Association were present.

Diane Gillespie gave a welcome speech and Lyla Singer led us in a few choruses. The Scripture was read by Pam Mackall and Connie Price followed in prayer by Sharon Singer and Lillian Bates. The Bible Study and topic, both taken from **The Brethren Evangelist,** were given by Karen Stevens and Donna McDowell, respectively. The meeting was then turned over to the president, Nancy Bates. The secretary and treasurer reports were given and approved.

We decided to go Christmas caroling on December 21. Everyone was to decorate boxes and each girl was to bring cookies that were given to the people at whose homes we went to carol.

The meeting was closed with the SMM benediction. A light Christmas lunch was served to the Laymen and then all were dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna McDowell, secretary.

from BETHLEHEM (Va.) Combined

THE SISTERHOOD of the Bethlehem Brethren Church invited the men of the church to their December meeting. A spaghetti supper was served by the girls to the nineteen guests present. The program included the reading of the Christmas story and of the origins of the Legends of Christmas.

This year we have assigned each girl one of the national goals. She is responsible for seeing that the group meets her goal.

We plan to have our public program in March. We are also planning to visit the museum of a famous missionary, Miss Catherine Eje.

We wish all the Sisterhood groups a Happy and Prosperous New Year with God's Guidance.

President, Carolyn Cox
Reporter, Jean Raish

Memorials

GAWTHROP. Mr. Carl Gawthrop, age 82, passed away on December 17, 1964, following a lingering illness. Funeral services were conducted in the First Brethren Church of Milford, Ind., on December 20, with Rev. Wayne Swihart officiating with the undersigned assisting.

Rev. Frank Barker

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WALKER. Merle Walker, a resident of the Brethren's Home, passed away recently. Services were conducted by Rev. William Livingston.

Mrs. Lee Voorhees

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SILVERS. Mrs. Ruth Silvers, 69 years old and a long time and faithful member of the Ardmore Brethren Church, passed away January 8, 1965, in the home of her brother in Sanford, Florida. Funeral services were held in the Ardmore Brethren Church, January 12, with the pastor, C. William Cole officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery, South Bend.

Reah Harman
Corresponding Secretary

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LESLEY. Mrs. Edith Lesley, a member of the First Brethren Church, Flora, Ind., passed away recently. Services were held at the church with the Rev. William Livingston in charge. Burial was in the Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Lee Voorhees

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LAM. Leon G. Lam, 66, died at his home Sunday, January 10, quite suddenly. Brother Lam had long served as a trustee of the Mt. Olive Brethren Church. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Frances Lam; two sons, Rev. Fells Lam, pastor of the Liberty and St. Luke Brethren churches, and Hensel Lam; two daughters, Mrs. Samuel Hinkle, Jr., and Mrs. Robert Roadcap and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in the church January 13, by Rev. Ralph Mills, pastor of Berlin Brethren Church and his pastor, the undersigned. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Rev. John F. Locke

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FITZSIMONS. Memorial services were held for Dale E. Fitzsimons, member of the U. S. Air Force, who died January 4, 1965, at the age of 25. Services were conducted by the Rev. Charles E. Zunkle of the Mill Creek Church of the Brethren, and the undersigned at Mt. Olive Brethren Church, January 8, 1965. Full military rites were held at the grave. His brother, W. David Fitzsimons, is a member of Mt. Olive Brethren Church.

Rev. John F. Locke

If you want your neighbor to see what the Christ-spirit will do for him, let him see what it has done for you.

—Henry Ward Beecher.

Daily Devotions

General Theme for the Year: "FULFILLING THE TIME"
Theme for February — "BY GIVING YOUR POSSESSIONS TO HIM"

Writer for February — Miss Beverly Summy
February 14 - 20 — "Giving Our Talents to God"

Sunday, February 14, 1965
Read Scripture: Acts 3:1-11

"Have you heard?" "Did you see him?" "Truly, it was a miracle!" Remarks such as these must have escaped the lips of those who went to the Beautiful Gate in the ninth hour and witnessed the first apostolic miracle. The man lame from birth came begging and went away rejoicing; he came crippled and went away straight; he came in weakness and went away in strength.

Peter and John came to pray at the temple and a beggar's usual cry for alms captured their attention. It seems that Peter is almost apologetic that he has no money to share with the beggar, but he is willing to give him what he could—strength for weakness!

There was a time when the stormy and petulant Simon would have used the strong language of a rough seafarer on the beggar, perhaps tossed him a coin, and proceeded on his way. But Jesus came to make of Simon a rock called Peter—a fisher of men. Now his talents and energies were being used for his Lord and his fellow men.

The Day's Thought

Let me give "such as I have" to others!

Monday, February 15, 1965
Read Scripture: I Corinthians 6: 13-20

All of us have been given talents and whether they are few or many, they are to be used. The old excuse, "I don't have any talents. Mary or Jim have so many, ask them," does not stand before God's scrutinizing eye.

All talents are to be used and multiplied and whether you have one or one hundred, God expects you to use them for Him. Remember the parable of the talents? The man who had one talent (whether it was money, ability, or what) had to account for the reason he hid his talent away where it did no one any good.

We have no right to make excuses and to hide away our abilities, for God had bought and paid for us with an unbelievable price—the blood of His only Son. Our body and our spirit belong to God. We are temples in which He dwells, or He will dwell no more upon the earth.

The Day's Thought

Turn your talents over to God. He will make of them something good and worthwhile.

Tuesday, February 16, 1965
Read Scripture: I Timothy 4:12-16

We cannot escape the eyes of the world! We have been told time and again that God sees all we do, but we like to forget that the world sees the believer also. Somehow the world knows the believer should be different, so he is observed daily—not just on Sunday.

Jesus pointed out the truth of each believer being continually open to scrutiny by the world in His Sermon on the Mount. Cities of the world—Rome, Denver, and Lima - - - have been built on hills and it would be foolish to try to hide these cities. In like manner, we do not light a candle and immediately stick it under a basket.

The believer, with his talents and abilities, cannot hide from the eyes of the world. Like it or not, he is an example and must strive to the best illustration of Christ that is possible.

The Day's Thought

Lord, make me humble that my light and example may shine forth strong and true.

Wednesday, February 17, 1965
Read Scripture: I Corinthians 12: 1-11

God's great wisdom made us all different! Thank goodness we are not all sopranos or preachers or writers or artists. But I have known people who were always wishing they could sing like Beth or preach like Peter or write like Lewis or paint like Sallman. Never content!

God has given each person some talents or abilities and no one else can perform the same task in quite the same way as he can. God needs *you* to carry out *your* work—not to bemoan the lack of some ability in your life.

There is no other work in the world in which so many different people can be employed in so many different ways in so many different places.

Evaluate your life and the abilities you have. Then ask God to lead you into the phase of His kingdom where you can be the most effective for Him.

The Day's Thought

Join the group of people with diversified talents dedicated to God!

Thursday, February 18, 1965
Read Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16

Talents are to be used! And the more they are used, the greater they become! Just as *the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail* for the widow when Elijah blessed them, so God multiplies talents with their greater usage.

Material things decrease and are soon gone when the demand is great, but God has given us those things which never decrease.

A body that lies immobile soon becomes weak and useless. It must be in motion and functioning to remain healthy. This is why modern science has invented "round beds," whirlpools, and therapy—to keep in motion an almost inert physical body.

Abilities must be kept in motion, working, and serving, or they die! Our talent muscles soon weaken without constant nourishment and use.

It is our duty to learn the strength of our abilities and then put them to work for God.

The Day's Thought

We thank Thee, Lord, for giving us those things that increase and become more valuable each day.

Friday, February 19, 1965
Read Scripture: John 3:7-9

How's your imagination? Picture yourself as a tree for a moment. You are standing straight and tall and proud among your fellow fruit trees. The sun is shining and all is right. But suddenly you feel a sharp pain and hear a resounding thud at the foot of your trunk. You look down to see a woodsman with a large axe already swinging through the air for another chop at your trunk.

"But why?" you ask.

And then you hear the husbandman of the orchard say, *Therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.* It is not enough to be proud and tall—you must be fruitful!

Fiery John the Baptist brought this condemnation upon the unbelieving Jews, but it applies to all who do not believe. It is not enough to say you are a Christian—you must be fruitful!

All we have came from God and should be returned to Him in fruitful service. He honors each effort we make to do His will, and He will make the fruit abundant.

The Day's Thought

Is the axe already laid at the root of your life?

Saturday, February 20, 1965

Read Scripture: I Corinthians 3:1-8

The Corinthian Church was in trouble! Besides other problems, their biggest failure was a lack of unity. This early church was torn asunder by divisions. When Paul heard of their strife, he immediately took pen in hand to counsel with them.

We are reminded by Paul that it is neither Apollos nor Paul, but God, that gives the increase in any harvest.

Too often we believers forget that the Father's will is to be done *in* earth as well as in heaven. Somehow we seem to say, "Okay Father, You take care of heaven—I'll take care of earth!"

Our God-given abilities are bestowed for the express purpose of performing His will here on earth. Many of us are "chicken-livered issue dodgers," but the fact still remains that God has chosen to work through man. Man has even been equipped with the right kind of abilities to perform the Father's will in earth. It remains only for each of us to accept our responsibility.

The Day's Thought

Help me, Lord, to see clearly what I can do to perform the Father's will in earth.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Isaiah

Memory Scripture for the month — Isaiah 26:4

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

February 14 - 20

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 26:1-4

Perfect Peace

As the family was eating dinner, Gary said, "Steve told us at Sunday school he's going to the hospital this afternoon."

"What for?" asked Linda. "Children aren't allowed to visit there."

"I don't mean that," answered Gary. "He's going to have an operation tomorrow morning."

"His mother was telling me about that, too," said Mom. "We will want to remember him in our prayers."

"An operation sounds serious," Linda said. "Is he scared?"

"No," replied Gary. "He said he knew he had to have the operation or soon he would not be able to run and play at all. He said he knew God would take care of him and help the doctors, too, as they operate."

"Perfect peace," reminded Dad, "is what God promises those who trust Him. Some people would be upset about an operation. Steve isn't because he trusts God and has that perfect peace."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the peace that comes into my heart when I trust You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 30:15, 18-19

God Answers

"Have you heard how Steve is?" asked Gary when he and Linda came home from school.

"Yes," answered Mom. "I talked with his mother a few minutes ago. She said the operation was successful. He should be able to go home Friday."

"Good," smiled Gary. "I'm glad God answered our prayers for Steve with a big 'yes.'"

"We had a letter this morning which I think would interest you children," said Mom.

"Who from?" wondered Linda.

"The Rogers," Mom replied. "They wrote to thank us for letting them stay here the night of the snowstorm."

"That's another prayer God answered," said Gary. "Mr. Rogers said they asked God to help them find a place to stay."

"I'm glad I know God answers our prayers," said Linda as she began to set the table. Sometimes we have to wait awhile for our answer, but He always answers in the best way at the best time."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for hearing and answering my prayers. Help me to remember that Your answer is always best. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 35:3-6

Strong

"Stop that!" yelled Gary. He ran quickly and jumped in front of two small boys. Two older boys were throwing snowballs at them. The little fellows were crying.

"Go on home, Gary," said Joe, one of the older

boys. "We don't want to hit you. It's those little cry-babies we're aiming at."

"You'd cry, too," declared Gary, "if two big bullies were picking on you. If you want a snowball fight, go find somebody your size."

"Aw, Gary," replied Joe, "we were just having a little fun."

"Some fun!" exclaimed Gary. "Picking on first graders. You ought to be ashamed of yourselves."

Joe and his friend walked away slowly.

"Oh, Gary," said Linda as she ran up to her brother. "I saw and heard all of that. You were really brave to stand up before those bullies."

"I didn't even think about being brave," Gary told her. "I knew what they were doing was wrong and God helped me to be strong." He smiled at the boys. "Come on fellows. Linda and I will walk you home."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to stand up for what I know is right. Help me to be strong and not afraid. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 40:3-8

The Teaching

"Do we have to give the puppies away?" asked Linda.

"Yes," answered Mom. "Five puppies, a mother dog and a kitten are too many pets."

"Who will get them?" wondered Gary.

"Daddy has talked with some of the men at work," replied Mom. "They want puppies for their families. They will come to choose. You will see who takes the puppies. You will see how glad their children are to get a dog of their own."

"But the puppies need Queenie to take care of them," said Linda.

"Not any more," Mom told her. "Queenie has helped them all she can. Now they can take care of themselves. The puppies will always remember the things they learned from Queenie."

"For ever and ever?" asked Gary.

"Well," laughed Mom, "as long as they live. There is a teaching for us, though, that lasts forever. Do you know what it is?"

"God's Word," replied both children.

"God planned for parents to care for the young until they can take care of themselves," said Mom.

"We know it's time for the puppies to leave," smiled Gary, "but it sure would be fun to keep them. All of them!"

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Your Word. Thank You for planning the best for me. Help me to look for Your way and to follow it. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 40:9-11

Like A Shepherd

Linda called the puppies to her as soon as she got home from school. Queenie and Mittens came, too. She picked up each of the puppies and spoke kindly to it. She brushed their fur. She knew that by tonight most of them would have a new home.

When Uncle Jim came in from a walk he said, "You remind me of a shepherd, Linda, surrounded by your flock."

"Oh, Uncle Jim," Linda told him, "I love every one of these puppies. I'll never forget them. I hope they will have good homes."

"Of course you love them," answered Uncle Jim. "A good shepherd loves every one of his sheep. He cares for them and finds the things that are best for them, just as you are doing for the puppies."

"I know it will be best for the puppies to have their own homes," said Linda. "I'm brushing them so they will be shiny and pretty. I want their new families to love them from the very first."

Uncle Jim picked up Blackie. As he stroked the puppy's fur he said, "The Bible tells us God is like a shepherd. He watches over and cares for each of us. He plans only the best for us, just as you are planning the best for the puppies. We don't always understand His way. The puppies won't understand why they are taken away. Soon they will be happy in their new homes. We sometimes wonder about the things that happen to us. If we look we will find God's way. Then we will know it is best."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for watching over me like a shepherd. Help me to follow and accept Your way. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 40:28-31

Renewed Strength

"Hi, Mom," said Gary as he came in the backdoor. "I stopped to see Steve on my way home like you said I could."

"How is he?" asked Mom.

"He has to stay in bed yet, but his leg is healing," answered Gary.

"I'm so glad his operation was successful," added Mom.

"Steve said he will soon be able to run and play again," Gary told her.

"He will have renewed strength, just like the Bible promises," said Mom.

"I don't think I know that verse. What's it about?" asked Gary.

"It's in Isaiah," Mom replied. *"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."*

"Wait on the Lord. Steve did that all right," nodded Gary. "His whole family prayed about this operation and lots of his friends did, too."

"God is answering those prayers in the way He knows is best," added Mom. "Steve will walk again. He will have renewed strength."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the strength You give me, not only in times of trouble, but every day. Help me to use that strength to choose Your way. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 41:10-13

Helping

Mommy was upstairs making the beds and dusting. Linda and Gary were helping her.

Betsy was in her playroom. After a while she called, "Betsy helped, too. Come and see."

Gary went to her room. "Oh, Betsy," he said. "What are you doing?"

"Helping. Helping Mommy," said the little girl with a big smile.

"How did the floor get so wet?" asked Linda as she came into the room.

"Betsy washed it," explained the tiny one. She pointed to her sand pail half-filled with water and a wet washcloth.

"Well, you have been trying to help, haven't you?" exclaimed Mommy when she saw the playroom floor.

"Some help!" declared Gary.

"There's no harm done," said Mommy. "We'll wipe up the extra water and the floor will soon dry. When we try to help we sometimes make a mess because we don't know exactly what is needed. There's One whose help is always just right."

"That's God," said Linda. "And He's always near to help us. Come, Betsy, I'll put some dry clothes on you."

Prayer:

I'm glad, dear God, that You are always near. I know You help me every day. May I remember to talk with You in prayer about the things that bother me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

"HOW LONG?"

"Sometimes He who knoweth best
In kindness leadeth me in weary ways
Where heavy shadows be;
Out of the sunshine warm and soft and bright,
Out of the sunshine into the darkest night.
I oft would yield to sorrow and to fright
Only for this: I know He holds my hand.
So whether led in green or desert land
I trust, although I cannot understand."

With soul sore vexed, David was under chastisement (Ps. 6:1-3), and longed for relief. In Psalm 13:1, 2, David was perplexed at God's delay in coming to his help. But in the end, David's desire for God was abundantly satisfied (v. 6). In Psalm 35:17, we find the cry of one persecuted without cause. But like Job, David did not accuse God (Job 1:22). In Psalm 74:9, the Hebrews know not "how long" their distress will last, which is contingent upon their return to the Lord. In Psalm 74:10, David is concerned about "how long" God will be dishonored by the nations. The cause is Israel's unfaithfulness to God (Rom. 2: 24). The "how long" of Ps. 79:5 has to do with the desolation of Palestine. In God's good time, He will answer the prayer of Ps. 80:4. The great prayer of true Israel is expressed three times: vs. 3, 7, 19. The complaint in Ps. 89:46 is that the covenant perpetuating the throne of David seems to be null and void (vs. 39, 44), but it will be established in the throne of Christ (vs. 35-37).

Psalm 90:13 is Moses' prayer for rebellious Israel God's wrath upon Israel will cease when they accep Christ's atonement (Zech. 12:10—13:1). The complain of Ps. 94:3, 4 is of all the righteous in all ages, and the answer is in Romans 12:19. In Isaiah 6:11, the prophet wanted to know "how long" his preaching would be ineffective (Isa. 6:9-12), and the answer is that Israel's blindness will continue "until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in" (Rom. 11:25-27). The "how long" of Daniel 8:13, 14 is asked and answered by heavenly beings, who are concerned about the time of the end(Acts 1:7). Again in Daniel 12:6, the angel interrogates, "How long?" The One addressed (Dan 10:5-9) is the Jehovah-Jesus of Rev. 1:13-17. The angels desire to understand prophecies (I Pet. 1:12) The key verse here is Daniel 10:14, and the answer is Dan. 12:7. In three and one-half years of the great tribulation period, "many shall be purified" (Dan 12:10), and the desolator be destroyed (Dan. 9:27).

The "how long" of Habakkuk 1:2 is an exclamation concerning the adamant sinful state of the people and wide-spread violence (vs. 3, 6). The angel of the Lord interrogates again, and God answers in Zech 1:12, 13. When God answers, He will make Jerusalem His dwelling place (Zech. 2:10). The last "how long" of the Bible is uttered by the martyred saints in Rev 6:9, 10. They await the second coming of Christ (vs 11-17).

"Oft times the heavy tempests round me blow,
And o'er my soul the waves and billows go.
But when the storm beats wildest, and I cry
Aloud for help, the Master standeth by
And whispers to my soul: "Lo, it is I."
Above the tempest wild I hear Him say:
'Beyond the darkness lies the perfect day;
In every path of thine I lead the way.'"

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

RICHES NOW; TORMENT THEN

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented (Luke 16:25).

THE PITY of the human heart goes out to Lazarus. He is introduced to us in the account in Luke; poor, weak, hungry (willing to eat crumbs which ordinarily went to the rich man's dogs). The rich man did not recognize him—or wouldn't. He certainly must have seen the beggar at his gate, here in the world. But when the conditions and relations were changed in the other world, he knew him.

Richly dressed and faring sumptuously, the rich man felt no anguish or pity for the beggar at his gate. Later both men died—as all men do. Both men have gone to judgment, but the condition of each man has changed at the judgment bar. The rich man thirsts—not for the rich wines of his earthly feasts—

but only for water which he was not mindful that Lazarus should have as he laid at his, the rich man's gate.

Sometimes our anguish for needed blessings (and our lack of concern for the needs of others) change meaning. God leaves it come out that way that he may teach us a lesson. That change of attitude can come too late, as it did for the rich man.

We can put off our concern and pity for our less fortunate brother in this world. All the imagery of this story teaches one tragic truth; something frightful happens to a man who feels no anguish over human suffering. We do not know how much time elapsed between the deaths of these two men, but long or short the interval, the rich man recognized Lazarus, and I know he remembered also his shabby treatment of the poor mortal who begged at his door. There might have been ample opportunities for the rich man to take pity on Lazarus' compatriots during the interval of years between their deaths, but the result of the attitudes of the two men, sent one to comfort and peace and the other to eternal torment. Abraham could not change the fate of either, (and it's the same today).

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for February 14, 1965
TRADITION AND CHRISTIAN DUTY
Text: Matthew 15:1-20

TRADITIONS in society are kept alive by giving help, meaning and beauty to life. There are occasions when they can be a hinderance to the progress of God's kingdom. The forms of a church wedding are somewhat traditional and give beauty to the occasion. There was a traditional fashion in clothing which was intended to give spiritual and moral help to the individual and society. A shower for newlyweds is a tradition kept alive for the purpose of helping them get a start in their own home. Tradition may be an evil, as in the case of Jesus and the Scribes and Pharisees when the latter used it as a pretence to religiosity and avoidance of responsibility.

The washing of hands as a tradition could have had some meaning, but as it was, it was being used as a weapon to condemn the disciples of Jesus. It took the force of law, not tradition, and was being used in religious hypocracy. The gift (15:5) made to God in the manner spoken of by Jesus was, by the Scribes, to call a thing Corban. A person who did not want to help or be responsible for his parents could take his money or possessions and declare it Corban or dedicated to God. The Scribes taught that a gift so dedicated could not thereafter be used by parents no matter how great their need. By twisted reason, the Scribes declared that the gift need not in reality be given to God only dedicated. The offspring could then use it for himself.

The Scribes and Pharisees were counting ceremonial cleanliness and ceremonial tradition of greater importance than moral responsibility and purity of the soul. To Jesus it wasn't the dirty hands and unholy food but the dirty heart that made man unclean to God. The condition of the heart determines the nature of a man's life (James 3:6).



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The pathology flourishing about us today is that men can think and talk of nothing else but danger, crime, communism; those people have properly identified the enemy, but they can't see Christ for the crisis.

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Brethren Youth Crusaders

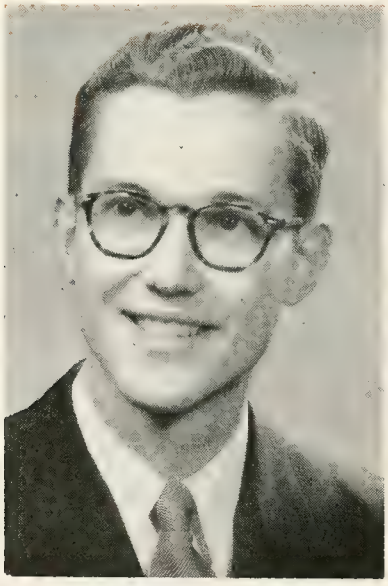
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BIBLE QUIZ HELPS

Unscramble the following key verses and give their references:

Chapter 15—"Lord even But that shall the believe through Christ as we saved grace Jesus be they of we the"—Peter's argument for Christian liberty

Chapter 16—"saved Christ And Believe thou Lord and be house they on the said Jesus thy and shalt"—the only condition of salvation

Chapter 17—"this every God repent times ignorance all to winked And men of where commandeth but now the at"—from Paul's sermon on Mars Hill

Chapter 18—"when Gentiles raiment blasphemed upon unto heads I blood And opposed shook own clean hence the said themselves I go they and his them he your from be Your forth am will and"—Paul turns from the Jews to the Gentiles

Chapter 19—"grew God of prevailed and mightly So word the"—result of Paul's ministry at Ephesus

Chapter 20—"Jerusalem there now bound spirit things the shall not in I And the unto knowing befall behold me that go"—Paul feels compelled to go to Jerusalem

Chapter 21—"of to answered I name but for Jesus mean Paul and break to ready only the mine What to weep ye at Lord Then bound for am the die not to also Jerusalem heart be"—Paul's faith in the face of any danger

Chapter 22—"by uncondemned unto him that as Paul is to scourge man and a bound with the lawful centurion you And Roman that a thongs they said it for Is stood"—Paul's right as a Roman citizen

Chapter 23—"for Jerusalem at the night cheer thou testified good by the Lord And hast Rome also Be him said as Paul of witness following thou stood in me and must so bear of"—the Lord's grace to Paul

Chapter 24—"Felix a call for reasoned come way I thee when as convenient have righteousness and thy time temperance Go will for season And of judgment and trembled I to answered he this"—Felix almost believes

Chapter 25—"thing of them if have there For be unto me Caesar none to of man I refuse it not offender an deliver appeal no worthy or but I committed any death may unto me things these whereof accuse I be these die"—Paul appeals to Caesar

Chapter 26—"persuadest to Paul Agrippa unto Christian Almost Then said thou be a me"—Agrippa almost believes

Chapter 27—"that Wherefore as God told it for I shall be cheer sirs it was good of believe even be me"—Paul comforts his companions

Chapter 28—"came unto house in years all dwelt that received two and him in hired whole Paul his own And—"how Paul appears at the end of Acts

S. E. DISTRICT NEWS

AFTER A BUSY summer, the Southeastern District had its regular fall Youth Rally. It was held at the Maurertown Brethren Church, Maurertown, Virginia, on November 14. Nearly all the churches of the district were represented.

The rally began with the business meeting and we had our election of new officers. They are as follows:

President—Fred Finks
Vice President—Suzanne Hall
Secretary—Donna Fields
Assistant Secretary—Cathy Logan
Treasurer—Susan Logan
Assistant Treasurer—Carolyn Cox

After the business meeting, each church presented a skit which they had prepared. This was followed by a meal prepared by the members of the Maurertown Brethren Church. The rally closed with an evening service and a film.

Everyone returned home with a renewed faith in Christ after a wonderful day of Christian fellowship.

Donna Fields
Secretary

IDEA BOX



TITHES . . . Offerings . . . give as God has prospered you! This is a thumbnail sketch of giving in the Bible. The Old Testament required a tithe of one's possessions, that is, one-tenth. Offerings were to be given also. However, in the New Testament, Christ has come to fill the law full and the measure of giving is not limited to the Old Testament concept. We are to give as God has prospered us. Too often, people use the tithe as the maximum of giving rather than the minimum.

Tithing is a good start, but we should go further according to the New Testament teaching.

Have you even started tithing the money you earn from odd jobs, babysitting or part-time work? Now is the time to start this practice of returning to God what is His . . . the longer you wait, the harder it will become to open the strings on your purse!

If each Christian teenager and adult would at least tithe and give offerings, plus those who would dare to give God more, we would see no lack of money for the Lord's work.

We dare you to be a tither!

THE BRETHREN'S HOME



Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kuns

AGAIN, at the beginning of this new year, in behalf of the members of The Brethren's Home, we want to thank all the fine people of the Brethren churches who have helped in any way to bring Christmas joy to The Brethren's Home.

As always, we had a beautifully decorated tree in our large living room where gifts were put under the tree as they came in. On Christmas Eve a short program was presented, and gifts were presented to the members, all of whom received several nice gifts. We always give each one a box to put their gifts in. They take them to their rooms and open them. On Christmas day they enjoyed a turkey dinner and all the trimmings. Money for the turkey was given by one of our churches. All of our members were able to come to the tables but three, who were bedfast. One man has since passed on to his heavenly home. David Eller, 91 years old, who had been in our home for 18 years, passed away on December 28. In the eleven years we have served here, we have seen 29 members pass to their eternal home in Heaven.

Hardly a day passes but what someone says, "I am so thankful I am here in this comfortable home." One of the things we have tried to do is to make them as happy as older people can be with all their aches and pains and being away from their loved ones and friends.

We always have devotions each morning after breakfast with each one who is able taking part. On Sunday morning Rev. Belote presents the Sunday school lesson. We all receive a great benefit from God's Holy Word.

As we are retiring from The Brethren's Home, since our health will not permit our staying longer, we have been asked to give a resume of the work which has been done in the past eleven years that we have been superintendent and matron of The Brethren's Home.

We took over on March 1, 1954. We will try to tell some of the main things without going through all the records. We made the building safe for our older people to live in by rewiring the main building according to the state fire marshal code, by fireproofing the ceiling plaster in the basement, and putting in a fire door to the furnace room, so that in case of a fire it could not spread to other parts of the building.

We redecorated all the rooms and since then we have kept them redecorated as needed. We finished one of the cottages that had not

been completed and also enclosed the porch on each cottage, in addition to putting cement walks to all cottages. New copper water lines to all the cottages have been laid, as the old lines had rusted out.

We remodeled an old barn, cut it down, and put on new plates, rafters and roof, using it for a hog barn. We repainted the main building. We also laid a new water line (plastic) to the barn since the old line had rusted out. We had a new six-inch well drilled, and installed a new submersible pump. When our furnace went bad last winter and we had to install a new oil furnace. In the past two years the Home Board put in a new commercial refrigerator and electric range, which was a gift of several of our churches. We laid a subfloor in the hallways on the second floor, and had them covered with inlaid linoleum, which makes it much more sanitary and easier to keep clean.

This fall the drive from the highway was resurfaced, which was a great improvement to the home.

We always have our freezers filled with beef, pork, chicken and vegetables from the farm.

We want to thank the Benevolent Board for being so cooperative with us in the work here.

We have met so many fine people that have come to visit the home —we will always have the fondest memories of them and our work here at The Brethren's Home.

GREETINGS - - -

WE HAVE completed a year's work here at the home. We came from North Liberty Brethren Church just a few days before Christmas in 1963. We love the work as it is always a privilege to serve the Lord. We have grown to love the people here, and hope that we have done a little to make life more comfortable for them.

We wish to thank all of you folks for the many Christmas cards and gifts, and for the enjoyable visits throughout the past year.

Hoping to continue in the Lord's service, we remain yours in Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Glick and Family

Residents of the Brethren's Home and Their Birthdays

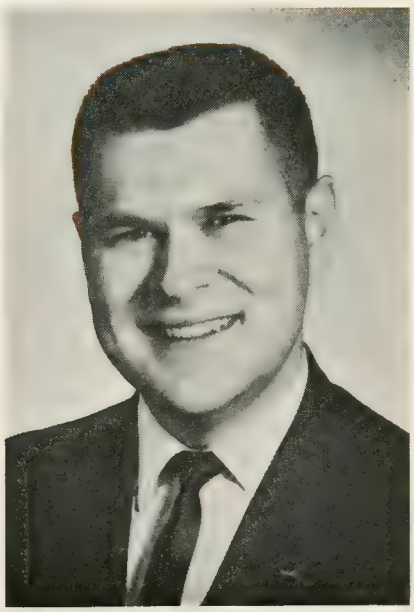
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Mr. Russell A. Kuns (Superintendent)	January 4
Mrs. Ella Duker	February 9
Mrs. Gladys A. Kuns (Matron)	February 13
Mr. Roy Stonebraker	March 3
Mrs. Orpha Beekley	April 6
Mrs. Laura Keyes	April 9
Miss Emma Berkheiser	April 14
Mrs. Stella Baer	May 2
Mrs. Myrtle Rainey	May 23
Mrs. Goldie Stonebraker	August 22
Mr. Louis Deeter	August 13
Mr. George Crume	September 2
Mrs. Pearl Klise	September 12
Rev. Dyoll Belote	September 13
Mrs. Evelyn Glick (Assistant)	September 16
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HAS THE BRETHREN'S HOME OUTLIVED ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSE IN LIGHT OF PRESENT CONDITIONS?

by MAX MILLER

I HAVE BEEN ASKED to submit an article stating my views relative to some of the questions raised in the Moderator's Address, directed to the Brethren's Home and Benevolent Board, concerning the Brethren's Home. This address has raised some eyebrows, and has caused some people to begin to think; this is good. However, since we still live in a free society, we do have a right to our own opinions.

"Has the Brethren's Home outlived its original purpose in light of present conditions?" The issue has been raised, and it is an issue. It will have to be resolved for the best of all concerned.

I am not familiar with the early history of the Brethren's Home, except to say that the land was donated by a member of the Flora church, for a home for the aged and orphans. The church saw and recognized this need, built the building in 1922 and it has been serving this need since that time. The orphanage branch of the original intent was never developed. The need simply stated is that we, as a church, provide a place where retired ministers, their wives, and all elderly brethren who have nowhere to live, may go—an auxiliary of the church operated by Brethren, in a Brethren atmosphere. Naturally homes like this are subsidized by the church and were never intended to be proprietary (profit making). Our church has supported the Home very well, and it is operating in the black, and has been for several years. Many of the older people can remember when this was not the case.

Does the need for this Home still exist? I would say more so than ever before. Many of you have already read the article on nursing homes by Alfred Balk in the September issue of McCall's Magazine, and condensed for the January issue of Readers Digest. If you have not, get it, read it and study it. I feel it will help you solve a great many problems which you have concerning your responsibility to the aged. I am truly grateful that many of the deplorable conditions which exist are not found in our own Home. We would point out, however, that we are not operating a nursing home or a convalescent home, but a home for the aged. They do have many of the same problems and are subject to the same qualifications and inspection standards of the State. The Home has been inspected periodically by the State Fire Marshall and the Public Health Service department of the State of Indiana, and has always been found in excellent condition.

Mr. Balk states that in America we have two and a half million people 80 years old, or older, and nearly fifteen million over 65. Today, according to U. S. Public Health Service, less than half of our 23,000 homes offer a desirable type of service, and they can ac commodate less than half a million people. The lif span has been lengthened considerably due to anti biotics and many other medical advances. People wh were committed to mental insititutions or count farms years ago, are now living in homes for the aged

Statistics reveal that more than half of all pa tients residing in American nursing, convalescent c rest homes, are on relief. The government has rec ognized this, and has doubled their appropriation t give assistance to upgrading the condition of pres ent homes, to building new homes, and remodelin existing ones. Social Security and insurance program have added to the independence of the elderly an makes them more available for our home. The govern ment is also proposing medical care for the aged. Thi will mean another boon for the nursing home an the home for the aged.

Yes, I think the need still exists. We should be prou and happy to be able to serve our elderly throug our Brethren's Home. Grateful for the labor, sac rifice and foresight of those who have gone on befor so that we have a Brethren's Home. The estimate worth of same is $100,000, and would be impossibl to replace for twice that amount of money.

Assuming that we in the Brethren church are av erage Americans, we are going to have our share c the aged to care for. The need for good, low-cos care is quite evident. I think we can well afford t spend $25,000 or $30,000 a year to operate our Hom It would cost twice this amount to provide this car in the very modest of other homes, and up to thre or four times as much in some. I would like to stat that the operating expenses of the Home compar favorably with the other auxiliaries of the church.

In many homes you are put on a waiting list t get in. So far we have been able to take care of ou demand. In view of these conditions many religiou groups are building new homes and remodeling ex isting facilities. Conventional nursing homes are be ing built.

The Benevolent Board was planning definite im provement to our own institution until last year Conference. Trust that after proper study and con sideration, and as new requirements present them selves, this may be resolved, and that the residen of the Home may again assume a sense of securit

As to the location of our Home, it would be mo centrally located in Ohio. However, it is physical impossible for one Home to be ideally located to ser our denomination. An improvement would be f each district to have their own Home. However, un we are large enough for this or until such a pla

can be implemented, we had better keep what we have and continue to operate it. We do have a place where our elderly people can go, and this means a great deal. When you come to the state in life where you have no home, and cannot provide for one, and you are moving to a new environment, making new acquaintances, starting a new way of life, distance is not much of a factor.

The general public is gradually becoming conscious of caring for the aged. Improvements are being made. Some communities are sponsoring public housing projects; day-care centers; supervised medical teams, who operate in private homes, etc. These are all fine as far as they go, but would not take the place of the Flora Home.

Dr. Kent, director of U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, states in part: "Most Americans are not yet aware of the magnitude of the changes which must come about because of the increasing numbers of the aged. Many don't want to be aware. They would prefer to keep problems out of sight, and spend as little as possible to solve them. But this is not the answer. We must face these challenges squarely and do it now. Only in this way will the gift of long life mean something, both to us and our parents and grandparents, to whom this gift has been given."

In closing I would like to extend to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kuns, superintendent and matron of the Home, my personal commendation, that of the Board, and that of the church at large, for a work unsurpassed in loyalty, faithfulness, dedication and efficiency. It is among the noblest our church has to offer. Truly may they hear the Savior say "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." They will be terminating eleven years of continuous service as of February 28. May they experience peace, joy, contentment and a well-deserved rest in their retirement.

We wish also to acknowledge with gratitude the fact that Rev. and Mrs. William Livingston, as of March 1, will assume the responsibilities of supervision at the Home. We are sure they covet and need the same prayerful support the Kuns have received these past years.

BE YE THANKFUL

by ERNEST FAIR

AS WE BEGIN the New Year we can look back on the old one and find many ways in which we have come short of serving our Lord whole-heartedly, but we dare not be remorseful about our short comings. Let us be like the apostle Paul *Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus* (Philippians 3:13b-14).

We have much for which to be thankful. In the past year at the Brethren's Home we were able to make some needed improvement in the heating system by replacing a coal-fired boiler with a new oil heated one; so it will be more comfortable in the Home and less of a chore for those caring for the Home. I also would like to report that Rev. and Mrs. William Livingston, who were the pastoral family at the Flora church, have felt led of the Lord to accept the position as superintendent and matron of the Home on about March 1, 1965, filling the vacancy of Brother Russell Kuns and his wife Gladys who desired to be relieved of this duty that they might have a little more time for relaxation. I am sure The Brethren Church and the Board are grateful for the many years of consecrated service they have given as superintendent and matron.

Since I have menioned the superintendent and matron, I think it well to list the rest of those who serve on The Brethren's Home and Benevolent Board.

President—Dorman E. Ronk, 811 Grant Street, Ashland, Ohio, employed at Ashland College.

Vice President—Russell Rodkey, R. R., Kokomo, Indiana, a farmer by occupation.

Secretary—Ernest Fair, R. R. 1, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, farmer.

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Max Miller, 601 N. Main St., Nappanee, Indiana, factory employee of that city.

Royce Gates, 1263 Nestor Ave., Akron 14, Ohio, employed in Akron.

Rev. W. E. Thomas, R. R. 1, Bunker Hill, Indiana, who pastors the Loree Brethren Church.

Rev. Marlin McCann, 124 Stickler Ave., Waynesboro, Pa., pastor of the Wayne Heights Brethren Church.

These Brethren may be in your local church, yet the Lord has led them to be of service to others who can no longer care for themselves alone. We have been fortunate in the past years to receive bequests from the estates of deceased brethren which have made it possible for us to maintain the standards that have been established in the past years. Any Brethren person over sixty years of age and a member of any one of the churches of our denomination may make application for entrance into The Brethren's Home at Flora by contacting the president or secretary of The Brethren's Home and Benevolent Board.

I find many of our people are not familiar with the work of The Brethren's Home, so we of the board would like to express our appreciation to *The Brethren Evangelist* for the issue given each year to remind us of this work. The Church of the Brethren has a home for their older people in the area in which I live that is constantly being expanded to meet the needs, yet the requirement for entrance is much greater. We plan to make a study and search for ways that we can be of better service to The Brethren.

THE FLORA HOME

by REV. MARLIN McCANN

WE BRETHREN are indeed fortunate to have a Home for our aged in Flora, Indiana. It is our Christian responsibility to provide facilities for those who have served so long and so faithfully. Being the newest and youngest member on this board, I don't know as much about the Home as I would like to know. Perhaps many of us are in this situation. We only know where it is located (and some don't even know this), but not much else. If we do not take an interest in our Home and its occupants, who will? The government is the only one left other than private homes, and I'm sure we would not want that to be the situation. We, as the church, must provide some type of living facilities for these beloved people. Your Benevolent Board is in the process of evaluating what is best for the people of the Home and for the church at large.

It is with great interest that I read of the retirement homes and retirement villages that are beginning to dot our nation, and I am inclined to ask, what draws people to these? No doubt cost plays an important part. If you were to investigate other homes, I am sure that you would find the entrance and monthly costs much greater than our Flora Home. In our Home, each contract is written in accordance with what the person has, and then the cost is set accordingly. The church is to take care of the rest of the cost if the person has little. If you went to a retirement village or a privately owned home, and could not afford much—who would pay the extra?

I don't believe we Brethren realize what a fine home we have for the cost of supporting it.

Facilities play an important part in drawing people. Just what do we have? Our living facilities are capable of housing single people as well as married couples. More room is needed for future occupants and increased medical facilities to take care of those who become bed patients. The cooking and dining room facilities are substantial and the meals are excellent. The people are able to participate in devotions and Bible study each day and week, and this is fine. Good Christian fellowship is necessary in old age, too! Perhaps the area of activity and recreation could be expanded. Why should we expect our older people to sit in their rooms day after day or watch TV by the hours? It just might be that more Brethren people would be attracted to our Home if some of these other activities were expanded—crafts, hobbies, recreation that older people could participate in. What we have is good, but our program could be expanded. We have but one Home, let's make it the best possible.

Location is also important. Some people would prefer to retire near where they have lived their earlier lives and where their families are; to others, it makes little difference. We do have a good location to serve the majority of our Brethren people. It has been suggested that other homes are needed in some of our other districts. This would be ideal, and may be a reality in the future.

One can receive many impressions of our Home but one that stands out the most is that the residents are happy there. They know they can complete their lives surrounded by other Christians and that they are in the most capable hands as far as their care is concerned.

The Benevolent Board knows that there is no one easy solution to the problems involved in supporting a retirement home. Times and methods do change and we must change with them. As with every other Board, we work with what money the churches send and sometimes this is not too great. We are at a disadvantage since we have no full-time field director to promote the Home at our District Conferences and in our churches, so we have to rely more upon the faithfulness and concern of YOU. We have a fine Home and should be proud of what it does to provide for our retired people.

WHY WE SHOULD SUPPORT OUR BRETHREN'S HOME

by CARL DENLINGER

HAVING BEEN A MEMBER of the Benevolent Board for the past six years, I shall try to give a little information concerning the Brethren's Home. The Home is located on a good highway about one-half mile west of Flora, Indiana, a town of nearly two thousand population. The property includes a small acreage (about 45 acres), a good barn, a hog pen, a chicken house, a building for storage of implements, corn, and small grain, the large brick house, garage, and three cottages. Each cottage is capable of housing two couples and is equipped with cooking facilities so that the residents may do their own cooking if they so desire. The main building is capable of housing approximately twenty-five people.

We feel that the Brethren's Home is for Brethren people and should be supported by Brethren people. This is the only Home we have, and, certainly, this is the least we can do for our aged. Mrs. Denlinger and I had occasion to visit another church home a few days ago and found their demands for entrance far greater than ours. During our discussion there we were advised to maintain at all cost any existing

home for the aged because of the tremendous need. Due to the fact that medical science has increased the span of life, and private residences are no longer large enough to accommodate the immediate family plus aged parents and loved ones, rest homes and retirement homes have become a greater necessity. Even with constant expansion of facilities such homes generally have long waiting lists and gaining entrance is quite difficult.

I feel that I am voicing the opinion of the entire Board when I say that we feel it is the duty of all Brethren to do all that we can to help care for the aged, and especially our aged ministers. These men who have rendered faithful service and have, in many cases, spent their lives serving small churches at low pay surely deserve a home when they are no longer able to serve.

The Brethren's Home is now being managed by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kuns, but after eleven years of faithful service, they feel that the work is too much for them. May God richly reward them for their past service, and may their successors be filled with zeal to carry on the work where they left off.

OUR NEEDS AT THE BRETHREN'S HOME

by ROYCE GATES

OUR GREATEST NEED, as I see it, is a real place in the hearts of our Brethren people. We must have a real deside for sharing and caring for those in the Home, helping financially in the cost of the Home and doing to prove our love for the Home.

I visited a home in Lansing, Michigan. This was not a church affiliated home, however, and the cost for staying in a four-bed room was $10 per day. This is much higher than what it costs to stay in our home in Flora and no doubt, lower than the cost in many others. This shows the real importance of our home for our Brethren people, both as families and as individuals.

One great need that I feel is most pressing is a new wing on the present building. This would make it possible to isolate the sick from the well members and give the twenty-four hour care which is so essential to the needy. This would also keep the over-all cost down as specialized care would be given only when really needed.

I feel we have been really blessed of God with wonderful Christian Superintendents and Matrons down through the years and all of us should pray that this will always be so. Good leadership is so indispensable for both economic and morale purposes. Spiritual leadership is even more indispensable for evangelistic purposes.

Every good Brethren should make a trip to Flora, Indiana, and visit our good home and its many members. If we would do this, it would give us a better picture of the needs and the possibilities of this work, as well as increase our zeal and enthusiasm for its continuance. We also need some Brethren to mention the Home in their wills—and all the Brethren to continually pray for its material and spiritual prosperity.

May God bless all who are concerned—and may God increase their number, is my constant desire and prayer.

The "FUTURE" Brethren's Home

by REV. ARTHUR H. TINKEL

HOMES FOR THE AGED and disabled are becoming more and more a necessity in this day and age of our complex American life. After coming into more intimate contact with our Home at Flora for a few years, while pastoring the Flora Brethren Church, I should like to make a few observations at the request of a Board member.

First—Our Brethren's Home has been blessed with some good superintendents and matrons. Brother Russell Kuns and wife have been no exception, unless, they should be classed at the top. In our experience there from 1960 through 1963, we found them very efficient, sympathetic and hard working servants of the Lord. Even so, no one can always please everyone.

Second—Those who give up their own private homes to come to a central "Home" for several years find many difficult experiences in adjustment. Because of this a staff of workers who are efficient and understanding is required. It is, indeed, no easy undertaking to come to live in a "Home," nor is it an easy experience to labor in a place like that. Both efficient and experienced laborers and nurses are needed.

Third—It is our firm conviction that our Brethren's Home is FAR TOO SMALL to operate at the best advantage for all concerned. We need to enlarge suf-

ficiently to seek to care for at least fifty or seventy-five individuals! We have the acreage and location needed for a much larger institution. If private "Rest Homes" can be built and operated financially and successfully, why cannot the Brethren Church do so? Cannot we find a way to do this? Twenty people, in a measure, require as much as two or three times that number. The Brethren's Home costs too much per person.

I am not aware of all the implications, problems, and requirements, but I do deeply feel that this suggestion has some merit. Why can't we accept non-Brethren members and seek to have a type of mission work as well as the physical? I believe the "day" for a home of twenty as operated at Flora is past. This is in no way an attempt to criticise past operation or personnel, but an attempt to face facts now in light of the future. This "future" Brethren's Home should be almost, if not completely, able to finance itself. With Social Security, Welfare, etc., caring for our aged and physically handicapped, this suggestion should be more attractive.

THE BRETHREN'S HOME BUILDING FUND (W.M.S. Project)

by MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

THE WOMEN OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH have always had a definite and warm interest in The Benevolent Board of The Brethren Church. In fact the S.S.C.E. created and maintained the Superannuated Ministers' Fund. Then in 1912 this work was assumed by the Benevolent Board of the church. From that time until 1955, the W.M.S. had two representatives on The Brethren's Home and Benevolent Board. The two women who served last in this capacity were Mrs. S. M. Whetstone and the late Mrs. U. J. Shively. Through the years our interest has remained constant and real. At our Public Service Programs an offering is taken to divide between The Benevolent Board and The Ashland Seminary. For many years the offering was asked for the Superannuated Ministers' Fund, but I guess "Superannuated" was too big a word and we chose instead to use the Benevolent Board. Thus, the W.M.S. has been faithful in contributing to the budget of The Board each year. In the last ten years we have given The Benevolent Board $14,700.

When we began to hear of the need at The Home for better facilities in caring for bed patients, it was only natural that this struck home to W.M.S. members. Most women have had experience at some time in caring for a bed patient. We know the many extra steps such a patient makes. It was only natural that the W.M.S. wanted to have a part in making better facilities available for our Home.

At one of our Conference sessions, the W.M.S. delegates enthusiastically voted to take The Brethren's Home Building Fund for our 1963-64 project. At our luncheon program this past year we were thrilled to see W.M.S. groups present an offering which totaled $9,667.28 for this Building Fund. We are continuing the project for this our 1964-65 year. This month of February when emphasis is on The Benevolent Board, would be a good time to put a special offering in your project box.

The Procession of the Royal Seed

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

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THE CONSUMMATION of God's plan for the ages is the central thought in the study of prophecy. The Eternal Father has not left without design the weal of those whom He created after His own likeness. His great heart became entwined in the fortunes of man before he was brought into being, and the holy counsel of the Trinity conceived the formula for the ages.

In the likeness of God, man was endowed with free moral agency and entrusted with a nature of responsibility. An environment with possibilities was provided for him and offering paths of divergent choice. God knew that the elements of man's physical constitution, the propinquity of his social experiences, and the evil suggestions of the tempter, the arch-enemy of all good, would militate against holiness in his soul as well as captivity of his body. God knew that man would succumb to "the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life" as is evidenced in His statement to him, "For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (A.S.V.).

From His foreknowledge God saw the fall, beheld the death, and planned the resurrection of the new man with a new nature. Physical death or dissolution is not envisioned here. The death that man would die as a penalty for disobedience was a death in sin, a spiritual death. It was the death in "trespasses and sins" referred to by Paul in Ephesians 2, and set forth so clearly in Romans where he said, "And I was alive apart from the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died; and the commandment, which was unto life this I found to be unto death: for sin, finding occasion, through the commandment beguiled me, and through it slew me" (A.S.V.).

The commandment of God to the first man was sure. In the day that Adam and Eve partook of the forbidden, they died in trespasses and sins. It is true that physical death was a result of sin, but not the penalty. Although man died in sin the day he disobeyed, he lived several hundred years physically before his body yielded to the ravages of sinful living and dissolution began. Man was meant to live forever physically, for he ate of the tree of life, but his access to the fruit was cut off when he sinned, and the flaming sword of the cherubim "kept the way of the tree of life" until it was delivered to man as "the bread of heaven." Jesus said, "For the bread of God is that which cometh down out of heaven, and giveth life unto the world" (A.S.V.). Then He followed with, "I am the bread of life . . .For this is the will of my Father, that every one that beholdeth the Son, and believeth on him, should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day" (A.S.V.). This is the working of God's plan for the ages in vicissitudes of the race of men.

As soon as man had yielded in disobedience and died in sin, God pronounced the judgment—the curse on Satan and the earth, the sorrow and subordination of the woman, the hardship and toil of the man, and the physical decay of the race. But coincident with the curse, God pronounced the blessing: that out of the enmity between Satan and the Seed would come the way of victory for man through the work of the cross. In this first revelation of God's plan for a Redeemer begins the PROCESSION OF THE ROYAL SEED. A look through the intervenient years from the Prot-evangelium to Bethlehem's manger will reveal a select line, a seed in each generation. A study of that seed in the prophetic field occupies the Messianic entirely.

The line of the Seed is not difficult to trace. Luke gives a condensed list in the third chapter of his Gospel. The Antidiluvian list is recorded in the thirty-seventh verse. The Postdiluvians to Abraham appear in verses thirty-four to thirty-six. The covenant roll from Abraham down, is best studied as recorded in Matthew 1. The entire line can be gleaned from the records of the Old Testament and compared with Matthew and Luke, where some seeming discrepancies appear—differences which a close scrutiny will adjust without the loss of truth or continuity. More of that in another paper.

The preflood line of the Seed lived in a corrupt and failing civilization from the start. The first son of Eve became reprobate in the extreme. No enumeration of his sins are recorded. The Word simply says that "Jehovah had not respect to his offerings." Sin couched at the door and he gave *all* of his desire to it. He was an unworthy son of an unworthy mother. Do we see here the laws of heredity at work? Is this the first strong evidence of the fact that sons carry the predominate genes of the mothers? In other words, like mother, like son.

This phase of the subject could carry the discussion far afield. To say the least, there is more in the study of the forbidden fruit and the temptation than meets the eye; but the salient fact to be ever kept in view is the defection of the mind and heart from the purposes for which man was created. He was to be the creature possessing the image of Deity, yet obediently serving, worshipping, loving and walking in fellowship with God as man. Satan put into the heart of Eve the desire to be like God. The Devil did his work well, and Eve passed on to her posterity the same desire which broke forth at the tower of Babel, and often throughout the history of the race

Abel, the second son, in trying to be true to his destiny, and approach God by confessing his sin with a bloody sacrifice, angered the earthy Cain and precipitated the quarrel that culminated in his death. Did the incident frustrate God and defeat His plan? Not at all. It but resulted in the complete rejection of Cain and his line, and presented the necessity of a new start from another son of whom the record says, "And Adam . . . begat a son in his own likeness, after his image: and called his name Seth" (A.S.V.). Seth was the first in the procession of the royal Seed. An ancient manuscript, called The Revelation of Moses, asserts that the offspring of Adam and Eve included thirty sons and thirty daughters, sixty children in all. The Bible says, "And the days of Adam after he begat Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters" (A.S.V.). Whatever the number of sons, it is said only of Seth that "Adam begat a son in his own likeness, after his image." There must have been a considered reason on the part of inspiration. Adam was created in the image and likeness of God and it is manifest that the son who bore the Seed had transmitted to him the divine image. However, it must be noted that the likeness passed on to Seth was not directly from God in Edenic purity, but carried the fallen connotation of condemnation. Is this the "Reign of death" of Paul? It was the passing on of generic guilt, or inheritance of a sinful nature. This discussion will not concern itself with the original sin of Augustine, whatever that is.

The important feature of the procession of persons in the line from Seth to Abraham is their being entrusted with the deposit of the continuing Seed. Even the two outstanding men of righteousness, Enoch and Noah, could not stem the evil propensities of the Antidiluvian race, nor did Noah bequeth to his posterity any signal degree of sterling worth or character.

The Brethren Layman

Views and Comments

Floyd S. Benshoff

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

THE TIME never comes, nor should it, that a local or national church body could say that things are up to date. Each new year, as it comes up, displays few or many accomplishments and a host of knotty problems unsolved. The presence of a focal point, such as new year's time, seems to emphasize both angles. I'm fully aware that if you're reading me you have lived over a month in 1965. Speaking of 1964, it wasn't exactly a "vintage year" for The Brethren. Our worthy statistician's report didn't call for prolonged cheering; yet we are impelled to take the optimistic, hopeful view.

Machinery-wise, we believe our denomination is amply organized. In fact, this scribe has thought, more than once, that possible over-organization and accompanying expenditures of precious supporting effort and monies have taken our eyes and interest from our main task. But it still takes organization and common interest effort to maintain and promote the cause of Jesus Christ through the Brethren Church.

Our interest this year of our Lord in February, 1965, centers around what laymen can do to forward the church.

It needs to be pointed out occasionally that all men in the church, excepting the clergy, are laymen. Membership in the N.L.O. is no requirement for service in The Brethren Church. Laymen have been, are, and will continue to be the backbone of the church, the success of the W. M.S. notwithstanding; (bless them).

Reference to lack of significant progress was made in an above paragraph. I've heard and been in company of laymen who seem inclined to saddle the pastor with the responsibility for the success or falure of the church program. I DO NOT SEE IT THAT WAY. This is not to minimize the position of leadership and the importance of the role the pastor plays. It is to say that, if the men of the church throw the ball to one of the clergy and say, "run with it," they should be ready and willing to provide some blocking and running interference. (My football analogy can easily be misunderstood by those not familiar with the pigskin game.) Putting it a bit differently, we may provide a fine, sturdy plow for a man, but unless we provide "the horses," said plow would do just as much good sitting in a show window down on Main St. as in the middle of a fertile field.

Men, we're responsible. Don't try to shift the blame. I'm convinced that, as the Lord looks from heaven above, He will not "put the monkey" on the pastor's back to the exclusion and vindication of us men in the ranks.

Would that men in The Brethren Church would start taking a time-consuming interest in their denomination. Some, of course, have done just that. By doing so they have been blest and certainly have been a blessing. Indeed they, this small band of dedicated people, have kept the good ship afloat. But their tribe must increase if this people known as "The Brethren" are to go beyond the 20,000 mark.

Could I make a rash statement? Thank you. I would venture the assertion that if all the men over 21 years of age, in any given congregation in The Brethren Church last Sunday morning worship service, were grouped and asked the simple question, "What is the White Gift Offering of our denomination used for?," that we would have as high as a 50% failure in answering correctly. How many men in our congregation can plainly explain the difference between the Thanksgiving

offering and the Easter offering? Elementary, you say? Indeed; but try it sometime.

Would an educational program on the local level be worth-while? No, unless many individuals will bestir themselves (mentally) to learn, and be willing to become involved in the greatest business on earth.

The Brethren Church has, within it, the seeds of greatness. Shame on us that it's still in seed form. It's not too early to plan to attend the District Conference of The Brethren Church in your area. The Pennsylvania meeting is scheduled for July 19-22, at Berlin, Pa. The General Conference is to be held at Ashland, Ohio, August 16-22. These two annual meetings are veritable storehouses of information for the seeking minds of sincere Brethren. Now is the time to act so that the turn of another year doesn't find us with as much or more UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The denominational offering to be lifted in February is known as the Benevolent Offering. These funds are used to support, to a degree, retired ministers, their widows, and the Brethren's Home at Flora, Indiana. F.B.

from the Woman's Outlook

Your National President Speaks . . .

OUR BRETHREN'S HOME

MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

RECENTLY I visited our BRETHREN'S HOME near Flora which is about a fourteen-mile drive from where we live. As I entered the door my glance was drawn to the spacious living room where the residents of the Home can at any time gather for fellowship or to watch television. As I stood there I could not help remembering a nursing home I had passed on my way to Flora which does not have a living room. The only place to visit with residents there is in their rooms and very few have a private room.

Instead of taking the elevator, I ran up the steps and visited with Mrs. Duker as her room is just at the top of the stairs. Then I talked with Mrs. Klise, Mrs. Beekley and Emma Berkheiser. I want to call your attention to the fact that each of these women had a private room. I try to say "hello" to as many as possible when I visit the Home.

I took time to step into the office and talk to the Kuns. As I talked with them this thought came to my mind. The Kuns were not at the Home just because they wanted employment. No, they were in charge of the Home because they had felt the call to this type of Christian service. As you visit with them you can easily sense their personal interest in each resident. This is entirely different from most nursing homes.

As I left the Home I peeked into the living room and there was Rev. Belote watching TV. I walked out to one of the cottages to say hello to Mrs. Keys and Mrs. Baer. The cottages have a bedroom, bath, living room and a small kitchenette which is ideal for a couple.

That evening as Russell listened to the account of my visit, he suggested that I read the article in the January issue of the Readers Digest concerning nursing homes. I did read the article (and I wished that you, too, might read it), then I am sure that you would join with me in a greater appreciation of our Brethren's Home. I am amazed at the admission cost of many church or nonprofit homes. We of the Brethren Church must be careful that we are not guilty in doing to the Home and The Benevolent Board what we (the Denomination) did to the Publishing Company a few years ago when we wanted them to give special rates for printing. Remember—it did not pay.

Let us be grateful for our BRETHREN'S HOME and for the service we can give the aged people of our Denomination. The unfortunate truth is that good homes such as OURS are the exception rather than the rule.

1964 - 65 Theme — Ephesians 5:15-20

"FULFILLING THE TIME"

MISSIONARY NEWS

It's not like I expected

FURLOUGH!



Dear Fellow-Missionary,

You were asking for some impressions of furlough. Let me say first of all that it's not like I expected! Before I went to the mission field I had been well prepared by various missionary problems classes for the "period of adjustment," so that even those difficult, exciting-boring language study days weren't a surprise. But why hadn't I heard a word about the problems of adjusting to furlough?

On the mission field, furlough meant "home," the place where I'd lived all my life. Did I tell you that three weeks before I left I was so excited that I spent one whole night just lying in bed staring through the honeycomb pattern of the mosquito net into the darkness, imagining what it would be like to be "home"? The next day I told myself sternly that three weeks was still a long time, and I did manage to sleep after that.

Then came the long journey, and the dazzling brilliance of the modern airport. I remember handing the stewardess my boarding pass and settling down into the air-conditioned, dimly lit softness of the plane and wondering that I had forgotten that such luxury existed. (Not that I wasn't used to dim lights on the mission field, but this was different!) Then came the roaring of the engines, and I was on my way *home*. You know the magic of the word. At times I was so excited I could scarcely breathe, but then I'd assume my most mature, worldly-wise manner, and somehow managed to carry on.

It was amazing, the friendly familiar feeling I had toward New York when we landed there, that place that had seemed so strange on the way out. At least I was back on the North American continent! Then in the air again. The moment of meeting one's parents and family is indescribable, so I'll stop there. But I will say that if there is such complete joy in being reunited with loved ones after a few years' absence, I wonder what it will be like when we meet the Lover of our souls, for Whom we have been longing for lifetime!

The first Sunday in my home church I sat and stare at what seemed to me the most beautiful architectu in the world, with high ceilings and huge beams, an not a palm pole or lizard in sight. Then there we the people . . . some who put their arms around m and said, "I've been praying for you, my dear," . . others who said, "Oh, is it time for you to be bac already?" . . . and others who, figuratively at leas scratched their heads and said, "Let's see. What a you doing now?"

Our WMS ladies are of the first variety. Their gift their prayers, their interest and their knowledge o the mission fields made me feel that we weren't alon out there, that we do have partners at home.

I was surprised at the growth of the JMS and love speaking to their groups and answering such que tions as "Is it really hot out there?," "Have you eve been bitten by a snake?," "Is it any easier to witne for the Lord than it is here?"

The welcome is heart-warming, and the people ar wonderful, but after the first excitement wears o the adjustment begins. Everyone else has their wor and their interest. My work and my interest are bac there with you. In a matter of hours I was, physicall at least, set down in a complex, competing, moder culture, completely opposite to the one I'd been study ing, loving and striving to become a part of, and, a they would say out there, my spirit took some tim to catch up.

The styles I found unbelievable at first, and couldn help but smile to myself when I saw the "latest." Bu it wasn't very long before I found that I was the on who was different, and try as I might, I can't seem to make myself over into the latest fashion plate.

Meeting different people on deputation is enriching People do want to hear about our work, but only seems to an extent. Everyone is so busy that it isn very often I feel that anyone has time to pray wit me about the latest reports of trials and difficultie that you send. There are a few, and what a strengt it is to share these burdens with a "prayer partner. It's thrilling also when someone I know, or don't know grasps my hand and says, "I'm one of your praye

partners. I'm praying for you daily." It's these things that make me feel that I can go back, and allow the Lord to accomplish His will through me.

Furloughs are necessary, and deputation is important, even though some of us feel our public speaking leaves much to be desired. My special promise, "Lo, I am with you always," applies even when I am standing in front of the Sunday morning congregation in my home church, I know. But do pray for me during this year of furlough.

Pray that I may not allow prayerless busy-ness to creep into my life, but that my reliance on the Lord will be complete. Pray that I will not give people the wrong impression either of our hardships out there, or of telling them the things we do rather than what the Lord has done. Pray that the fine intelligent young people in our churches will be so Christ-filled that when He calls them into His service they will hear and go. Pray that I might be able to help the people to see the enormity of the thousands in our UMS area, our brothers and sisters to whom no one has yet gone to tell of Christ's love. Pray that our people might see the primary importance of prayer, above all else.

I do pray daily for you and our beloved people there and am waiting for your next letter.

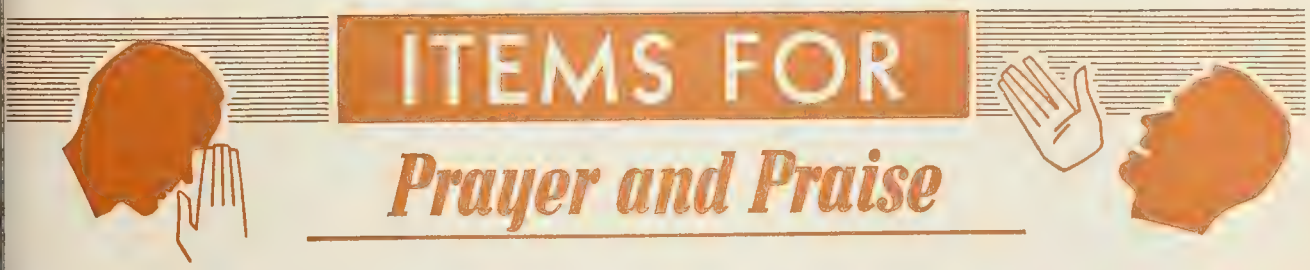
Love in our Lord,
Your friend on furlough
—The Missionary Banner

MISSIONARY BOARD MEETING

THE MISSIONARY BOARD of the Brethren Church will convene again February 16-18, 1965, at the Missionary Board offices at 530 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio. Pray for the guidance of each board member and the staff that God's will might be done through each of them. Pray for travel mercies during this hazardous month as they journey to Ashland.

The Board consists of 15 members elected by General Conference, each for a term of three years. In this group the several districts of the Brethren Church are represented. Also, two members from the Woman's Missionary Society are nominated by the women of that organization each year. These seventeen members convene at three planned meetings each year with the Executive Committee, consisting of the officers, passing on matters during the interim between the meetings of the board.

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Praise the Lord for the safe arrival of our new missionaries in Nigeria and Argentina.

Pray that the Bowers and Curtis families might readily adjust . . . that Curtises might easily hear the language.

Praise the Lord for the nationals in both mission areas assuming leadership in the church.

Pray for the Home Mission churches involved in building programs.

Continue to pray for adequate housing arrangements for Solomons and Aspinalls.

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NOTES and COMMENTS

YOUR HANDWRITING

(adapted from **The United Brethren**)

DID YOU KNOW that if you prepared a will in your own handwriting, the law may not accept the directions given therein without further proof that they are really yours?

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the editor's editorial

Religious Christmas Stamps

THE FOLLOWING news item from the Evangelical Press News Service found its way to y desk which gave me much food for thought.

Cleveland (EP) — "A Cleveland minister has rged the Post Office Department to issue a 1965 nristmas stamp of religious design, in keeping ith the religious nature of the feast and holiday. The Rev. Ralph E. Dessem, pastor of North oyalton Methodist Church, wrote to Postmaster eneral John R. Gronouski to charge that this ear's special stamp 'failed to portray the true gnificance of Christmas.'

"A stamp collector for many years, Mr. Dessem ointed to religious stamps issued by other counies at Christmas time and said that the United tates should do the same. He admitted that beuse of the always-present church-state controersy it might take some effort to come up with a esign suitable to all religions, but that he was ure it could be done.

"Christmas, he pointed out, is celebrated to onor the birthday of Jesus Christ. This year's amps—separate drawings of a sprig of holly, istletoe, pine cones and poinsettia—fail to indite the nature of the feast, he said.

"Many of the stamps go on letters to friends Americans overseas, he said, and the absence a truly Christmas motif on the United States nristmas stamp could give those in other nations e erroneous impression that Christmas in the nited States is only 'a great secular celebraon.' "

Many of us, I'm sure, are getting tired of always eing on the defensive relative to our beliefs in od for fear that the minority might be offended. the past we have been very careful not to "say o much" on controversial issues for fear we ight hurt the cause in which we believe. At least e tell ourselves this is the reason. But we must eak out for that in which we believe!

On another page of this magazine you will read here a Circuit Court judge dismissed a suit by rs. Madalyn E. Murray to end real estate tax exemption for churches and synagogues. Earlier, her suit to do away with the words "under God" in our pledge of allegiance was also dismissed. Mrs. Murray is the atheist who launched the Maryland case which resulted in the 1963 Supreme Court decision against prayer and Bible reading in public schools. It is my feeling that these last two suits were dismissed because many, many Christians throughout our land protested by letter, wire, voice and other means to the decision which the Supreme Court made in 1963.

Therefore, it is time for us Christians to write to the Postmaster General encouraging him to issue a 1965 Christmas stamp of a religious nature. Stamps are issued commemorating the birthdays of great men without fear of offending certain groups. Certainly such a stamp could be issued to commemorate the birth of the greatest Man ever born without offense to any person or group of persons. Those who do not believe in Him as the Son of God have to admit that He was a great Man and would not object to a stamp in His honor.

All of us readily admit that the Christmas season has become too much of a commercial holiday and we are forgetting the real significance of it. The Christmas tree, the holly, the mistletoe, the pine cones, the poinsettia, and the other "symbols" have come to take the place of the manger, the angels, the Virgin Mary, the shepherds and events which surround this holy event.

Here is something that we can do. Each of us can send a letter to the Postmaster General encouraging him to issue a stamp this coming Christmas which will bear a religious design. If enough Christians will make known their feelings on this issue, something can be done.

Just send a short letter to Postmaster General John R. Gronouski, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C., voicing your desire for the coming Christmas season. It will only take a few moments to do this and you will be doing much in "keeping Christ in Christmas." S. G.

news ... from the Brethren

Hagerstown, Md. Rev. W. St. Clair Benshoff was the radio speaker for "Daily Devotions" over station WJEJ during the week of February 1-5.

Washington, D. C. Rev. Jerry Flora reports through the church bulletin that a building committee has been appointed for the purpose of building expansion.

Dayton, Ohio. Seventeen persons from the Hillcrest Brethren Church attended the special Bible lecture at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base chapel recently according to Rev. W. Clayton Berkshire, pastor.

North Georgetown, Ohio. The church bulletin noted that five persons were recently received into the church. Rev. George Solomon, District Evangelist, conducted the service of Laying on of Hands.

Burlington, Ind. A building committee has been appointed for the purpose of making plans for an educational building to be erected, according to Rev. Gene Hollinger, pastor.

Mulvane, Kans. Rev. Carl Barber reports that Rev. Virgil Ingraham, General Secretary, Missionary Board; Mr. John Porte, Field Secretary; and Miss Beverly Summy, Acting Youth Director, were recent guest speakers at special services at the church.

Memorials

WAMPLER. Mrs. Clara Rodgers Wampler, wife of Marvin S. Wampler, born April 18, 1889, died December 26, 1964, in Flint, Michigan. Mrs. Wampler had been a lifelong member of the Mt. Olive Brethren Church where the memorial services were held, December 30, 1964, by the Rev. Huron G. Collins of the Port Republic M. E. church and her pastor, the undersigned. Interment was in the Mt. Olive cemetery.

Rev. John F. Locke

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HUGHES. Mrs. Elizabeth Kern Hughes, 68, passed away at Ball Hospital, Muncie, Indiana, December 29, 1964, after several months of illness. She was a faithful member of the Oakville church. Her funeral was held at the Meek's Mortuary, Muncie, January 1, 1965, by Rev. Arthur H. Tinkel of Milledgeville, Illinois. She was buried in the Springport cemetery.

Mrs. Oris Collins
Assistant Secretary

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BALL. Richard Ball, 46, died at Ball Hospital, Muncie, Indiana, after a brief illness. He resided in Oakville for a number of years and was a member of the Oakville church. Services were at Parson's Mortuary at Muncie with Rev. Joseph E. Holstein officiating. He was buried in the Garden of Memory cemetery.

Mrs. Oris Collins
Assistant Secretary

The Scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying.

—John Flavel

Weddings

FELLS - WINTER. Miss Sharon Ruth Fells and Mr. William Paul Winter, Jr., were united in marriage by the bride's father in a candlelight ceremony at 7:30 p. m., December 26, 1964, in the Stockton Brethren Church, Stockton, California.

The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. William Fells of Stockton, and is a member of the Stockton Brethren Church. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Winter of Udall, Kansas, and is a member of the Derby Brethren Church.

Mrs. Winter is beginning her junior year at Ashland College, preparing for a teacher's credential in elementary education. Mr. Winter is a senior at Ashland Colege, and will continue his studies at Ashland Theological Seminary. He is also a part-time electronics technician on the Ashland College Staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Winter are preparing for service on the Argentine mission field, and are residing at 626 West Walnut Street, Ashland, Ohio, while completing their college and seminary training. They would appreciate your prayers on their behalf.

COMING EVENTS

Winding Waters
Elkhart, Indiana—
Bible Conference on the Book of Hebrews
April 2-4
Rev. J. Ray Klingensmith, Guest Speaker
Rev. John Brownsberger, Pastor

Cerro Gordo, Illinois —
Spring Revival Services
March 29-April 9
Rev. W. E. Thomas, Evangelist
Rev. Elmer M. Keck, Pastor

Mulvane, Kansas —
Spring Revival
March 1-14
Rev. Buck Garrett, Evangelist
Rev. Carl Barber, Pastor

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Mrs. Lawrence H. Emmons
Sergeantsville, New Jersey

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The First Brethren Church
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South Bend, Indiana 46618

Daily Devotions

General Theme for the Year: "FULFILLING THE TIME"
Theme for February — "BY GIVING YOUR POSSESSIONS TO HIM"

Writer for February — Miss Beverly Summy
February 21 - 27 — "Bringing Our Children to God"

Sunday, February 21, 1965
Read Scripture: Mark 10:13-16

"The Master is tired. Please take your children and leave!" No doubt, the Disciples were tired after teaching and healing and preaching, and they did not welcome the sight of wiggly, noisy children to disturb a little time for rest. But Jesus reprimanded the Disciples and made of the children an example to all adults. He cared for the little ones and drew them to himself.

God wants the boys, the merry, merry boys,
The noisy boys, the funny boys,
The thoughtless boys;
God wants the boys with all their joys
That He as gold may make them pure,
And teach them trials to endure,
His heroes brave
He'd have them be.
Fighting for truth
And purity,
GOD WANTS THE BOYS!

God wants the happy-hearted girls,
The loving girls, the best of girls,
The worst of girls;
God wants to make the girls His pearls;
And bring to mind His wondrous grace,
That beautiful
The world may be,
And filled with love
And purity.
GOD WANTS THE GIRLS!

The Day's Thought

O, Lord, let me never be too tired to care for Thy little ones!

Monday, February 22, 1965
Read Scripture: John 3:1-5

You must be twice-born to be a Christian! Jesus told the questioning Nicodemus that all must be born again—not in like manner as he came from his mother's womb, but nevertheless in a similar likeness to physical birth.

Each child has a mother and father and his young life is lived in faith—faith in those who care for him. Jesus did not mean we had to start our physical life all over again, but He did say we had to be born of "spiritual parents"—the water and the Spirit.

The one who seeks Christ must have a trusting, all-believing faith that will allow him to accept this new Father-child relationship.

Jesus took a "touchy" situation—the Disciples and the little children and made of it something worthwhile. He pointed out that a child is the best example of how a believer must come to Him.

You can enter the kingdom if you are rich, poor, large, or small, but unless you come as a child, you can *never* enter the kingdom of God.

The Day's Thought

Can you see in children one of Christ's greatest examples?

Tuesday, February 23, 1965
Read Scripture: Luke 17:1-6

Better to be drowned at sea? Yes, Jesus said it would be better for that one who offends any of His little ones to be drowned than to suffer the consequences of his actions.

To the human mind some of Jesus' words still are strange and hard to comprehend. Some of the smallest actions seem to be just the things He counts on us to do—they seem to have a very important place in our entering the kingdom.

In little faces pinched with cold and hunger
Look, lest ye miss Him! In the wistful eyes,
And on the mouths unfed by mother kisses,
Marred, bruised, and stained His precious image lies!
And when ye find Him in the midnight wild,
Even in the likeness of an outcast child,
O wise men, own your King!
Before His cradle bring
Your gold to raise and bless,
Your myrrh of tenderness,
For, As ye do it unto these, said He,
Ye do it unto me.

The Day's Thought

Lord, forbid that I should offend one of your little ones in the faith!

Wednesday, February 24, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 7:13-20

The fruits of each person are observed by the Father — even the fruits of children! Parents have been given the task of serving in a manner similar to an husbandman — cultivating, pruning, and nourishing. As a husbandman must care for his trees and vines, seeing that they are kept in such a way as to produce an abundant harvest, so the parent must care for his children. For the Owner of the field will return one day and seek an accounting of His land and stewards.

We often forget that a child can reveal his nature by the fruits or works he manifests.

The most fruitful area for witnessing, but unfortunately often the most neglected area, is that of unchurched parents. Even the unchurched usually care for their children and seek to give them the best. Many state that they have come to church because of their children.

The Day's Thought

We dare not overlook the importance of fruit in the lives of our children!

Thursday, February 25, 1965
Read Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Mezuzehs, phylacteries, catechisms—strange words to Brethren? To Jews, the mezuzehs and phylacteries were paramount in keeping the Lord and His words continually before their children. Catechisms are used by Catholics and others to train their children in the tenets of their faith. "Give us a child until he is seven, and he will always be a Catholic," is a motto that puts many other Christians to shame. We say our "amens" at the table and recite a bedtime prayer and leave the rest of our children's

training to the pastor, Sunday school teacher, or youth leader.

God never intended that training of children should be removed from the home. Parents are to be concerned and involved with the training of their children. There is nothing wrong with outside training, but home teaching is even better.

The Day's Thought

Do you have a plan of home training for your children in the ways of the Lord?

Friday, February 26, 1965

Read Scripture: I Timothy 3:1-7

"He's a PK (preacher's kid). That's why he acts like that!" We often hear such statements, but the application is much wider: "It happens in the best of families."

Often adults — parents — become so wrapped up in themselves, their jobs, their homes, their possessions, their hobbies that they try to duck the responsibility of caring for their children. Some try to excuse themselves by saying they are "doing for others;" but like the proverbial plumber, his plumbing is the worst in town.

We dare not neglect bringing our own children to God while we are bringing others to Him. Paul tells us that one way to see if a man is worthy to run the church is to look at the man's family—can he manhis own household?

I have heard people say, "The deacon's kids are in trouble again . . . the deacon's kids had to get married." Why should this be? Is it that in the rush of serving others, we have forgotten to bring our own children to God?

The Day's Thought

Challenge us, Lord, to train our children in the home with fortitude and wisdom.

Saturday, February 27, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 128

Psalm 128 is a psalm of degrees or "ascents." When the people of Israel went to Jerusalem to the feasts, they may have used this song as they journeyed to the Holy City. We might call it "the father's psalm."

What more could a father want than that which is revealed in this song of the Israelites? Happiness is in labor, a good wife, strong children, and blessing from the Lord. God has promised blessing to those who bring their children to Him and train them in the ways of the Lord. These precious little ones have been given to fulfill life and to carry forth God's work and purpose in the earth.

Yes, children bring problems and teenagers bring gray hairs, but if we are faithful unto the end, our reward is great. As our children grow, we must grow with them to meet their increased and varied needs.

Man is not an animal. He is not to wantonly bring forth offspring. He must be responsible for those children he brings into the world.

The Day's Thought

We thank Thee for the blessing bestowed upon us through our children.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Isaiah

Memory Scripture for the month — Isaiah 26:4

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

February 21 - 27

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 42:6-10

To Serve God

Gary and Linda were excited. Today was a special day at church. Aunt Doris and Uncle Jim would be consecrated as missionaries.

The children were ready early and helped Mom with Betsy and the breakfast dishes.

Uncle Jim and Aunt Doris sat on the front pew at church. Uncle Ted sat with the rest of the family in the seat in back of them.

Gary and Linda listened carefully to everything the minister said. As he read Isaiah 42:6-10 they knew that God had called Aunt Doris and Uncle Jim to serve Him in Nigeria to tell those people of Jesus.

Even Betsy seemed to know this was a special occasion. She sat quietly on Mommy's lap, holding her teddy bear and watching everything with her big brown eyes.

At the close of the service Aunt Doris and Uncle Jim knelt. The ministers put their hands on their heads. They prayed that God would use these new missionaries to serve Him and asked Him to bless them.

Linda thought, "I want to serve God better everyday, too."

"Maybe God will want me to be a missionary for Him," thought Gary. "If He does, I will go as gladly as Aunt Doris and Uncle Jim."

Are you trying to serve God better everyday? If He calls you to be a missionary, will you go gladly?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the many ways I can serve You while I am young. Help me to always listen for Your call and to do what You want me to do. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 43:9-11

A Good Witness

The telephone rang. Mom answered it. "It's for you, Gary," she called.

"Hello," said Gary into the telephone.

"Hi, Gary," said John Myers. "I'm going away tonight. I won't have time to write my English story for tomorrow. I'll give you fifty cents if you'll write one for me."

"I can't do that," exclaimed Gary. "It would be cheating. You are supposed to write the story. It wouldn't be fair for me to do it."

The Bible tells us we are God's witnesses. That means we are to show others we love and follow Him.

Everyday we have decisions to make that will please or displease God. Gary is a good witness. Are you?

Prayer:

Help me today to show others I love You, dear God. Help me to be a good witness for You in all I do and say. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 50:7-10

Always Near

Betsy was cross and fussy all day. She had a cold. Mommy spent most of the day rocking the little girl and trying to make her comfortable. When she fell asleep Mommy lifted her carefully into her crib.

When she awakened Betsy called, "Mommy! Mommy, stay here!"

"I'm here," answered Mommy coming into the room. She brought Betsy a drink of juice and told her a story.

Mommy stayed with her until Betsy went to sleep again. Then Mommy went into her own room to rest. Whenever Betsy called, Mommy answered and went to her.

Our parents try to be near when we need them most. They want to help us whenever they can.

There are times when they can't be with us, but there is One who is! God is always near and will always help us.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my parents. Thank You for the loving care they give me. Thank You that You are always near to help me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 53:6-9

Want To!

"How's Betsy?" asked Gary when he came downstairs for breakfast.

"She's feeling better," answered Mom. "She's playing with Mittens in the living room."

Gary looked in the living room. "No, she isn't," he said. Just then he noticed the outside door was open. "She's outside."

"Oh, no," exclaimed Mom as she hurried to the door.

On the lowest limb of the pine tree in the front yard sat Mittens. The little girl in her pink pajamas stood at the foot of the tree.

"Mittens climb tree. Betsy want to climb tree," she declared.

Gary took her by the hand and led her back into the house. "Betsy can't always do what she wants to do. Neither can Gary or anyone else."

"No," agreed Mom. "What we want to do is not always good for us."

God knew we needed someone to help us to choose the right. He sent Jesus to be our Savior. Do you follow Him and ask Him to help you?

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for showing me the right way to go. Help me to always follow You. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 55:6-11

An Invitation

"Who are you writing to?" asked Linda.

"To our friends," answered Mom. "I'm inviting them to a farewell party next Tuesday for Aunt Doris and Uncle Jim."

"It's almost time for them to leave," sighed Linda.

Mom nodded. "It's been fun having them here. Now it's time for them to do the work God has for them to do."

"I hope all our friends come," said Linda. "We want to have a good party for Aunt Doris and Uncle Jim."

"These letters will tell our friends about the party," Mom answered. "They will read the letters and they will come."

God has sent us a "letter" to invite us to His beautiful home in heaven. The letter, of course, is the Bible. Do you read it? Have you accepted God's invitation?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the Bible. Help me to understand it better each time I read it. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY, 26, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 56:6-8

For All People

It was Sisterhood night. The girls were giving a program for their families.

Linda dressed like a Nigerian girl.

"Why are you wearing that?" asked Gary.

"You will see," smiled Linda.

When they got to the church, Gary saw all the girls were dressed up. Some were girls from other lands. There were Indians, Eskimos, Arabs and many others. Some were dressed like poor girls and others like rich girls. There were sick girls and healthy girls. Gary listened and watched carefully.

After the program he said, "Now I know why you girls dressed up tonight! You wanted to tell us God's House is for everyone!"

"Right!" laughed Linda. "It's not just for us and our friends, but all people. We should be inviting others to come with us."

By the way, have you invited anyone to go to church with you Sunday?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my church. Help me to remember it is for all people. Help me to invite others to go with me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 57:15; 54:17

Watching and Protecting

Queenie barked loudly. Gary and Linda ran to the window. Mittens was high up in a tree. A strange dog was standing at the foot of the tree.

"That dog chased Mittens," said Linda.

"But look at Queenie!" laughed Gary.

Although she was much smaller, she barked and growled so fiercely that the strange dog turned and walked away.

Then Queenie looked up at Mittens. She whined as though telling the kitten it was safe to come down now. Slowly Mittens made her way down the tree. Then the two pets came to the door to ask to be let in.

Gary opened the door. "You're a good dog, Queenie," he praised. "You watch Mittens. You won't let any harm come to her."

God is always watching over us. He has promised to help us and to protect us if we will follow Him.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for watching over me. I will never be afraid for You are near. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

"LIKE A TREE"

"He shall be like a tree," sang the Psalmist of old,
When the happy state of the righteous are told—
A tree by the riverside standing bold.

As from hidden springs the hardy tree
Draws life and freshness, O God, may it be
That our souls shall draw beauty and strength from Thee!

Like a tree which gladdens the earth with shade,
Whose fruitage is sound and whose leaf shall not fade,
Let our lives forever a blessing be made!

As the tree towers steadfast, unyielding still,
When storm-winds sweep wild over field and hill,
May our souls be grounded firm in Thy will!

Effie Smith Ely

GOD EXPECTS fruit from every tree He plants, and Psalm 1 pictures a fruit-bearing tree (v. 3). By contrast we see the tragic end of those who are not planted in Christ (vs. 4, 5; Luke 13:7). The man who is "like a tree" is genuinely happy (vs. 1-3). Because he is holy, he is happy (Ps. 119:1). The "blessed man" delights himself in the life-giving waters of the Word of God (v. 2, 16, 97). Stephen is an example of the seasonableness of the fruit of the Spirit (Acts 6:8). Before his killers "his leaf" did "not wither" (Acts 7:60).

"The chaff" is prophetic of "Depart from me ye cursed" (Matt. 25:41). "The fruits of righteousness" are "unto the glory and praise of God" (Phil. 1:11). The fruit is like the root which started from the incorruptible seed of God's Word (I Pet. 1:23). Blind religion does not see this truth (John 3:9, 10). Nicodemus had not thought to compare Psalm 51:5 with Hosea 14:8. Thus Abraham was "blessed" in justification by faith (Gen. 15:6). He was spiritually virile and prosperous (Rom. 4:18). Lot's wife was cursed "chaff" (Luke 17:32). Though Lot was "delivered" for being "just," he had no spiritual prosperity (II Pet. 2:7-9). He snared himself when he chose the best pastures (Gen. 13:12), following worldly counsel (Ps. 49:18), and soon standing "in the way of sinners" (Gen. 19:14). He had been sitting "in the seat of the scornful" (Gen. 19:1)!

"The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree" (Ps. 92:12). He will be filled with praise (vs. 1-4). He believes in God's omnipotence and omniscience (vs. 5, 6). He believes in the inevitable doom of the wicked (vs. 7-9). He will flourish and grow (v. 12). He will be planted in God's house and will bring forth fruit in old age (vs. 13, 14). He will testify to God's fidelity and grace (v. 15). "Like a cedar in Lebanon," he is upright and heavenly minded (Col. 3:1-4). He is tall, erect, not gnarled or twisted like Satan, "the crooked serpent" (Isa. 27:1) or as the "crooked generation of sinners among whom the Christian is to shine as lights (Phil. 2:15).

In the first Psalm ten things are said about the righteous and five about the ungodly. Single them out into two contrasting lists. The righteous man is further described in Psalm 15:1-5 and in Isaiah 61:3. If we love God with all our hearts, we must forsake the counsel of the ungodly, the path of sinners, and the scorner's seat (Phil. 4:8). A garden must be walled to be fruitful, and a fountain must be sealed to keep the water untainted (Song of Sol. 4:12).



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Lesson for February 21, 1965
THE KEY TO THE KINGDOM
Text: Matthew 16:13-26

IF WE BELIEVE that Jesus is the world's Savior, then we must give unreserved consent and allegiance to the things He did and said. Herein are the keys that open up the Kingdom of God for men to enter.

Who Is Jesus?

Matthew shows that there are two possible concepts of Jesus that men may have. One is that He is a very great man, yet just man. Even if He had been dead hundreds of years and came back from the dead and showed great power it still is not a true understanding of Jesus. God did not honor this idea though it was a nice one.

The second idea concerning Jesus was given by Peter (Matt. 16:16). He is THE, one and only, Son of God. This concept puts Jesus on equality with the Father. Jesus gave His blessing upon Peter for knowing and believing the truth about Himself.

Keys to the Kingdom:

1. The keys to the Kingdom were promised to Peter and those with him. Since the keys open and close doors, or bind and loose as is inferred in Matt. 16:19, we conclude that Matt. 18:18 and John 20:23 must also include the concept of the keys and are given to others.

2. The keys had not at this time been given the Apostles for the work or redemption was not yet done. They were promised.

The keys to the Kingdom is the spiritual knowledge of salvation revealed in the Gospel. As we preach the Gospel of Christ, doors are opened to the world. When we are rejected along with the Gospel we preach, then doors of salvation are locked behind us and those who reject the witnesses will have no way to open salvation's doors.

Satan's View of Jesus:

Matt. 16:23 reveals that Jesus attributes to Satan any objection to the blood atonement of Jesus Christ. Peter could not conceive of such a person as Jesus becoming involved in suffering and death when He could escape. Actually, it was because Jesus was so good that He went to Calvary.

Matt. 16:25, 26 tells us that Jesus, knowing He would suffer on the cross, uses the "cross" to teach men that only in willingness to die for the sake, for the ideals, of Jesus can they actually live freely by Him and His ideals. When we draw back from Christ because of fear, shame, etc., we actually retreat back to the ways of the world which destroy the life we desire and need.

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

Ideas for Increased Sunday School Attendance

Visitation with a Purpose

TOO OFTEN visitation is done as though we were throwing out a dragnet to capture the Gospel "fish." I wonder if the usual community census approach does not seem rather cold-blooded (or at least cold-hearted) to the non-church person.

During my last pastorate, after trying various approaches in our visitation program, we finally hit upon a plan which to me seems ideal. Rather than going out and ringing doorbells with a "we're-after-you" gleam in our eye, we tried to find a project which would be worthwhile in itself.

On one occasion, for example, our people went from door to door soliciting used clothing for Korean orphans. Another time, in connection with the *Christian Life Magazine* attendance contest, we prepared a handwritten Bible, with each chapter prepared by a different person. To secure the 1189 "scribes," we made this a community-wide effort. On still another occasion, we secured Bibles from the World Home Bible League and offered them free to Bibleless homes.

This type of approach created a good rapport. It projected a favorable image of the church. ("Collecting clothing for orphans—now that's a fine thing for a church to do!") It helped to make our church well known.

This approach also brought many people to our Sunday school. While discussing the project, it was logical to use the magic question: "By the way, do you attend any church or Sunday school regularly?" And the conclusion of the project provided an opportunity for a special day and another invitation.

We reached many people in our community. We promoted worthwhile programs. We built our Sunday school. I am sold on visitation with a purpose.

Ralph W. Harris, From NSSA LINK

1964 - 65 Theme Ephesians 5:15-20

"FULFILLING THE TIME"

Brethren Youth Crusaders

SPOTLIGHT ON SCRIPTURE

Each Christian needs to know more of what **God** says to him through the Bible. Therefore, a new series "Spotlight on Scripture" is beginning this week. Our spotlight will focus on a well-known portion of scripture that you should know. Too often we know approximately what a verse says and approximately where it is found. The objective of this series is for you to locate and learn the spotlighted scripture. The answer for this week's Spotlight will appear in next week's issue of the Evangelist on the Youth pages.

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ARDMORE JUNIORS

We have about twelve members who come to our meetings each week. Our officers for the year are:

President—Ricky Basham
Vice President—Kathy Horn
Secretary—Wendy Kring
Treasurer—Marlene Surguy
Assistant Treasurer—Sandy Miller

We have been quizzing on the book of Acts every other week at our meetings. We do two chapters each time we quiz. We are getting ready to pick our own team members.

So far in our activities we have had a Christmas, Halloween and swimming party.

—Wendy Kring, secretary

GOALS GAB



Learn the Brethren Youth Covenant by having your B.Y.C. pray it together at every meeting—10 points

This goal remains the same as in past years except for one word—pray. The Goals Committee felt it would be much better to pray the Covenant together rather than merely reading it.

Of course, for newcomers to your youth group you will need to let them read and study the Covenant until they can learn it well enough to pray it but most members should be able to pray the Covenant without visual help.

The Covenant is found on the back of every Membership Card, in the front of the Leader's Book, in the B.Y. Handbook of Procedure and can be purchased in a wall size banner for 25¢ from the Youth Office.

Brethren Youth Covenant

"Believing in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of the world, I will earnestly strive for a more personal relationship with Him.

"I promise to study diligently God's Word as the guide of my life.

"I accept Brethren Youth as a channel through which I can grow spiritually and serve faithfully my Lord and the Brethren Church.

"I enter into this covenant and yield myself in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen."

"fill the DERBY hat" — $10,000

THE LIFE WORK RECRUIT



"Prayer for the Youth Program in general"

How involved are our youth in the total program of the church, and how involved and concerned is the church for its youth? **The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much** (James 5:16) was not written in jest. Such prayers do receive response, and the interest manifested through prayer will bless the program. Have you ever tried praying for your "enemies" or those who you feel have despitefully used you? You cannot pray for this cause and retain resentment in your own heart. At the same time you are healing the wound. Likewise your own interest and that of those around you will be kindled through fervent prayer for the program.

Our youth will respond many times over to your concern. They covet interest and a program WITH them and not FOR them.

"Personal interest by placing the individual youth on your prayer list"

Personal prayer for the individual youth in the congregation, not just the Life Work Recruit, will stimulate your concern and interest. Many teen-agers walk and spend much time in the "valley and the shadow." Their life is not easy, and this seemingly frivolous and shallow outlook is too often a "cover." Temptations are twofold and ever increasing. Many of their "valleys" and their "shadows" are past for adults and now seem of very little consequence; or experience has taught us how to cope with our problems and theirs.

They want and should solve their own problems—they do not want to be led by the hand, and they refuse such aid; but they secretly welcome your interest. Pray, and let them know you are praying—that you will reach up and allow Christ to take them by the hand. Be honest, be sincere, be fervent and you will have effectual response and answer. Their valleys will not be as deep; their paths will be made straighter; the mountains will become only hills; and their shadows will be made light by the only One who can solve any problem.

Personal prayer is a rare privilege and yet within the grasp of anyone. Personal prayer is the personal property of the rich, the talented, the educated and yet God also listens just as concernedly to those of low estate. Personal prayer and direct contacts with our God is something available to and for all.



WHERE WOULD THE CHURCH BE?

If every church member were just like me,
Where would the Church be?
If after shouldering responsibility,
He turned back to see,
Where would the Church be?
If gloom pervaded his soul,
Instead of joy making whole,
Where would the Church be?
If a gossiping tongue he had,
Which always brings the bad,
Where would the Church be?
If his feelings were easily hurt,
Or he made others feel like dirt,
Where would the Church be?
If he prayed as little as I,
Or scanned the Bible with careless eye,
Where would the Church be?
But every church member is not like me,
Praise the Lord! for
Where would the Church be?



from the Woman's Outlook

Bible Study for March

OUR SPIRITUAL WALK

by REV. RICHARD GODWIN

THE TEXT for this phase of the general theme "Fulfilling the Time by Our Walk" is taken from Galatians 5:16 which states: *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.* In order for us to obtain a more complete perspective of this verse, I feel we need to look at a few verses just preceding it and also a few immediately following, as the apostle wrote it.

Verse 13—*For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.*

Verse 15—*But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.*

Verse 17—*For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the thing that ye would.*

Verse 18—*But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*

Now, I believe here the Apostle is pointing toward the root fact that there are two natures at work in the Christian's life. I prefer to call these natures the "flesh mind" and the "spiritual mind." The two "natures" or "minds" are opposite and are at conflict as the foregoing scripture suggests along with other scriptures including Romans 8:1-13.

By simple definition let us say that the "flesh mind" is interested in, and coveting after that which brings satisfaction and glorification to us as individuals, and that the "spiritual mind" is interested in, and coveting after that which brings satisfaction and glorification to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The conflict of these two opposites becomes a very real warfare when our own likes, dislikes, pleasure, comfort, prestige, and convictions must be sacrificed for the call, worship and commission of Almighty God. The result of such decisions we make to solve this conflict constitutes our "walk."

Whether consciously or unconsciously the word walk suggests action to us. This movement or action was important to Paul as he was writing, I believe, because it is symbolic of our movement through life.

The action of our feet moving transports our whole being (body, soul, and spirit) from one station in life to another. Because our walk is significant, then, of our whole life influence, it is no coincidence that the scripture of our concern here brings the "spiritual mind" and "our walk" into such close relationship. This relationship is inseparable since it is the mind which sets the course and gives the commands as to when and where our feet will carry us. This truth is of utmost importance to each of us since the Bible plainly shows us that there are only two ways to travel in life. The first Psalm points out this fact completely. So it is that our footsteps upon life's pathways are either leading "toward" God or "away" from God and that this is determined by your mind.

If our steps are leading closer to the Father, it is because we are continually developing our spiritual mind to give it power over our flesh mind. Also, if this process has stopped, our walk toward God has stopped. I might also add that our productivity (regarding souls won for Jesus Christ) has ceased, too.

We must ever be laboring for the presence and the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives if our walk is to be fruitful and if it is to "fulfill the time." There are too many people in our sophisticated age who are afraid of some emotion in the Christian experience and life. But I suggest that if God is a Spirit, as John 4:24 says He is, there is only one way to experience Him and that is with an emotional encounter and re-encounter as a result of the inward yearning of mankind.

The Bible exhorts us to be led of the Spirit. It also tells us this is an unnatural thing. The natural thing for you and me to do is to be led by our own reasoning and desires. But God says, *My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.* (Isaiah 55:8).

There are many instances in the Bible of men following the leading of their own minds with the result that the walk of their lives spelled disaster.

Saul, a very outstanding character of the New Testament, followed the wrong leading when he upheld the stoning of Stephen (Acts 7:58) and when he made "havoc of the church" (Acts 8:3).

The Jews followed the wrong leading when they sought to slay Jesus (John 5:16, etc.).

Peter followed the wrong leading when he "followed afar off," and when he denied his Lord three times (Luke 22:54-62).

One of Jesus' followers yielded to the wrong leading when he asked the Lord to compel his brother to divide the inheritance with him (Luke 12:13-15).

The mother of Zebedee's children displayed the wrong leading in her life as she sought Jesus to place her two sons, the one on His right hand and the other on His left (Matthew 20:20-23).

Peter and Barnabas showed their leading to not be fully of the Spirit when they sided in with the "legalizers" and were admonished by Paul (Galatians 2:11-14).

The people of God must ever be wary of their footsteps; being very cautious that their walk might be in accord with the Spirit of God. Paul brings us a most important word of instruction as he follows his thoughts which we are considering in the fifth chapter of Galatians with those of chapter six. The word he gives us is personal. It is also essential to a life "in the Spirit." In essence it means "self-seeking" after God. Galatians 6:4, 5 suggests three things for every man: (1) prove his own walk, (2) rejoice in himself, (3) bear his own burden (or responsibility). Paul then climaxes his instruction on the "spirit of our walk" by saying GOD IS NOT MOCKED (Galatians 6:7). Your choice in the conflict will decide if your works stand or fall (Galatians 6:8). BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING (Galatians 6:9).

The concluding question to you, dear friend, is this —is your "spiritual mind" developing greater power over your "flesh mind"?

Neither the multitude of your activities nor the number of crusades you enter to reform society determines your spiritual walk. It is the heart search for God which produces the "Spirit" in your life. The Bible states of one called Enoch that *he walked with God: and he was not; for God took him* (Gen. 5:24).

It is our "walk with God" that is important. HOW IS YOUR WALK?

Special Study
Brethren Missions in Review

THE HISTORY OF BRETHREN MISSIONS
1880 - 1939

IN THE EARLY 1880's an event occurred which hampered the progress of Brethren missions. This event was the division of the Brethren between Conservatives and Progressives—known as the Church of the Brethren and the Brethren Church. The already established mission program remained under the control of the Conservative branch—the Church of the Brethren.

While getting on their feet as a denomination, the Progressives could claim no missionary program of their own; but in 1897, definite agitation began to establish a foreign mission program. However, nothing tangible resulted immediately.

The year 1900 saw the beginning of foreign mission work. At the National Conference of that year, Jacob C. Cassel, a prominent elder of the church at that time, presented a paper on the subject: "Are We Ready to Enter the Foreign Missionary Field?" The paper caused much controversy. There were some who heartily approved, others who were doubtful of the advisability of putting into effect the proposals of the paper, and still others who were downright opposed to any foreign missionary program.

When the issue of actually effecting a foreign missionary organization reached the conference, the missionary enthusiasts were informed that there was plenty of room "out under the trees" where they could go and effect their organization. This was exactly what they did. Thus, it was that on September 4, 1900, under a giant oak tree, midway between the old Auditorium and the Billy Sunday Tabernacle at Winona Lake, the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church was born.

Dr. Charles F. Yoder was the first foreign representative to be sent out by the newly-constituted missionary society. He originally set out to investigate Russia and Persia as possible fields, only to return home because of circumstances unfavorable to such work, political and other obstacles. In 1909, together with his family, he began a work in Argentina which has continued to the present. The history of the Argentine work will be discussed later.

In 1908 Mr. James Gribble and Florence Newberry served as missionaries under the African Inland Mission. They were married and returned to the States in 1914. The Brethren Church then undertook the opening of a station in the Oubangui Chari (in French Equatorial Africa), with James Gribble heading the movement. Miss Estella Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Rollier joined the group soon after, and this small party sailed for Africa in 1918. We will also consider the history of the work in Africa at a later date.

Mission work on both the South American and African continents continued to flourish until the year 1939. We will consider the history of Brethren missions from that point until the present time next month.

Topic for March

TAKE TIME TO READ

It Is the Foundation of Knowledge

by MISS HELEN SHIVELY

READING is the art of interpreting printed and written words. It is the basic tool of education and one of the most important skills that we use in our everyday life. James Russell Lowell wrote, "Have you ever considered what the mere ability to read means? That it is the key which admits us to the whole world of thought and fancy and imagination? To the company of saint and sage, of the wisest and the wittiest at their wisest and wittiest moment? That it enables us to see with the keenest eyes, hear with the finest ears, and listen to the sweetest voices of all time?"

Almost all of our lives we read. We learn the rudiments of reading in the primary grades, and the rest of our lives reading comes as naturally as speaking. Our success in school depends upon our ability to read. Unless a child knows how to read easily, quickly, and accurately, he will be handicapped, not only in school, but all his life. Often students who graduate from high school with a poor background in reading must take remedial reading courses before they can hope to continue their education.

While doing our work, whether at home or on the job, we need to read. We use the printed word to learn the directions to bake a cake; to install a new doorbell; to erect a garage; to knit a sweater; to play a new game; to plant a rose bush; or, to clean a coffee stain from the carpet. All are commonplace activities but in order to do any one of them effectively a set of instructions must be read and followed.

We read for information, to find answers to the many questions that confront us daily. We constantly consult books, magazines and newspapers in our quest for this knowledge. If we want to know the state of affairs in the Congo or the condition of the bills under discussion in the State Legislature, we read the newspaper. If we are curious as to the appropriate birthstone for the month of March or the location of the morning star in the winter sky, we consult a book. If we want to read a short story or learn the newest fashion trends, we use a magazine. This information does not come to us without our reading about it.

Recreation and relaxation are more reasons for reading. A friend of mine once told me that the most relaxing rest he had at the close of a day of labor was to sit in a comfortable chair and read. Many of you know the power of a book to induce sleep. Another friend has traveled all over the world without ever leaving her living room, she travels through her reading. Not only is this a less expensive way to see the world but sometimes it is the most comfortable and less time consuming. Herbert Spencer once said, "Reading is seeing by proxy." What better proxy can we have for seeing the wonders of the world than a book

Reading is our way of life. A nation is influenced by the percentage of its people who can read. According to statistics only 55 out of 100 persons in the world can read their own names. In Canada 98 out of 100 and in America 97 out of 100 are able to read. In contrast, only 1 to 5 out of 100 adults in Afghanistan and Ethiopia can read. The country whose population is educated usually advances much faster and further than the country whose people are illiterate

In 1962, the American Library Association made a study of the reading habits of the American people who patronize the public libraries. The fact that more people are reading was evidenced by an 8 per cent increase in the circulation of the libraries. Their interests varied from politics to extra sensory perception and from juvenile delinquency to organic gardening. This trend is a healthy sign for the country as well as the people themselves.

Many times men and women have been heard to say, "I just don't have the time to read." Usually we find the time to do the things we really want to do and which interests us most. Moreover, reading is food and exercise for the mind just as meat and walking is food and exercise for the body. So shouldn't we take time to read just as we take time to eat?

To have an active, healthy mind we must nourish and exercise it just as we feed and exercise our bodies to keep them healthy, and a varied diet is required for good health. No one could live on a diet of peas alone therefore, no mind could stay healthy reading only detective stories. Now I have no quarrel with peas or detective stories, both are good but not as a steady diet with nothing else included.

The best diet we can find for our bodies includes all kinds of food, meat, vegetables, sweets, etc. Unfortunately, we cannot find all such items in one capsule, but we have such a capsule for our minds—the Bible. Inside the cover of one book we find poetry romance, mystery, history, biography, travel, etc. Most important, on these pages we find God's way of life for us. His rules and plans are just as fresh and new today as they were when they were written ages ago The Bible contains help for every problem or situation that comes into our lives. This truth has been set forth in the following poem by an unknown poet.

THE BIBLE

When I am tired, the Bible is my bed;
Or in the dark, the Bible is my light;

When I am hungry, it is vital bread;
Or fearful, it is armor for the fight.
When I am sick, 'tis healing medicine;
Or lonely, thronging friends I find therein.

If I would work, the Bible is my tool;
Or play, it is a harp of happy sound.
If I am ignorant, it is my school;
If I am sinking, it is solid ground.
If I am cold, the Bible is my fire;
And it is wings, if boldly I aspire.

Should I be lost, the Bible is my guide;
Or naked, it is raiment rich and warm.
Am I imprisoned, it is ranges wide;
Or tempest-tossed, a shelter from the storm.
Would I adventure, 'tis a gallant sea;
Or would I rest, it is a flowery lea.

Does gloom oppress? The Bible is a sun,
Or guileness? It is a garden fair.
Am I athirst? How cool its currents run!
Or stifled? What a vivifying air!
Since thus thou gavest thyself to me,
How should I give myself, great book, to thee!

The more we read and study the Bible, the stronger and healthier our minds become. This food and exercise agrees with all who believe.

Joseph Addison, the English poet and statesman, wrote in his "The Tatler," "Reading is to the mind, what exercise is to the body. As by the one, health is preserved, strengthened, and invigorated; by the other, virtue, which is the health of the mind, is kept alive, cherished, and confirmed."

One of the programs of our W.M.S. is the Reading Circle by which we try to strengthen our lives with a varied diet of worthwhile books. Since only two books are required to be read to meet the goal, you have the oportunity to select those that are of the most interest to you. We hope and trust you have been enjoying your selections.

Francis Bacon wrote in his "Essays: of Studies," "Read not to contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted; nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider. Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested: that is, some books are to be read only in parts, others to be read, but not curiously, and some few to be read wholly, and with diligence and attention." Which kind do you read?

The Procession of the Royal Seed

(continued)

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

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IT IS NOT possible for man, in his finite state, to comprehend the "wisdom and knowledge of God." "How unsearchable are his judgments, and his WAYS PAST TRACING OUT." The ages have echoed with the cries of WHY; but there has always been a reason. All is in harmony with His plan, and in the "fullness of time," the curtain raises upon each epoch of the procession of the Royal Seed.

With the long view in the ascendency, and the immediate need at hand, Jehovah touches with His sceptre the elements of change. New conditions fall into pattern, and new personalities grace the scene, but central, always, is the Seed.

The time came when it became expedient to narrow the special activity from the race as a whole, to an individual and his posterity, in order that through the one family, "all the families of the earth be blessed." The course of the human race was downward from the fall. It became universally idolatrous.

Down in Ur, below the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, Jehovah was conditioning a man of parts and stature. He was of the Seed Royal from Terah his sire. Only God, himself, knows how long He had been preparing Abram through his antecedents. Who is it that selects the characteristics that make up the genes of procreation? Who chooses the ova and sperm, each carrying twenty-four genes, for each conception? Who guards the new individual throughout both natal and prenatal life 'till the years of usefulness? None other than the Holy God who is all and in all. Abram was Jehovah's man, prepared and ready for the call, and without hesitation or question, "believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness." Jehovah had conditioned his sensitive soul, and it became the fertile soil into which the truths of monotheism took root. Abhorant to his nostrils became the smoke of burning sacrifices to the pantheon of gods, and meaningless the cultus of pagan worship. In short, the heart of Abraham was amenable, and his spiritual ear turned to the Infinite.

God never prepared a man for a mission without using him; his human weaknesses notwithstanding. Frailties of the flesh in Abram vanished when Jehovah said unto him, "I WILL MAKE THEE; I WILL BLESS THEE; I WILL MAKE THY NAME GREAT; I WILL MAKE THEE A BLESSING." When Jehovah said, "Get thee to a land that I will show thee," Abram "went out, not knowing whither he went." When Je-

hovah said, "Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place thou art, for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever," Abram said, "Whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?" Where are the title deeds? Where indeed, but in the covenant which God made with him in that day when the flaming torch passed between the divided sacrifices, which he had obediently divided. What saith those title deeds? "I will establish my covenant between thee and me and thy SEED after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, . . . and I will give unto thee and thy seed after thee, the land of thy sojournings, all the land of Canaan for an EVERLASTING POSSESSION." Those title deeds have been in effect ever since, passing through each succeeding SEED unto their final repose in the present possession. Said Paul to the Galatians, "Though it was but a man's covenant, yet when it was confirmed, no one maketh it void, or addeth thereto. Now to Abraham were the promises spoken, and to his seed. He saith not, 'And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to thy SEED which is Christ.'" The titular head of the Royal line is Christ, and He holds the TITLE DEEDS to the patrimony of Abraham.

Thus Abraham became the father of the PATRIARCHS, Abraham of the covenant.

Since it was appointed that man should suffer physical dissolution, Abraham the friend of God must go the way of all flesh. The fact gave him pause. He had no seed, for Sarah was barren. Troubled in soul, Abraham cried out to God in frustration, "What wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless?" Or how can I inherit anything to pass on to my seed when I have no seed? He had learned much from Jehovah but he had much to learn. Both Abraham and Sarah laughed at the promise because of their advanced age, but Jehovah had His plan which could not be thwarted. "Nay," said He, "but Sarah thy wife SHALL bear thee a son; and thou shalt call his name Isaac; and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him." Isaac was born, and took his place in the Procession of the Royal Seed—Isaac of the PROMISE.

Isaac, too, must live out his days, but they were days in which "Jehovah blessed him . . . and he waxed great in the land of the promise." He prospered in material things but like his mother, his wife Rebekah was barren. Again there was no heir, but Jehovah was entreated of Isaac in behalf of his wife, and provided a miraculous birth. How marvelously the hand of God moves in the affairs of men who are yielded to His will. Isaac asked for a son, but when Jehovah sent him two, Rebekah was troubled and inquired of Jehovah, "If it be so, wherefore do I live?" She knew the covenant of the SEED: now two would come, and her woman's intuition forecast trouble, especially since the prenatal struggle had already begun. However, as in the events of Abraham and Isaac, Jehovah had prepared His chosen SEED. Not only for Rebekah but for all time, the Divine Will was expressed, "Two peoples shall be separated from thy bowels . . . and the elder shall serve the younger." Tensions in the middle east today would be lessened if all peoples understood, and believed God's own statement. The second born, Jacob, was to have the pre-eminence, but by the customs of heredity, Esau the first born had the birthright. Jehovah must again intervene and change the custom of the birthright to the indication of the Seed by Divine selection. Esau's selling of the birthright to Jacob is only incidental Jehovah had set up the new order before their birth and no longer did the first born birthright control the appointment of the SEED.

The choice of the next in line, a son of Jacob, provides a notable example of the abolishing of the birthright in the Royal line. Judah was the fourth son of Jacob, and three were rejected—Reuben for incest Simeon and Levi for murder. Jacob expressed the Divine wish, "O my soul, come not thou into their council; unto their assembly, MY GLORY, be no thou united." The GLORY of Jacob was the deposi of the SEED. It was made to repose in Judah according to Jacob's prophesy recorded in Genesis 49:10 11b-A.S.V., *The sceptre shall not depart from Judah Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh come.* The tribe of Judah was forever to carry the Royal Seed.

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

RADIANT OLD AGE

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age (Psalm 92:14a).

PERHAPS for each of us, as we grow older, there may be a tendency to dread each year's drawing to a close. As the years stretch out we are each affected differently as to what the new year will bring to us. If we were privileged to go back to the years of our childhood, we would not care to forfeit the wisdom which the years have brought to us in order to take that journey into the past. It is indeed true that it is "the last of life for which the first was made." The oldest man here at the Brethren's Home passed away on December 28 at the advanced age of 91 years and six months. His body was tired with carrying the weight of the years, and his mind tended to wander back into the scenes and experiences of childhood and youth. The recounting of the "scenes of his childhood" helped him to forget the weakness and incapacitation of his declining years, and sustained him for the quiet "slipping away home" on that Monday morning.

William Lyon Phelps, near the close of his life, disagreed with those who look longingly back into their teens as being the best period of life. To believe this he declared, is like contending that the view from the bottom of a tower is greater than the view from the top. To one who has been growing, making new friends finding new ways of serving others, the closing years of life are as rewarding as the view from some towering eminence.

"Radiant old age is one of the finest gifts anyone can bestow on his friends," says a modern writer

". . . We build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies . . ."

World Religious News in Review

JUDGE DISMISSES ATHEIST'S SUIT

BALTIMORE (EP)—A suit to end real estate tax exemption for churches and synagogues—started by Mrs. Madalyn E. Murray of Baltimore, a professed atheist—was dismissed by Circuit Court Judge Wilson K. Barnes here.

He said he would file an opinion explaining his reasons at a later date. The suit was dismissed "with prejudice," or closed at the circuit level. Plaintiffs, however, have 30 days to file an appeal in the Maryland Court of Appeals.

Mrs. Murray initiated the case on the grounds that religious tax exemption constituted public aid to churches and synagogues in violation of federal and state constitutions.

She also launched the Maryland case which resulted in the 1963 Supreme Court decision against prayer and Bible reading in public schools.

SMITHSONIAN TO DISPLAY FAMED 'PSALM SCROLL'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — Among the 14 Dead Sea Scrolls scheduled to arrive in the U. S. from Jordan is the 12-foot long "Psalm Scroll," a spokesman at the Smithsonian Institution announced.

Also to be included in the display will be a scroll containing Deuteronomy, in which are written the Ten Commandments. Accompanying the scrolls will be the juglets in which they were found and about 30 artifacts, including coins current at the time of their storing.

The scrolls are from the Qumran community of the Essene sect of Ancient Palestine. The finds, made in the late 1940's, are from 10 of 11 caves now under Jordanian control. Cave One, under Israeli control along the Dead Sea, yielded the most valuable contents.

George Berklacy, press officer for the Smithsonian, said the scrolls will go on exhibit at the Institution's Museum of Natural History beginning February 27. An elaborate showing will be held for three weeks before being taken to a number of other American cities for display.

Mr. Berklacy said some of the cities included in the agenda, which has not yet been finalized, include Philadelphia, Baltimore, Omaha and Los Angeles.

SEMINARY ENROLLMENT SAID TO BE ON RISE IN EAST GERMANY

BERLIN (EP)—Enrollment of Protestant theology students in East German universities continued its upward trend after a post-war low in 1961, according to the 1964 *Statistical Year Book* issued by the Communist regime.

The number of students enrolled at Evangelical faculties in 1963 was given as 592, up 38 in a year. Since 1958, when there were 751 Evangelical seminarians, their number had steadily decreased until a record low of 494 was reached in 1961.

East German churchmen frequently have cited the acute lack of clergy in the Soviet Zone, where about one-third of all pastorates are vacant. Religious leaders attribute the decrease in the number of seminarians to Communist pressure aimed at discouraging youths from religious vocations.

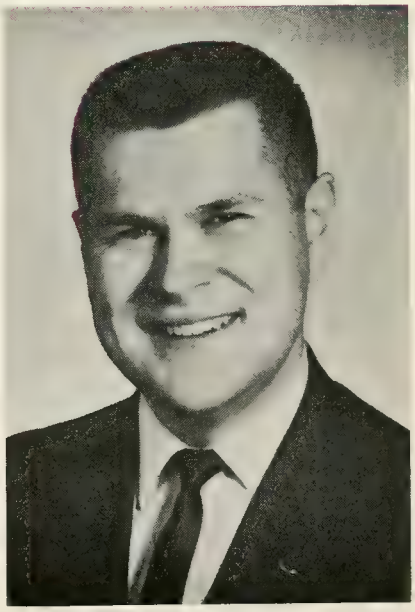
In contrast, some 3,500 Protestant youths are studying for the ministry in West Germany.

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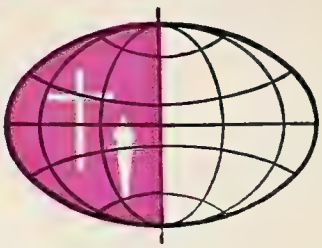


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MISSIONARY NEWS



This 'n' That

FROM CHURCH of the Brethren Mission headquarters in Nigeria, we hear that Shirley and Harold Bowers did arrive on January 2, and were met in Jos by the Field Secretary, Roger Ingold. The Field Secretary is especially impressed with the great amount of understanding the two new missionaries have concerning the work and the area. He further states that few new people in the field seem to be as well informed beforehand as the Bowers family. Undoubtedly their previous residence in other areas of Africa has helped to prepare them for this work. How the Lord molds and makes each one of us ready to serve Him!

Mark had the opportunity of journeying to Waka to see where Shirley and Harold would be located and what it would be like in this area before his returning to Jos with the other missionary children to attend the Hillcrest School. It is especially good for a child's adjustment to be familiar with his parents' location. How thankful we are he had this opportunity to visit the Waka Training Center where his parents will be teaching the Nigerian native students. Marla, of course, will be staying with Harold and Shirley since she is only four year of age.

The Bowers will be teaching in the Teacher Trainin College there rather than the Secondary School wher they thought they would be. Shirley will be teachin a nearly full load of English, third year students an Harold will have third and fourth year. Pray for then as they prepare their classes and as they adjust to s many new customs.

Harold and Shirley's address is:

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowers
Waka Schools
Waka P. O. Biu via Yola
Northern Nigeria, West Africa

Write to Mark Bowers as follows:

Mark Bowers
Hillcrest School
Box 145
Jos, Nigeria
West Africa

A LETTER from Bill Curtis discloses their personal delight with having arrived "home" and to begin their work in the Argentine field. Their flight from Miami by Peruvian jet was very comfortable and made stops at Lima, Peru and Santiago, Chile. The flight over the snow-capped Andes was particularly beautiful. Bill comments, "It was impossible to see the little villas several thousand feet below without wondering if there was an evangelical witness in even one or two of these communities." The Lord was truly with them in flight and through customs where a very unusual "no charge" was offered them.

They are busily securing basic needs such as washer and refrigerator and getting settled in the downstairs apartment at O'Higgins. You will recall this is the apart ment previously occupied by John and Regina Rowse with their three children. At the present time the Row seys are living in Bill Fasig's home while he is on fur lough in the United States. Friends of Bill Fasig wil be interested to know that he is working with one of the Billy Graham teams in Maine this week. By the time Bill Fasig returns in June, the Field Council in Argentina will be able to make plans for other housing arrange ments for either Curtises or Rowseys.

Pray that the Curtises' shipment and safe arrival o their barrels of personal items might be soon and tha all will go through customs rapidly.

NOT TOO VERY LONG AGO you may have read of the curtailment of shortwave transmitter communication among the mission stations in Nigeria, due to exhorbitant fees in licensing. After much effort between the mission personnel and the Ministry of Communication it appears that it may be possible to grant the use of eight transmitters without the $200 tax per transmitter per annum and there is the possibility of the reoperation of shortwave service. Continue to pray for this great need.

Bob and Bea are by themselves in the Mbororo sta tion and in cases such as this, the transmitter is indeed a morale booster.

We have no definite word concerning the return o the Bischofs for their scheduled 1965 furlough, but we would hope to see them in this country some time in July. Continue to pray for these two dedicated workers their health and heavy work load.

HOUSING at Eden continues to present a problem. We have not yet heard that Aspinalls have found a house of their own. Solomons and Aspinalls have been living together in the dwelling at Eden and sharing very close quarters. The action was passed by the board and the field council to provide a place for them, but good rental properties are few and far between. Pray that the Solomons and Aspinalls might both be housed comfortably.

At the present time, the Aspinalls and Solomons are both making arrangements for the purchase of their separate automobiles. Rowseys and Bylers, you know, already have adequate vehicles for their families and work. The contributions from General Conference offering have helped to provide for three of the vehicles with some monies left over to apply to the fourth. The total amount received at conference and the months preceeding and following general conference amounted to $3,589.57.

Unfortunately, Solomons did not have theirs to outrun the stork, but a doctor immediately on hand took Jeanette to the hospital. Their lovely second daughter and fourth child was born January 9th at 10 P. M. weighing seven pounds and being named Margaret Marie after the maternal and paternal grandmothers.

UNDOUBTEDLY this is a very busy time for the Shanks with the dormitories at the Hillcrest School for missionaries' children filling up after the holiday and with the beginning of the new semester. Many little children are away from home and family for the first time and presenting problems of time and attention.

We heard that Doc Shank was most helpful to Bowers. He had secured the floor plan of the house the Bowers are to live in and had even measured the windows so that Shirley could secure material for her curtains before leaving the well-stocked market area.

Pray for the health, strength and patience of the Shanks. Doc and Jean are doing a tremendous work at Hillcrest School. We marvel alone at their endurance listening to practice on one piano in their dormitory almost continuously before and after school classes. If any of you have had even four lessons practiced constantly and consecutively in the home, you have **some** idea! They have many interruptions each day as little ones need love and assistance and attention when they are ill. Pray that Doc and Jean might find time to enjoy their own two children, Dennis and Donna, and have a good family association.

Laborers Together with God

BRETHREN, we have a lovely new church at Lost Creek, Kentucky! You helped to build this lovely edifice with your prayers and contributions. The work there is now only beginning with the completion of the building, for now this lovely new church must be filled with fellow Christians reaching out into the community and hill areas to win souls and bring men to Christ. Pray for the labors to be accomplished in this new shell . . . that the people might be irritated by grains of unrest until they have developed a pearl in God's Church.



THE SIXTEENTH Ten Dollar Club call for assisting Lost Creek is now closed. Between July 1 and December 31, 1964, a total of $10,503 was received to exceed the amount of $10,497.20 netted for the previous call for the Wabash Church. During this period of time, twenty-one new members indicated an interest in supporting church extension and joined the Ten Dollar Club, and at the present time, there are 1414 members in the club.

Gains for the Kingdom

September, October, November 1964
First Quarter of the new Church year

CHURCH	BAPTIZED
Dille	25
Hildi	45
Lassa	15
Mbororo	17
Moda	4
Mubi	34
	140 Total Baptized

. . . Robert Bischof

Missionaries' FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Timothy Solomon February 18, 1956
Robert Bischof, Jr. February 21, 1959
Rebecca Solomon February 27, 1958

The Brethren Layman



Searching the Psalms

PSALM 90

by VIRGIL BARNHART

THIS PSALM was penned by Moses, and is possibly the first psalm to be written. Many writers agree that after examining ancient writings and records that Moses was probably the first writer of sacred writ. This psalm is based on the eternity of God and the brevity of human life. The topical arrangement often refers to this psalm as the frailty of human life.

For public worship, and also for individual devotional guidance, the psalms constitute the height of God-given literature. In this specific psalm we are reminded that this is a prayer of Moses, the man of God. Moses prays for the knowledge and sensible experience of God's good providence for mankind.

This psalm makes no attempt within its poetic framework to elaborate the circumstance of its composition. However, when we see this psalm referred to as the psalm of Moses, or the prayer of Moses, we come to this possible explanation. The Hebrew preposition rendered by the word "of" expresses authorship and also possession by Moses of this writing. It clearly indicates the authorship as having come from the pen of Moses.

It is supposed that this writing was penned upon occasion of the sentence passed upon Israel when they were in the wilderness, and due to their unbelief and rebellion, they would not be allowed to enter Canaan, the promised land. Probably Moses penned this prayer to be daily used by the people in their tents, or by the priests in the tabernacle service in the wilderness. It is very applicable to the frailty of human life in general. In our singing and studying of this wonderful psalm, we could definitely apply it to the years of our passage through the wilderness of this world. It furnishes us with meditations and prayers very suitable for our daily application of living in this complex and speeded-up day and age. Let's not permit ourselves to be stampeded, but pause and meditate, and thus be drawn closer to our Maker.

Thus Moses taught the people of Israel to pray, and put words into their mouths which they might make use of in turning to the Lord.

In verses one and two, we are taught to give God the praise of His care concerning His people at all times. It matters not where God's people dwell, or which generation we are presently in; we should give God the praise, our prayers, and the thanksgiving for the glory of His eternity. He is eternal.

In verse three, God calls men to repent of their sins and live a new life. God turns all men to destruction by destruction of the body, the earthly house, and material possessions (mammon). Yet again God says, *Return, ye children of men,* at the general resurrection, when, though a man dies, yet he shall live again.

A thousand years (verse 4), to us, is a long period, which we cannot expect to survive; but it is in God's sight as yesterday, as one day. It is "as a watch of the night," which was but three hours. There is a definite proportion of time between a minute and a million years, but between time and eternity there is none.

The frailty and uncertainty of man and man's life are shown in verse five and six. As soon as we are born we begin to die, and every day of our life carries us so much nearer death. Men are "carried away as with a flood," they are not mentally and spiritually awake to the possibilities of the eternal life that can be theirs by acceptance of God's salvation and His plan of redemption. Like men asleep, they imagine great things to themselves, till death awakes them from their general apathy. Many never awaken from this sleep; life passes quickly, and for them the opportunity to be "saved" is lost. Man's life is short like that of the grass. Man, in his prime, does but flourish as the grass. Awake and avail self to the God-given heritage that can be yours if you so choose.

In the study of verses seven through eleven, Moses teaches the people of Israel to confess before God that righteous sentence of death which by their sins they had brought upon themselves. They are here taught to acknowledge the wrath of God to be the cause of all their miseries (note verses 7 and 9). We are too apt to look upon death as no more than a debt

owed to nature—this is not so. For if the nature of man had continued in its God-created purity, there would have been no such debt owing to it. It is a debt to the justice of God. Sin entered into the world, and death by sin. In verse eight we are taught to confess our sins. Our sins may be secreted from eyes and knowledge of man, but they cannot be kept from God and the light of His countenance (v. 8). The reason why they cannot is because God is omniscient. He has a complete and infinite knowledge of everything.

See what happened because of the unbelief and lack of faith that the Israelite people often expressed in their wilderness experiences. Of the lives of men in general, ever since the days of Moses, it may be taken thus: "Our years are seventy, and the years of some, by reason of strength, are eighty" (verse 10). Yet the whole extent of our years, from infancy to old age, is but labor and sorrow.

In verse twelve notice this meaning, "Lord, give us grace to consider how short our life is and how few days we have to live in this world." May we tune our hearts unto Thee, and use our knowledge for Thy kingdom. May the honor and glory of Thy plan be given completely unto Thee, rather than unto the pride of man.

As we read and study verses thirteen through seventeen, let us do so with a humble spirit of repentance, that God's Word will be made known unto us, and His love will be manifested in us and by us. Herein we notice the people of Israel are praying for the mercy of God; for they pretend not to plead any merit of their own. They are seeking and asking for God's returned favor to them, thereby getting comfort and joy rather than God's displeasure. *And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us* (verse 17). They are saying, Let it appear that God favors us. Let the grace of God in us, and the light of our good works, make our faces to shine. Allow divine consolations to put gladness into our hearts, a luster upon our countenances, and that it will also be the beauty of the Lord upon us. *Establish thou the work of our hands upon us* (verse 17).

God's working upon us does not discharge us from using our utmost endeavors in serving Him and working out our salvation. But, when we have done all, we must wait upon God for the success.

The writer of this study of Psalm 90 is brother Virgil Barnhart, herein pictured, and a member of the Gratis, Ohio Brethren Church. He has many duties in his home church, but finds time also, to operate as president of the board of advisors of the Boys' Brotherhood of our denomination as well as second vice president of the National Laymen's Organization.

Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

SMITHVILLE, OHIO

THE SMITHVILLE CHURCH sends greetings to the Brethren everywhere. In this part of Christ's vineyard, we are working together to follow Christ's teachings and to make Him known to others about us who are not yet of the church.

As we look at the year 1964 in retrospect, we find cause for rejoicing and some moments of sorrow.

On November 8, Roy Amstutz and wife were set apart for the Christian ministry in a beautiful ordination service conducted by Elders Virgil Meyer, J. G. Dodds and Donald Rowser. Many friends from church, community and from a distance were in attendance for this important event and remained for the fellowship meal in the church parlors.

November 16 to 22 marked the date of the revival meetings with Dr. Joseph Shultz speaking on the Gospel of Mark. Four young people came to know Christ as their Savior, and two adults united with the church.

Christmas time was observed with programs and class parties. As a part of the youth program, the senior youth presented the play "Geraldine and the White Robe." The play was directed by Mrs. Charlene Rowser and the youth advisors, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hilty. The candle lighting service on Christmas Eve was well attended, and it was a worshipful highlight of the Christmas season.

Last September, Rev. Donald Rowser tendered his resignation in order to serve the New Lebanon church. During his pastorate of six years, ninety-four people were added to the church—seventy-five by baptism and nineteen by letter. The prayers of the Smithville congregation follow the Rowser family where they serve now and in the future.

The Pulpit Committee, consisting of the deacons, acted with dispatch in making contacts for a new leader. Donald Rinehart, who is a senior in Ashland Theological Seminary, and Mrs. Rinehart met the congregation at a fellowship meal and was later called as our pastor and wife. The pastoral year will begin in June following graduation from Seminary. Rev. Virgil Meyer graciously consented to serve as interim pastor starting January 17. Rev. Meyer served the Smithville church in this capacity six years ago, and has the love and confidence of the members.

On January 3, 1965, a beautiful wall clock, a gift of the senior youth, was presented to the church and was dedicated to the loving memory of Jayne Loree Drushal.

During the morning worship hour on January 10, 1965, Paul Steiner now in his middle year in Ashland Theological Seminary, was recognized by the Smithville congregation as a licensed minister.

We ask that the Smithville church be remembered in your prayers as we press onward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Beulah M. Amstutz
Church Correspondent

THE JOY OF A MITTEN TREE

by LOIS HUTZELL



There's a threefold joy in a Mitten Tree:
That of the giver, the receiver and the tree.
Those who are givers will have joy I believe,
For being faithful stewards of the things they've received.

When our friends in Kentucky receive their mittens,
They'll recall with joy, in God's Word it is written:
Take no thought for tomorrow what you'll eat or wear
Through God's infinite love, they're already prepared.

We all know well that a tree can't talk
Can't see or hear or express one thought.
If this lovely creation by God only could,
The stories it could tell would do our hearts good.

Here come some small boys in out of the weather
To hand up their gloves lined with fur, made of leather;
They're made for rough play like those they are wearing,
They like them so much they think they're worth sharing.

The little girls have brought in their mittens,
They are warm and soft and furry like kittens,
For these are the things that little girls like,
They know that for others, they'll make Christmas bright.

The little old lady who has little to share
Has hung up her gloves with such loving care.
Parents have brought them, both large and small,
They want to be sure there will be some for all.

Yes, these folks have trimmed this tree with great pride,
This tree brought in from off the hillside.
And these things would surely bring joy to the tree
If only it could talk and hear and see.

As I look at this Mitten Tree on display,
I believe our Father in Heaven must say,
Whatever you've done through this Mitten Tree
You have done it, my brethren, even unto Me.

The above poem was written about the "mitten tree" which you see pictured in the accompanying photo. This particular tree is the one that was in the St. James, Maryland, Brethren Church. Such trees were found in many of our Brethren Churches throughout the denomination.

LANARK, ILLINOIS

WITH THE BEGINNING of a new year, it is time for a report from the Lanark First Brethren Church. Many repairs and some remodeling has been completed. A new gas furnace replaced the old stoker and the entire church was rewired. The basement ceiling was replaced with a new one, and the entire basement painted.

The W.M.S. ladies had a center opening made and paneling installed back of the pulpit. They also furnished a new choir loft curtain. The memorial gifts of two new pulpit chairs and a lectern were a most welcome addition. When we have our dedication, a complete list of donors and gifts will be given. More repairs will be completed this spring and summer.

Rev. Kenneth Howard held evangelistic services after Thanksgiving. An elderly couple, a new mother and a young boy were baptized.

Our pastor, Rev. Gilmer, is co-operating with the Milledgeville Brethren in looking over sites suitable for establishing a new Brethren Church in this area.

Mrs. Paul M. Diffenderfer

"Give us this day our daily bread" is a statement of trust. It is asking for the bread of the day, and not a hoard for the future. A lady who lived this way was told by someone, "That sure is an easy way to live!" Her reply was, "If you think it is, try it some time!"

Norman K. Elliott in HOW TO *BE* THE LORD'S PRAYER (Fleming H. Revell Company)

There are only two institutions in society that are of divine origin: the home and the church. The home might be likened to the foundation of a building, and the church to its superstructure. If the foundation of a building be weak, then all of its other members will be unsteady, even unsafe.

Virginia Ely in DEDICATION SERVICES FOR ALL OCCASIONS (Fleming H. Revell Company)

Young River Caney Bible School Grows



NICE BEGINNING. This photograph of the River Caney School which was only organized last October 1, by Ralph Landis, shows the healthy growth of the school. Mr. Landis reported that attendance has reached the 88 mark and that he expects further growth.

BREATHITT COUNTIANS have for many years observed the coming and going of numerous men and women from Northern states, some who ravaged their natural resources and departed, others who proved to be genuine dedicated people, stayed on and left their mark on the hearts of the mountain people.

Falling into the latter category is Ralph Landis, who came to Riverside Christian Training School in June of 1963, after resigning a well-paying accountant's post with Westinghouse in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with 21 years of seniority.

Mr. Landis traveled the highways and byways of Breathitt County, traversed the mountains, waded the creeks and contacted people in their home environment. A man of great dedication, he immediately saw the lack of and need for Christian education and set about doing something to remedy the situation.

An energetic, friendly man who projects his driving personality into the lives of all who meet him, Landis shared the joys and heartaches of people of the area and became one of them.

His initial attack on the shortage of Christian education came in the River Caney community, where roads and poor communication facilities had previously more or less isolated the residents from the formation of a formal Sunday school. Proof that a Sunday school was greatly desired by the residents of River Caney is evidenced by the present average attendance of 88 citizens of all ages.

In addition, a boys' youth group meets each Sunday afternoon, with a great deal of interest being demonstrated.

River Caney Sunday school will sponsor a bake sale during banking hours on Saturday, December 5, at Citizens Bank in Jackson. Cakes, cookies and candy will be offered to the public and proceeds will be used in further development of the Sunday school and for the purchase of literature.

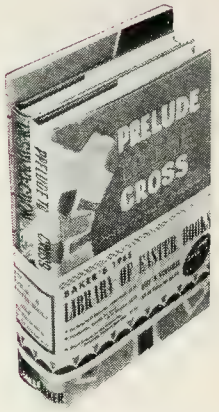
Mr. Landis is also in the process of establishing other Sunday schools in this area.

Breathitt County is much better for his coming. (*A reprint from* The Jackson Times *of Jackson, Kentucky.*)

Where Do I Belong in the Church

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4. **Working Leaners** . . . work, but do not give money.
5. **Specials** . . . help and give occasionally for something that appeals to them.
6. **Annuals** . . . or Easter Birds . . . dress up, look serious, and go to church on Easter.
7. **Sponges** . . . take all the blessings and benefits, but give no money to support the church.
8. **Tramps** . . . go from church to church but support none.
9. **Gossips** . . . talk freely about everyone except the Lord Jesus.
10. **Scrappers** . . . talk offense, criticize, and fight.
11. **Orphans** . . . are children sent by parents who do not set them an example.
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NOTES and COMMENTS

A BREATH OF PRAYER

by Frances Morton

A breath of prayer in the morning
Means a day of blessing sure;

A breath of prayer in the evening
Means a night of rest secure;

A breath of prayer in our weakness
Means a clasp of a Mighty Hand;

A breath of prayer when we're lonely
Means Someone to understand.

A breath of prayer in our doubtings
Assures us the Lord knows best.

A breath of prayer in our sorrows
Means comfort and peace and rest;

A breath of prayer in rejoicing
Gives joy and added delight.

For they that remember God's goodness
Go singing far into the night.

There's never a year nor a season
That prayer may not bless every hour,

And never a soul need be helpless
When linked with God's infinite power.

—from **Seek**



The Procession of the Royal Seed

(continued)

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

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OUR LAST STATEMENT of the last article on this subject was, "The tribe of Judah was forever to carry the royal Seed."

Now with the next in line, there came another new departure with the birth of Peres, the son of Judah. Here was introduced the Levirate Law, that, the widow whose husband died without leaving a son was to be taken by the next eldest brother to raise up seed to the deceased. Jehovah had pledged the land to Abraham's seed in perpetuity. When the land was divided among the tribes and families by Joshua, each families' inheritance must pass to the heirs. No land could be sold. It could only be leased for the remaining years until the next year of Jubilee. On the fiftieth year it must return to the possession of the heir. The Levirate Law was enacted to protect the estate of each son.

Judah's two eldest sons had Tamar to wife and both died without issue. The youthful third son, Shelah, was also pledged to Tamar by Judah, "But when he was grown up, Tamar was not given to him to wife." When Judah's wife died and his daughter-in-law Tamar discovered that she was not to have Shelah, she invoked the Levirate Law through strategy, and bore a son to Judah. Peres, their son, carried the deposit of the royal Seed. Matthew 1:3 bears the witness.

A query might arise at this point as to the reason for all these details in noting the procession of the royal Seed. It is because they all enter into the understanding of the prophetic story. It is noteworthy that at times, great detail appears in the Biblical record, while in others, several generations pass with but little more than the listing of names. The latter is true of the Seed line during the Egyptian bondage and liberation. Four names appear, Hezron, Ram, Amminadab and Naashon. Uneventful was their lives for the record, but each in his turn carried the royal Seed.

Another new phase becomes apparent at about this time. Jehovah was always ready to meet the needs of every climax in the working of His plan. The Divine Wisdom desired a peculiar people to be His covenant possession and used inbreeding for several generations to set the characteristic of the parent stock. Abraham and Sarah were half brother and sister; Nahor, brother of Abraham wed his niece Milcah, daughter of Haran; they were the grandparents of Rebekah. Isaac was a first double cousin once removed from his wife, Rebekah; Jacob married his first cousins. When the concentration of blood became too great, outbreeding was necessary to prevent a weakening of the family strain. New blood was introduced for corrective measure. Two outstanding examples appear in the marriage of Salmon and Boaz in two consecutive generations. Salmon, of the Seed, married Rahab of Jericho, and their son Boaz took to wife Ruth the Moabitess through the Levirate Law of redemption. The son of Boaz, Obed, was father of Jesse and grandfather of David. Thus it is seen that the, "Man after God's own heart," David, was being prepared in physical heritage by the hybridation of his antecedents. What greater evidence can be found of the fact that, the time to begin training children is with their ancestors.

There now appears a new plateau in the procession of the royal Seed. Jehovah's timeclock struck the hour for setting up the kingdom of Israel.

How variant is the motivation of action as seen in the history of men. Whimsey and caprice so often seize control. Biblical lore examples so many who developed a penchant for running ahead of God. Israel is a case in view, in relation to the kingdom. Jehovah had His plan and was preparing His man. Israel would not wait. The first king of the monarchy in God's economy must be of the tribe of Judah. When Judah was designated the Seed of the line, it was said of him, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh come."

But when Israel clamored for a king, Jehovah recognized the free agency of the people and permitted them to select a man by lot. He was Saul the Benjamite and not of the tribe of the SCEPTRE. Jehovah's prince was then but a boy among the flocks of Jesse at Bethlehem. Yet, David was in preparation for the kingship, and Israel ran ahead of God. Jehovah said to Samuel of Saul the people's choice "Go and anoint him prince of my people Israel. He shall save my people out of the hands of the Philistines." Then Jehovah protested through Samuel that there would be naught but trouble because Israel had rejected God and demanded a king, saying, "Ye shall be consumed both ye and your king."

What did Jehovah mean when He said, "Go and anoint him (Saul) prince over My people Israel"? The answer is in the translation. There are sixteen Hebrew words in the Old Testament translated *prince,* and are quite wide in the variations of meanings. The one used in the above quotation is, NAGID, the root meaning of which is, *the one in front, or the leader.* Saul was made judge and military leader of Israel, but never king in the royal line.

When Jehovah's time came for the dedication of the royal prince, He said to Samuel, *Fill thy horn with oil, and go: I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite; for I have provided me a king among his sons . . . and thou shalt anoint unto me, him whom I name unto thee . . . and Samuel took the horn of*

oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of Jehovah came mightily upon David from that day forward (I Samuel 16:1, 3, 13—A.S.V.).

David was anointed as a young man, but Jehovah kept him waiting for the throne while maturing him in the fires of hard experience. Then God's time arrived for the kingship. First, at the word of Jehovah to go up to Hebron, David went and was proclaimed king over the house of Judah alone. Seven years later all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron, and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the Lord. Then the northern tribes anointed David king aver all Israel. This was the setting up of the royal monarchy according to the plan of God. This was the origin of the house of David.

(More next week)



Greetings from BEA BISCHOF—

November 30, 1964
Mbororo, Nigeria

To all W.M.S. Members,

Dear Christian Friends,

I am grateful for this opportunity to say "thank you" for your faithfulness in writing to us. Your letters keep us up on church news, pastoral changes, etc.

Mrs. Bowers of Nappanee and Mrs. Bates of Vinco asked us to send tapes of Higi singing, etc. We have sent it to Rev. Ingraham at the Mission Board office. We just sent the one tape as we do not have time to make more. I really think all you women would enjoy this tape. Bob has talked on it, and some of our teachers have explained the meaning of the songs they sing here.

Some of you have asked that when a village first hears of the Lord Jesus Christ is it necessary to teach them how to worship? Yes, it is necessary to teach our Nigerian brethren how to worship. When a baby cries, the leader asks the mother to take the baby out until it stops crying and then bring it back in when it is quiet. However, this isn't much of a problem because by the time the mother has walked to church her baby is already asleep on her back.

When we first came to Mbororo, whenever anyone came to church, they would bring their load with them. It happens that market day is on Sunday in this area. So those who had produce to sell would bring maybe a basket full of chickens (to be sold at market) into the church. Sometimes we wouldn't know what was in the basket, and during church a hen would start cackling. We have told them, when worshipping God, all these odd noises distract from their worship. Now they come to church, leave their load outside, and then go to market. Many of our Christians don't buy and sell on Sunday, but many still do. As they learn the Scriptures they will see for themselves what is right and wrong. Market day is really a "get-together" with their friends; they do not hoe on this day, but some work on this day if they are a trader. There is a market day during the week, but it is very small and people cannot buy their dried fish on that day. So they buy the food they need on Sunday.

One time we were distracted in the midst of a worship service. A pagan man came dancing into the church dressed in a leopard skin. Everyone just roared. He really put on a show. After it was over, when he was alone, one of our worship leaders told him they would rather not have him do this in church as this was a worship service. Not that we didn't appreciate his dance, but the church wasn't the place for it. When the dancer realized this, he understood.

There are many other distractions, such as, a fight outside, a car arriving on the scene, or a friend goes by the church, sees her friend and starts greeting her. Then they all turn their heads and look out the window.

However, once they learn how to worship I feel that they are very reverent. When they come into the church, immediately they bow their heads in prayer. They especially have a sense of worship in their songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. They far surpass us in their singing.

Another question that has been asked in your letters is how do you get across the idea that they should build a church in which to worship? Usually at first it is a small group meeting with an evangelist under a tree. In the rainy season they meet in someone's entrance hut. Until gradually the group gets too large to meet in a small hut. This is when the evangelist suggests that they build a building for themselves to meet in. The village people build it. The men build the mud walls while the women carry water to them. Also, the men put on the grass roofing, and the women smooth the walls inside the church and make the seats. They are proud when they have finished and have a place where they can worship their God.

Must close for now. It is a joy to answer your letters. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Bea Bischof and family

Daily Devotions

General Theme for the Year: "FULFILLING THE TIME"
Theme for February — "BY GIVING YOUR POSSESSIONS TO HIM"

Writer for February — Miss Beverly Summy
February 28 - March 6 — "Co-Owners with God"

Sunday, February 28, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 16:12-15

Us? Co-owners with God? How? These are some questions that might come to you when you look at the theme for this week of devotions. Why would the great God of the universe consider us in His plans—even make us owners and workers with Him? Because He loved us and because He willed it.

In the story of Lydia's conversion we see that it was Paul who spoke to her about the things of God, *but* it was the Lord who opened her heart so she would listen and heed the words.

I have known some scalp-hunting soul-winners who count it their sole privilege to have brought someone to Christ. They seem quick to emphasize that *I* brought them to Christ or *I* saved them or *I* won them, apparently not realizing that others may have had a hand in the process and especially God.

No believer can draw another person to Christ without the Holy Spirit. We are co-workers with God and do not own this privilege by ourselves. God has granted us this holy calling to serve with Him.

The Day's Thought

Lord, keep me from the pride of *I*!

Monday, March 1, 1965

Read Scripture: I Corinthians 3: 9-23

Wanted—A Messenger

The Lord Christ wanted a tongue one day,
To speak a message of cheer
To a heart that was weary and worn and sad,
Weighed down with a mighty fear.
He asked for mine, but, 'twas busy quite,
With mine own affairs from morn till night.

The Lord Christ wanted a hand one day
To do a loving deed;
He wanted two feet on an errand for Him,
To run with gladsome speed,
But I had need of my own that day;
To His gentle beseeching I answered, "Nay."

So all that day I used my tongue,
My hands, and my feet as I chose;
I said some hasty, bitter words
That hurt one heart, God knows.
I busied my hands with worthless play,
And my willful feet went a crooked way.

While the dear Lord grieved, with His work undone,
For the lack of a willing heart!
Only through men does He speak to men,
Dumb must He be apart.
I do not know, but I wish today,
I had let the Lord Christ have His way.

—Author Unknown

The Day's Thought

Make me a co-worker with Thee, O Lord.

Tuesday, March 2, 1965

Read Scripture: II Corinthians 6: 11-18

Are you a walking dead man? Now, seriously consider before you answer. A believer of Christ is to be a temple of the *living* God and to this we give lipservice. But often our actions give lie to our words and we become suspect. Are we really temples of the *living* God?

Are we co-owners and co-workers with Him who lives and moves through us, or is that just a good theory, too often repeated to be meaningful?

Once there was a priest who had a vision. In his vision he found himself in the middle of a great valley surrounded with mounds of skeleton bones. The bones were so old and dead that they were bleached white and were powdery dry. A voice asked him if these bones could ever live again and naturally he emphatically replied "No!" But the voice told the old priest that these bones would live, bring forth flesh and skin and move as a great army *because* God would send His Spirit into them.

Ezekiel was given this picture of the restored Israel, but it is much like the picture of the restored believer in Christ. In God's eyes we must seem like dry bones, dead and useless, until we allow the Spirit to make us living temples of God.

The Day's Thought

Make me realize that I must be a living temple to be a co-owner with Thee, O Lord!

Wednesday, March 3, 1965

Read Scripture: Galatians 4:1-18

We are heirs to all the kingdoms of the world! The Bible says we are not only sons of God, but heirs with Christ. We know that some day Christ will reign over all and we will reign with Him.

Paul says in our Scripture for today that *it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing*. There is absolutely nothing wrong with being zealous—it just must be about the right thing and channeled in the right direction.

We are co-owners with God and that means we must shoulder responsibility for that which we will inherit.

We usually think of property and lands when we think of owning something, but what about our personal lives? Christian stewardship is the practice of Christian living. It is much more than the matter of money for the church. It is the daily, hourly struggle with oneself so that:

Love does not become lust; righteous indignation does not become wrath; joy does not become gluttony; thrift does not become covetousness; justice does not become envy; tolerance does not become sloth; humility does not become pride (The Presbyterian Church in Canada).

The Day's Thought

Make me a responsible heir to Thy kingdom!

Thursday, March 4, 1965

Read Scripture: John 15:7-17

Christ has called us "friends" and we are to follow His example by calling our fellow men "friends." We are to share God's great blessings, for *greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.* We are not often called upon to give our life for our friends as Jesus did, but there are still other ways we can show our love.

The bread that bringeth strength
I want to give,
The water pure that bids the
thirsty live:
I want to help the fainting day
by day.
I'm sure I shall not pass again
this way.

I want to give the oil of joy for
tears,
The faith to conquer crowding
doubts and fears.
Beauty for ashes may I give alway.
I'm sure I shall not pass again
this way.

I want to give good measure running o'er,
And into angry hearts I want to
pour
The answer soft that turneth wrath
away.
I'm sure I shall not pass again
this way.

I want to give to others hope and
faith,
I want to do all that the Master
saith;
I want to live aright from day to
day.
I'm sure I shall not pass again
this way.

—Author Unknown

The Day's Thought

How much have you given for a friend?

Friday, March 5, 1965

Read Scripture: Malachi 3:10; I Corinthians 16:2

The law is like a dark glass, and Christ came to clean that glass! He said He had come not to destroy this glass (the law), but to fulfill it. That which once was dark is now shining and reveals true beauty.

The law said you should give one-tenth of all you own back to God—Jesus said we are to give as we have been blessed. That might even mean more than one-tenth!

I knew a farmer once who tilled the earth for half of its products. The owner took the other half, but when it came time to fertilize and plant, the farmer was required to provide two-thirds of the items and the owner only furnished one-third of the seeds and fertilizer. When repairs were needed for buildings and fences, the farmer usually had to supply these on his own.

How often do we take from God in like manner? Co-owners should make an agreement and stand by that statement. God asked for a tithe of possession and Christ said we should give as we have been blessed and prospered. He does not even ask for half—only that we return in like measure as we have received.

The Day's Thought

Make me to be a true and faithful steward, O Lord, giving as I have been given.

Saturday, March 6, 1965

Read Scripture: John 14:1-6

We are co-owners with God in heaven as well as in the earth! Jesus promised us this on that last dark night of His betrayal.

If we have been faithful in few or many things, He will be faithful in presenting us with our inheritance: a heavenly home, life with Him forever, and praise and blessing continually. Because He lives, we also shall live!

God does not make empty promises. We can be assured that a heavenly home and inheritance is waiting for each believer. He has not left us comfortless—He left His promises and the Holy Spirit.

The Master Builder has commissioned us for His service. Can we produce, build and complete His works?

The Day's Thought

We thank Thee for the assurance of our heavenly inheritance with Christ our Lord.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Isaiah

Memory Scripture for the month — Isaiah 26:4

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

February 28 - March 6

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1965

Read Scripture:Isaiah 58:8-11

The Robin

"Birdie! See Birdie," said Betsy.

"It's a robin," said Linda looking out the window.

"The robins are back!" declared Gary.

"How do the birds know when to return north?" wondered Linda.

"God has given each animal and each bird the ability to know what is best for it," said Dad. "They can't think about things and plan for them as we do. They just do them—instinct we call it."

"That's a funny word," laughed Gary. "Do we have instinct?"

"Yes," answered Dad. "When a baby is given a bottle he sucks it. He doesn't think about it. He just does. We do some things by instinct. But we have more than animals and birds. God gave us a mind to think and plan and decide. Then besides that, He has promised to be with us and to guide us continually."

"I'm glad we don't have to depend just on instinct," said Linda.

"Nor on our minds," added Gary. "I'm glad God guides us."

"Birdie fly away!" said Betsy.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the ability to think and to plan and to decide. Thank You most of all for guiding me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1965
Read Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-4

Shine In Darkness

The Kellers were returning home from Grandpa's farm.

"As soon as we get home," Mom said, "you children must hurry to bed. Tomorrow is another school day."

"And tomorrow night is the party," reminded Linda.

"Look!" exclaimed Gary. "What's that near the road ahead?"

"Two bright shiny things," said Linda.

"Watch carefully," Dad told them, "and you will see."

"They look like eyes," Linda said.

"They are eyes," laughed Gary as the animal watched the car go by.

"It was probably a cat," said Uncle Jim.

"Mittens' eyes don't look like that," said Linda.

"If you looked at Mittens' eyes in the dark they would," replied Uncle Jim. "The eyes of all the night animals shine in the dark."

"Just the way we should," added Aunt Doris. "God has told us to shine for Him in the dark world."

"How can we do that?" wondered Linda.

"By telling those who don't know God about Him," continued Aunt Doris.

"The way you and Uncle Jim will in Nigeria," declared Gary.

"Yes," agreed Uncle Jim. "But you don't have to go away from home to shine for Him. There are people right here who need to learn of Him."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that I know You. Help me to shine for You by telling others of Your love. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1965
Read Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-3

Good Tidings

"Good-night. We'll be praying for you," said the friends as they left after the party.

"That was a nice party," said Linda as Dad closed the door.

"Yes," agreed Aunt Doris. "It was thoughtful of you to have it for us, Alice," she told Mom.

"Oh, Mittens has found some sandwich crumbs," said Linda. "She's helping us clean up after the party. She's eating them."

"Look at Queenie," laughed Gary. "She's found one of the paper napkins and is playing with it."

"I like these napkins," said Uncle Jim looking at one of them.

"Preach good tidings," Linda read from one of them. "That's what you and Aunt Doris are going to do. You're going to preach the good news of Jesus."

"I wish I could go with you," declared Gary. "I wish I could help you."

"You can help us," Uncle Jim told him.

"I know," said Gary. "I can pray for you and I will. But I wish I could do more."

"Just now there are many things you need to learn," reminded Uncle Jim. "Perhaps when you are older God will want you to come to Nigeria, but remember wherever you are you can tell the good news of Jesus."

Prayer:

Help me to learn the things I need to know, dear God, so I can serve You best. Help me to share the good news of Jesus with my friends. In His name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1965
Read Scripture: Isaiah 61:10, 11

Dressed-up

"Betsy pretty!" said the little girl as she came into the living room.

"Oh, Betsy," giggled Linda. "You've been in my dress-up box!"

Betsy had on a long purple skirt, a red jacket upside-down, and a big floppy hat that kept falling over her eyes.

"Look at her," laughed Gary. "She really thinks she is pretty."

"She's just like all of us," said Mom.

"We don't dress like that!" declared Linda.

"No," agreed Mom, "but our actions are something like clothing. When we do just what we want to do, we think everything is fine. Then suddenly we realize it isn't. When we trust God the Bible tells us He will clothe us with salvation and righteousness. Then we will really be lovely."

"I want my actions to be that kind," said Gary. "Not the funny Betsy kind."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for helping me to do and to say the things that are good. May I always trust You to make me truly lovely. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1965
Read Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9

Loving Kindness

"Come, Betsy," said Linda. "See the robins. They are carrying little sticks into the tree."

"Oh, they are building a nest," said Gary. "Let's help them."

"How can we help them?" asked Linda.

"We can give them things to use in their nest," answered Gary. He pulled some string from his pocket. "They will like this."

Gary took the pieces of string outside and laid them on the ground. Then he came back into the house. While the three children watched from the window, the robins found the string and carried it piece by piece to their nest.

"Birdies take string," laughed Betsy.

"Here are some bits of flannel," said Mom. "They will make a good lining for the nest."

Linda took the scraps of cloth outside. By the time she got back to the window the robins were carrying the flannel to their nest.

"See," said Gary. "We did help the robins build the nest."

"And they have a better, more comfortable nest because of your kindness," added Mom. "That's the way it is with God. In His loving kindness He gives us many things to make our lives better and happier. We have to accept and use the things He gives us if we want them to do us any good."

"If the robins had left the string and cloth on the ground," said Linda, "it wouldn't have helped their nest."

"I'll try to be like the robins," said Gary. "I'll look for the extra things God gives me and I'll use them."

Prayer:

Thank You for all the good things You have given me, dear God. Thank You for Your loving kindness. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 65:23-25

The Answer

"Goodbye," shouted the family. "Goodbye. Goodbye." They watched as Aunt Doris and Uncle Jim got aboard the large silver plane. They waved when they saw them at one of the plane's windows.

Then with a whirr of the propeller and a low hum the plane taxied down the runway. It lifted into the sky and was soon out of sight.

"They're on their way," said Gary. "They're on their way to Nigeria."

"Before they call I will answer," said Dad.

"What?" asked Linda.

"That's what the Bible says," answered Dad. "Doris and Jim are going to people who have never heard of God. Even before they have learned to pray, God is answering what would be their first prayer. He is sending missionaries to tell them of God."

"I knew God heard our prayers," said Gary, "but I didn't know He heard them even before we prayed them. He truly is a great God."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for hearing all my prayers. Thank You for answering them even before I call. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 66:1-2; 22, 23

God's Footstool

"What a lovely Saturday morning!" said Linda as she came into the kitchen. "Where are Dad and Gary?"

"They went out to spade the footstool," answered Mom.

"Spade the footstool!" exclaimed Linda.

"Yes," said Mom. "The Bible says heaven is God's throne and the earth is His footstool."

"Well," laughed Linda, "when I'm through eating I'll take Betsy out to play on the footstool."

"Out. Bye-bye." said Betsy as she went to find her sweater.

"God is good to give us this beautiful world," said Linda. "If He compares it to a footstool, how wonderful heaven must be!"

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for this beautiful world. Help me to enjoy it and to use it as You planned. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (Matthew 6:33).

AS WE LOOK AROUND in the world about us, we can readily conclude that most of mankind has this backward. For by and large most people are seeking first "all these things"—food and clothing and the physical comforts of life—with little or no concern for the Kingdom of Heaven. You may be asking, "But how does this pertain to the Sunday school?" Let us consider.

The Sunday school has as its task the teaching of the precious word of God. Its goal is the winning of souls to Jesus Christ and the nurturing of Christians in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. In other words it is involved in helping individuals find "the Kingdom of God"—the finding of which is, according to our verse, the thing to be of primary importance in a man's life. This then makes the Sunday school very important, does it not? But are we accustomed to attributing to the Sunday school this position of importance? I think not, as a comparison of the Sunday school and the public school will readily bear out.

The public school is in almost every way superior to the Sunday school. Public school teachers are well trained; Sunday school teachers are not, and many of them will not even take so much as one teacher training course. The teaching methods and teaching aids used by the public schools are superior to those of the Sunday school. And the level of scholarship required in the public school is much greater than that required in the Sunday school. In fact, the Sunday school seems to require almost no scholarship on the part of its students. Our public schools today are producing students who are increasingly well educated, especially in the areas of math and science, and in other fields as well. But what is the Sunday school producing? Biblical ignoramuses—students who can't pass the simplest of Bible tests—young people who can't name the four gospels or who don't know whether any given book is in the New Testament or the Old Testament. And one of the main reasons for this is that we have not acted as if it were important—we have not convinced our students that there is any need for them to learn the truths of Scripture.

An example will show the truth of what has been said. How many young people place as much importance on getting their Sunday school lessons prepared as they do on getting their public school lessons prepared. Not very many, for such are a "rare breed." Or what student if faced with a conflict between his school homework and his Sunday school homework will not do the former and neglect the latter? And why is this? Because they think that school work is important and that Sunday school is not. And I dare say most parents feel the same way. And yet, what does the Scripture say? What did Jesus say? "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." It seems to me we have our values reversed. The solution is for us to recognize the importance of the Sunday school ourselves, and then to begin to transmit this same truth to our young people.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

PSALM TWENTY-THREE

The Lord my Shepherd is, I'm blest:
No want have I yet seen;
He maketh me lie down and rest
In pastures that are green.

Beside still waters gentle He
Leads on to soul's delight;
For His namesake He leadeth me
In pathways that are right.

And though I walk down the vale,
And through the shades of death,
No evil will I fear, nor quail,
As long as I have breath.

For me a table Thou hast spread
Mine enemies before;
With oil Thou dost anoint my head;
My chalice runneth o'er.

For Thou art with me, Lord, Thy rod
And staff they comfort me;
Thou art my Shepherd, Thou my God,
And I am safe with Thee.

Goodness and mercy, know I well,
Will follow me all my days,
And in the Lord's house I will dwell
Forever, singing praise.

—Caleb Hauser

THE LORD IS MY PERSONAL SHEPHERD (Psalm 63:1; John 20:28). As my Personal Guide He leads me by His word (Psalm 19:7, 11). This leadership gives the needed light (Psalm 119:18, 105, 130). I am led by His example (Phil. 2:5; I Peter 2:21). His paths for me are obedience, duty, faith, and they are "plain" (Psalm 25:10; 27:11; 65:11). To obey Him is to follow Him (John 10:4). When circumstances seem to make the way apparent, still I need to ask the counsel of the Lord (Josh. 9:14). Since there are the deceiving spirits of evil, I need to know my Shepherd's voice (I John 4:1). Haste may be a trap of Satan rather than a necessity of guidance (Psalm 130:5, 6).

Guidance may be through visions (Acts 10:3; 11:5; 16:9) or through God-guided judgment as occasion demands (I Sam. 10:7). Guidance may be through unusual events as Saul was directed by Samuel (I Sam. 10:2-6). Abraham followed God through the trackless desert a step at a time (Heb. 11:8; Psalm 37:23). "The stops of a good man as well as his steps are ordered by the Lord" (Num. 9:21, 22). God gives a message from the Word, and then leads us to those who need to hear it (Acts 8:26-29). God guides me through mutual agreement with another believer (Matt. 18:19). It is far better to make detours with Him than to take short-cuts without Him (Num. 14: 40-45). Flesh and blood cannot reveal the things of Christ to us (Matt. 16:17). My God does not reveal to another His plans for my life (John 21:22). Others may help me but they cannot make my decisions (Ruth 1:15, 16). Guidance is sure for those who wait and pray (Psalm 130:6).

Even the best of us need restoration from wandering (Eccl. 7:20). With such a Good Shepherd my eternity is assured (II Tim. 1:12). Let us be of Paul's persuasion (Rom. 8:38, 39). My Shepherd is the way to my Father's house (John 14:6). My Redeemer Shepherd will lead me to His Home (Eph. 2:7).

Beneath me: green pastures;
Beside me: still waters;
With me: my Shepherd;
Before me: a table;
Around me: mine enemies;
After me: goodness and mercy;
Beyond me: the house of the Lord.

—Vest Pocket Edition,
James Smith

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

HOW DO WE FACE THE CROSS?

He stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51).

IN THE BIOGRAPHICAL NOVEL, "The Agony of the Ecstasy," Bertoldo, the master sculptor, speaks to the young, aspiring Michelangelo. "Dedication is expensive," he says; "it will cost you your life." Michelangelo, with superb insight, replies, "What else is life for?"

The New Testament gives us the story of Jesus; the one wholly dedicated person. Jesus declared on one occasion, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me." Only once in human history has there been such a completely dedicated life.

It was in just that spirit that Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. He went not blindly to to cross, but with a full realization of the awful weight of sin that was rolled down upon him; the sins, not of himself, but of others. He faced the cross with a sense of obedience to what he recognized as the will of God, and with a dedication that shrank from no pain or sacrifice, he accomplished your salvation and mine. In real truth His dedication cost Him His life.

Through Jesus Christ, God converted an instrument of torture and death, the cross, into the symbol of man's redemption from sin—the most sublime symbol of victory mankind has ever known.

Down through the ages men have dedicated themselves to the service of the cross, to the same end; the losing of life. But "Dedication is expensive; it will cost you your life."—AND WHAT ELSE IS LIFE FOR?

Brethren Youth Crusaders

TIOSA TIDBITS



THE TIOSA Brethren Youth enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree after a regular meeting when we posed for this picture.

Our new officers for this year are:

Senior Youth

President Karen Morgan
Secretary Jane Williams
Treasurer Gary Weidner

Junior Youth

President Cinda Weidner
Secretary Kenneth VanDuyne
Treasurer Ronnie Riddle

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick VanDuyne are our adult sponsors.

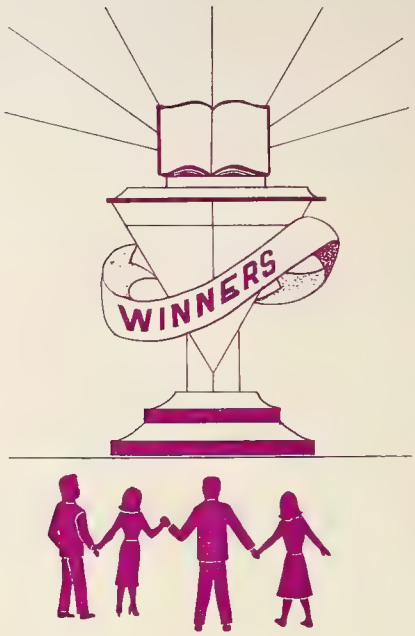
We have participated in church services, Christmas program and had a nice time Christmas caroling. We are working hard on studying the book of Acts.

We meet every Sunday night and we hosted the District Rally here at Tiosa.

Our pastor, Rev. Gene Eckerly, is in the upper left hand corner of the picture.

Answer to last week's
Spotlight on Scripture . . .
ROMANS 12:1, 2

BIBLE QUIZ HELPS



Match the person on the left with the proper event on the right.

Chapter 15

1. James
2. Simeon
3. Judas (Barsabas)
4. Silas
5. John Mark

a. spoke about Simeon
b. declared how God first visited the Gentiles
c. chosen to go to Antioch
d. a chief man among the brethren
e. went on a missionary journey with Barnabas

Chapter 16

1. Timotheus
2. Man of Macedonia
3. Lydia
4. Damsel possessed by a spirit
5. Jailer at Philippi

a. had a Jewish mother and Greek father
b. was saved after an earthquake
c. was healed by Paul
d. appeared in a vision to Paul, asking for help
e. a seller of purple

Chapter 17

1. Jason
2. Epicureans and Stoicks
3. Dionysius
4. Damaris

a. woman of Athens who followed Paul
b. a believer from Athens
c. certain Greek philosophers
d. kept the apostles and was attacked for it

"fill the DERBY hat" — $10,000

Chapter 18

1. Aquila	a. chief ruler of the synagogue at Corinth
2. Priscilla	b. an eloquent speaker
3. Justus	c. a tentmaker
4. Crispus	d. deputy of Achai
5. Gallio	e. wife of Aquila
6. Sosthenes	f. a worshipper of God who lived by the synagogue
7. Apollos	g. chief ruler of the synagogue who was beaten by the Greeks

Chapter 19

1. Tyrannus	a. a silversmith for the goddess, Diana
2. Sceva	b. a Jew put before the shouting mob
3. Erastus	c. ran a school
4. Demetrius	d. a Jewish priest with seven sons
5. Gaius and Aristarchus	e. companions of Paul who were caught by the mob
6. Alexander	f. ministered to Paul

Chapter 20

1. Sopater, Aristarchus, Secundus, Gaius, Timotheus, Tychicus and Trophimus	a. fell asleep and fell from a window
2. Eutychus	b. wept when Paul departed
3. Ephesian elders	c. accompanied Paul into Asia

Chapter 21

1. Philip the evangelist	a. had four daughters who prophesied
2. Agabus	b. an old disciple of Cyprus
3. Mnason	c. a prophet from Judaea

Chapter 22

1. Gamaliel	a. a martyr
2. Ananias	b. a teacher of Paul
3. Stephen	c. gave back Paul's sight

Chapter 23

1. Ananias	a. vowed to kill Paul
2. a band of 40 Jews	b. discovered the plot against Paul and told him
3. Paul's sister's son	c. the high priest
4. Felix	d. the chief captain who wrote to Felix about Paul
5. Claudius Lysias	e. the governor

Chapter 24

1. Tertullus	a. the wife of Felix
2. Drusilla	b. an orator
3. Procius Festus	c. came to visit Felix

Chapter 25

1. Agrippa	a. a king who came to see Felix
2. Bernice	b. emperor to whom Paul appealed
3. Caesar Augustus	c. wife of Agrippa

Chapter 26

1. Jews	a. was almost persuaded to become a Christian
2. God	b. helped Paul in time of need
3. Agrippa	c. caught Paul in the temple and wanted to kill him

Chapter 27

1. Julius	a. abstained from food for many days
2. ship's passengers	b. a centurion of Augustus' band
3. 276 souls	c. number on storm-tossed ship as Paul went to Rome

Chapter 28

1. barbarians of Melita	a. was healed of a fever and bloody flux by Paul
2. Publius	b. showed kindness for shipwrecked passengers
3. father of Publius	c. chief of the island of Melita

Answers to matching quiz: Ch. 15-1a, 2b, 3c, 4d, 5e; Ch. 16-1a,2d, 3e, 4c, 5b; Ch. 17-1d, 2c, 3b, 4a; Ch. 18-1c, 2e, 3f, 4a, 5d, 6g, 7b; Ch. 19—1c, 2d, 3f, 4a, 5e, 6b; Ch. 20-1c, 2a, 3b; Ch. 21-1a, 2c, 3b; Ch. 22-1b, 2c, 3a; Ch. 23-1c, 2a, 3b, 4e, 5d; Ch. 24-1b, 2a, 3c; Ch. 25-1a, 2c, 3b; Ch. 26-1c, 2b, 3a; Ch. 27-1b, 2a, 3c; Ch. 28-1b, 2c, 3a.



ADVANCE NOTICE

Southeastern District Sunday School Institute

Saint James Brethren Church
Saint James, Maryland

SATURDAY — MAY 1, 1965
10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Registration — $1.00
(includes noon meal)

SISTERHOOD

Devotional Program for March

SENIOR

General Theme:

"Building Christian Character"

March Theme: "Faith"

Call to Worship
Song Service
Prayer
Special Music
Bible Study
Choruses: "I Will Make You Fishers of Men"
"Faith in God"

JUNIOR

General Theme:

"Appreciation of God's Gifts"

March Theme: "Fish"

Topics:
Senior—"Faith"
Junior—"Fish"
Hymn: Spirit of Sisterhood
S.M.M. Benediction
Business

READ THE SISTERHOOD PAGE IN THE EVANGELIST EVERY WEEK!

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

GOD'S STRATEGY WITH HIS CHURCH

by MRS. PHIL LERSCH

JESUS CHRIST planted his church in Jerusalem. He had spent his life nurturing the seed of the Gospel in his followers. When He left this earth to return to His Father, He predicted the infiltration of His witness into the territory surrounding Jerusalem, Judea; the territory north of the mother church, Samaria; and even into the extreme outpost of the earth.

Luke told the story, in the book of Acts, of how the church went out, first from Jerusalem, and later from Antioch, to continue planting seeds of witness. Persecution in Jerusalem drove the apostles out of their nest. They spread the Good News north to Samaria and Antioch, south to Gaza, and west to Phoenicia and Cyprus. Sparked by Jesus' love for all people, these refugee preachers included Gentiles in their audiences and even allowed these former outcasts into the church.

Barnabas, sent from the mother group in Jerusalem, decided the new church in Antioch needed a powerful teacher to get the congregation firmly established. So he recruited Saul, the disciple Jesus, himself, from heaven had apprehended. After Saul's teaching, the Christians in Antioch heard and heeded the Holy Spirit's call for Saul and Barnabas to leave them and continue pushing into the frontier with the Gospel.

A map marking Paul's journeys points out the strategy God's Holy Spirit used. The first trip shows a little arc from the home base; the second sweeps out into a larger circle; and the third stretches as far as Rome. Just as Jesus had predicted, the disciples brought His word to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost part of the world.

On his second journey to enlarge the borders of the church, Paul, accompanied by Silas and Timothy, ran into a closed door. They must have wanted to extend the church further into Asia Minor, for the northern section of Bithynia was their goal. (Check a map.) But the Holy

Spirit said, "No," and Paul listened. (How do you and respond to the answer **no**? Part of growing up is learning to accept the **no's**, and wait for their alternatives.)

Paul's directions came in Troas. A vision of a man in Macedonia calling for help prompted the missionaries to move across the Aegean Sea to that territory. Look at your map and you will see that Macedonia opened the door to a new continent for the church—**Europe.** Evidently Luke joined Paul, Silas and Timothy here for the pronouns in Acts 6:6-10 change from third person (**they, he**) to first person (**we, us**).

In Philippi (16:11-40)

In the city of Philippi where Paul stopped first in his mission to Macedonia, three people entered the spotlight to typify men and women everywhere who have become Christians. These three brought different backgrounds, social status, intellect and needs to Paul. But the Christian Gospel, which he explained, met them where they were and changed them into useful, compassionate disciples—still differing from each other in backgrounds, social status and intellect, but united in their acceptance of Jesus Christ.

1. **Consider Lydia:** a wealthy, intelligent Jewish merchant lady who had gone to the riverside on the Sabbath to worship. She was seeking God in the place of prayer since Philippi, a Roman colony, had no synagogues. Listening receptively to the message Paul brought about Jesus Christ, she and her household accepted the Savior.

Following her baptism, Lydia invited the apostles to her home. This act of hospitality proved her true conversion and her eagerness to continue Christian growth. With Paul and Silas in her home she would have more opportunities to learn about Jesus, and she could lend her support to their preaching mission in her city.

God needs people like Lydia in His program—people of wealth, intelligence and social standing who will give their resources and intellect and position to Christ's mission.

2. **The slave girl** who kept pestering the apostles was on the other end of the social ladder; the bottom rung. Owned by other men, probably insane, she would not seem to offer much for Paul to bother with. He did, however; getting a jail sentence for his trouble. After he had cast the demon out of the girl, her masters found her no longer profitable, so in revenge, they had Paul and Silas locked up and beaten.

The slave girl's conversion illustrates to us the worth of every man, no matter how poor, demented, or low in estimation of others he might be. Christ Jesus can make over and use anyone who calls on Him.

3. **The jailer** who locked up Paul and Silas, placing them in the stocks, was from the middle class. Neither rich nor poor nor of exceptional intelligence, he followed orders like a good soldier. He held down a respectable job and cared for his family like any average citizen. But his experience with Paul and Silas changed his life. After seeing these missionaries beaten and thrown into the foul dark dungeon where they were restrained in uncomfortable stocks, he was astonished to hear them singing hymns of praise in the middle of the night. What an impression that made! What a witness to the peace and joy Christ had given them.

When the earthquake opened the doors of the prison that night, the jailer was ready to kill himself; for he knew the punishment he would receive if his prisoners escaped. But Paul—more concerned about this jailer than his own safety, completely trusting in God's protection — told the jailer not to be alarmed, that no one had escaped. This concern on top of the peace and joy already displayed by the apostles was too much for the Roman soldier. He fell to his knees and confessed his need of whatever it was Paul and Silas had.

The change in the jailer after his baptism proved the work of God in his life. Concern for the apostles led him to bathe their wounds and provide them a meal. We don't know what happened to the jailer here on earth, but we do know that he is with Christ today.

Notice how Paul, contrary to the natural responses of men, reflected God's love in establishing the Philippian church.

1. He sang in jail. Uncomfortable, in pain, denied his right to freedom, he sang praises to God. In just one of these unfortunate circumstances, what would be our reaction?

2. He offered salvation to the one who locked him up. Instead of being ruled by the desire for revenge, he looked for an opportunity to win his enemy.

3. He maintained his dignity. Because of his rights of citizenship, he demanded an apology from the magistrate. Not only was this for his personal dignity, but for the strength of the church he would set up in the city.

Paul, prompted by the Holy Spirit, reacted to his circumstances as God's man. And God used him to build a strong church in Philippi. (Read the book of Philippians.)

In Thessalonica (17:1-9)

In one sentence the author of Acts explains a journey of 100 miles—from Philippi to Thessalonica—and that wasn't by Greyhound bus, you know. As usual, Paul and Silas began preaching in the Jewish synagogues where some Jews believed. But many more Gentiles accepted the faith.

Infuriated by the large following of these missionaries, the Jewish leaders hired the city's "hoods" to stage a small riot, even attacking the house where the apostles were staying. (This sounds like today's tactics of segregationists and the Klu Klux Klan.) In their angry attempt to drum up false charges, the rabble rousers stated to the civic authorities: "These are the men who have turned the world upside down." What a compliment! What a challenge today! The world needs to be turned upside down and only the Christian message can do it.

Paul and Silas, realizing the danger for themselves and their host, left Thessalonica by night and went on to the next outpost.

In Berea (17:10-15)

A pleasant surprise awaited the missionaries in Berea, for there in the synagogue the audience listened eagerly to the message, checking out the details by studying the Scriptures for themselves. Any preacher would be delighted with this spirit in his congregation.

But the honeymoon soon ended, for the Thessalonican Jews, ready to cause trouble, were hot on the trail when they discovered the whereabouts of the missionaries. So once again Paul was the fugitive, this time alone, as Timothy and Silas remained in Berea.

Lonely days lay ahead for Paul—discouraging, frustrating, depressing days. Will he come through this trial victorious? Next month we will study his days in Athens.

TOPIC:

FULFILLING THE TIME IN FAITH

by MRS. GENEVA BROWN

O ye of little faith!

How many times have you said that or heard the statement? But do we really realize the full meaning of that wonderful old saying?

When looking up the word "faith" in the dictionary one finds the definition, complete confidence in God, trust in God. How many times do we as Christians say, "I'm not going to worry about this or that, I'm going to leave it to God, and I won't question the way he works it out." Then within the hour we find ourselves worrying again about the same problem. If only we could have complete trust in our heavenly Father. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have faith in God as a girl has in her parents? Think of the trust our children have in us each day of their childhood. Why then can't we as adults give our lives completely to our Father in Heaven? Could it be we haven't faith, meekness, patience, long-suffering, grace or the Holy Spirit? Maybe it is this fast timetable of life we are living today. We just haven't time to stop and look to God for our strength. We seem to think, "I haven't got time to pray and read my Bible now, I'll do it later." But do we?

So many times we seem to think it takes a tragedy before we ask God's help, where as we should ask Him to help us with every decision we make every day of our life.

I wonder how much we would grow spiritually if as we got out of bed every morning for one month we would ask God "what should I wear today?" Following with "what should I cook today?" What I'm trying to point out is, what would happen to our lives if we would ask God's help for the smallest of things we do. The everyday decisions we make I'm sure could and would improve our lives if only we would ask for His help.

As school children and members of the Sisterhood, how many of you ask God to help you in your school work, in your social life, and in your selection of friends? As parents how many of us so-called Christian parents impress on our children the need of prayer in these very important decisions? I'm afraid too many of us neglect this act of faith. But where could our children use faith more than in their school day?

Where are we as church, parents, school, and community failing our young people, that too many times we hear of their young lives in such messes. Could it be we aren't teaching enough about faith and prayer? Could it be we as adults aren't setting an example in faith for our children?

When we accept Christ as our Savior and become Christians, that is when faith begins. From then on the people we come in contact with will be looking at us, watching us to see just how much God has lifted us up. It is important to our witnessing to the unsave to not falter in our faith but be steadfast. When v aren't growing in faith then there is something wror with our Christian life. We must pray and study th Bible daily to grow in faith and grace.

We find in Romans 1:17, *For therein is the righteou ness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it written, The just shall live by faith.* Then let us e amine our lives and our churches. Do we live by fai in everything we do? Do our young people see fai at work through us? Paul tells us to be content ha ing food and raiment. I believe we each should have goal in our life, this gives our lives a purpose. B we must continuously remember unless our goal h a spiritual benefit, the purpose of our goal is useles The Christian is merely a steward of the wealth whic he possesses. Contentment is found only in Fait (I Timothy 6:6, But godliness with contentment great gain.) When each of us attain faith in o lives we will find contentment.

When witnessing to the unsaved or the new Christia it is important to stress the need of faith. For wit faith comes love, patience, meekness, righteousne and above all godliness.

Just having a vague idea of what we are to do, do not lead to a lively Christian witness. We keep th faith by living it as a daily program of necessity. makes no difference if you are a student, a workin person or housewife, we each can be a witness f Christ each day of our lives.

How is your witnessing at sporting events? Do yo actions always become that of a Christian? I'm su all of us have seen professing Christians make a spe tacle of themselves at sporting events, whereas th could be a wonderful chance to show our Christia faith. Have you ever had a person sitting around yo that curses the referee everytime a bad call is mad against their team? Wonder what would happen we would turn to them and ask them if they kno Christ as their Savior? I'm sure the question wou shock most profanity users. Then there is a chan you may get a sock in the eye. But maybe if we ha to fight more for our faith we would love it more an realize what a precious thing this salvation is. R member all Christians are to live exemplary liv before the world! I believe young people today ha a hard time living a Christian life for I feel the are many more temptations within their reach toda This makes Christian witnessing even more of a cha lenge. Consistency in Christian living will always opposed by the world. But we are told in the Bib that the word of truth must be consistently pr claimed, when it is convenient and when it is n convenient. We are to be faithful to our calling, wil

ing to suffer if need be, but always doing our best, using what ever talent we may have for the Lord. When applying the above to our lives we are sure to grow in faith. Regardless of what comes in life, the Christian is to keep the faith! Acts 26:18, *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sin, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

Christians can not keep the faith if they aren't equipped with the word of God. As we become Christians we are to study the Scriptures which were given by God, so we may know the doctrine and instruction in righteousness. If we don't study the Holy Scriptures we cannot see the rebuke in our lives, but as we open God's word and study it, it reveals the delinquencies, weaknesses, and failings of our lives. To serve Christ and the church we are to strive to live perfect lives before Him. What better goal could we have in life than the following Scripture?

II Timothy 4:7-8, *I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

JUNIOR BIBLE STUDY

GUIDE FOR DAILY LIVING

(Romans 12:68)

by MRS. MILTON BOWMAN

IN JANUARY we learned that we are all a part of the body of Christ. It is composed of limbs and organs, and each part has a work to perform. God has no other people but us to tell the world about Him. We are really needed if others are to know of His great love and care. There are many things that we can do for God each day.

This month we will study the **kinds of work** that God expects us to do for Him. Many talents have been given to each one of us, and God would like to have them used in His service. According to the Phillips translation of Romans 12:6a, we read, **Through the grace of God we have different gifts.** It would be good for us to find out what grace means in this verse. The dictionary says that grace is unmerited favor; good will or kindness. God's grace is unearned love; a free gift or divine favor.

I am sure you girls know that God does not have to give us these many gifts or talents. But when He made mankind in the beginning, God had a purpose in this creation. Colossians 1:16 says, **All things were created by him, and for him.** He not only made us but we are for His pleasure and glory. We bring happiness to Him when we worship Him and serve Him using the gifts that He has given us. God made human beings on a higher level than the animals. He placed within their bodies a living soul with the capacity to worship, love or hate. And then, because of His love for mankind, God gave to each person one or more gifts with which to worship Him. In this way we can show our love for God by singing, playing instruments, speaking to others, praying for them and working for God. The important thing is to realize that we have a gift and then to use it, not just for the school and the community, but for the Lord and the church. Let us consider the seven gifts that Paul tells us about in Romans 12:6-8.

1. Preaching (witnessing)

Verse 6 says, **If our gift is preaching, let us preach to the limit of our vision** (Phillips). This word preaching could mean, for us, witnessing or telling others about Christ. After we know Him, it is our **joy** and **duty** to tell our loved ones and playmates about Him. Many of them we can bring to Sunday school, and later to know Christ as their personal Savior.

A missionary doctor in a hospital in China operated on a man who was blind with cataracts. The man was cured of his blindness. A few weeks later the man came back to the hospital, bringing forty-eight blind men from the towns around him. Each one of the blind men held on to a rope and walked behind the man who had been cured. In a chain they had walked over two hundred miles to the doctor. Nearly all of them were cured of their blindness.

The first blind man came to the doctor, put his trust in him, and received his sight. Then he went out and led others to him. Since Jesus has saved you, have you led anyone else to Him? You can if you will!

2. Serving Others

Verse 7 says, **If our gift is serving others let us concentrate on our service** (Phillips). This verse means that if we have a chance to serve or help others, we should get busy and do it. In fact, we should be looking for something to do for someone every day. How about the new girl who just moved into town, the one who is sick and needs company, and the one who has so many problems? Perhaps she is just waiting for a friend to help her.

Some strangers were going to meet Lord Shaftsbury in London at a railroad station. They asked, "How shall we know him?" The answer was, "When you see a tall man getting off the train and helping somebody, that will be Lord Shaftsbury!" The train was met. A tall man got off the car carrying his own suitcase in one hand. In the other hand he was carrying three bundles for a little old woman walking at his side. Would you be known for your helpfulness to others?

3. Teaching (guiding)

Verse 7 also says, **If our gift is teaching let us give all we have to our teaching** (Phillips). The dictionary tells us that teaching means—to guide by example; to show how; or to instruct. Each one of us has an influence over someone, either for good or for bad.

A minister was nailing up a trailing vine in his garden. A little girl was watching with great interest. "Well, my young friend," asked the minister, "are you trying to learn how to garden?" "No, sir," said the girl, "I am just waiting to see what you will say when you hammer your thumb."

All around us there are people who are watching us. They are waiting to see what we will do. They are watching to see how we live. They are listening to hear what we say. We can really teach them God's way of life by our **actions** as well as our **words.**

4. Encouragement of Others

Verse 8 says, **If our gift be the stimulating of the faith of others let us set ourselves to it** (Phillips). To stimulate means to arouse; to encourage; to increase action or to quicken. Because we know what God has done for us, we can encourage those who are downhearted and blue. Perhaps your friend has quit coming to church and is slipping in her Christian life. She needs your help!

Once there was a little girl named Mary. She was a Christian. She was always gentle, kind and good. Mary became sick and went home to be with Jesus. On her tombstone they wrote the words "It was easy to be good when Mary was with us!" I wonder if it is easy for others to be good while you are with them? Do you help and encourage them to be like Jesus?

5. Giving (tithing)

Verse 8 also says, **Let the one who is called to give, give freely (will all your heart)** (Phillips). The work of the Lord always needs money, and God expects His people to provide it. You girls may not have very much money to handle right now. Before long you will have, and then you must decide what you will do with it. God tells us to put aside on the first day of the week a po tion of what we have earned to be used for His wo in the world. This is called a **tithe,** and many peop find it a good system to help them give regularly. I start when I was your age and earned money for baby-sittin running errands, doing housework, etc. I had a little b called "The Lord's Treasury," and put ten cents o of every dollar in it for God. As I grew older and t money grew larger, too, I always had money for Siste hood, Sunday school, church, etc. I found a real j and thrill in giving. Follow this plan and you will, t I am sure.

6. Leadership (responsibility)

Verse 8 says, **If you are a leader, exert yourself lead** (New English translation). When responsibility given to us to do something, we should take it and **the job well.** Someone must have thought that you cou lead or they would not have asked you to do it. To exe yourself means ACTION; so get busy early, plan a go program and ask others to help. Never wait until the la minute to "throw together" a program and expect it be a success. Real leadership takes effort and work b it is well worth while.

7. Sympathy (showing mercy)

Verse 8 also says, **If you are helping others in di tress, do it cheerfully** (New English translation). Tod there are so many sad things happening in the wor Many people need the comfort and love of a friend. The troubles seem less when shared with a friend. Alwa be ready and willing to help someone in need. This pleasing to our Heavenly Father.

Let us remember these seven gifts that Paul has su gested as useful and necessary in the Christian life. we use them daily, they will bring happiness and j to us and our friends. Ralph Waldo Emerson has summ it up very well when he said, "The more of our liv we give to others, the fuller and the richer, the mo beautiful and the happier our own lives become."

TOPIC:

"FISH"

by MISS LOIS STALEY

HAVE YOU ever stopped to think that God has created about forty thousand different kinds of fish that we are now able to identify and classify? This number accounts for twice as many different kinds of fish than there are birds, mammals, amphibians (land and water dwellers), or reptiles.

One of the most amazing things about this creation, to me at least, is that forty thousand different kinds have been created! Most of us humans would probably have stopped with a dozen kinds, but not God!

To each species of fish God gave its unique eating habits, its own environment—best suited to its growth, its own coloring to preserve it from its enemies, a its own system of reproducing young.

He created fishes from one-fourth to one-third an inch long, for example the Pandaka pygmaea, giant whale sharks, some of which have measur seventy feet in length and weigh nearly seven four tons.

If you have watched an aquarium, you may ha become keenly aware of the brilliant and beautif colorings of the various fishes. In some fishes t colors become more dazzling during the mating se son, while in other seasons they may take the sha

of lines, circles, bars, streaks, spots, blotches, or rings around the fish's body.

Certain color cells of the fish are able to expand and contract, like an accordian. Once a fish sights danger, he is able to expand or contract these cells and produce a different color pattern. In many fishes this brings about an almost perfect camouflage from his enemy species.

Fish have also been endowed with other abilities for their defense. Some fish are able to sting their assailants and give off a venom which is as poisonous as any poisonous snake. One of the best known of these is the stingray. These fish hide themselves partially, by digging into the soft bottom of a shallow beach, river mouth, or bay. If they are stepped upon by some unsuspecting swimmer or fisherman, they immediately retaliate by driving their poisonous venom into the victim.

Various groups of fishes are able to produce their own cold light, or, as we say, glow in the dark. Special glands in the fish or sometimes scales are light producers. In the back of these cells which react as reflectors to increase this glowing. Scientists don't fully understand the purpose of these lights, but they are used to attract small animals for food and as a signal to the opposite sex in the darkness of the great depths where some of the fish live.

People generally think of a sea or lake as being a silent place, but they couldn't be more wrong. The living areas of several species of fishes soon takes on the sounds and noises of a barnyard. Sounds made by fishes may be of a groaning, squealing, squawking, barking, or grunting nature. Their sounds have various pitches, as do ours. The methods of sound production vary. Sometimes throat teeth are grated together to produce a grunt. Fin spines may be rotated, or gas from an air bladder may be forced back and forth past membranes that vibrate, much as in our own voice-box. Croaker and drum fish produce drum rolls that sound like the muffled noise of an electric drill on a pavement. These are by far the noisiest fish that we know.

The sight of the fish has been planned as for most other vertebrates. There is one fish, however, that differs greatly. The four-eyed fish, or Anableps, has the iris of each eye divided into two parts. The upper part of the eye is adapted to see only in air while the lower eye is constructed to see objects under water. The lens of this eye is oval-shaped and rests at exactly the right angle for bringing the light rays from both places into focus. Because this fish doesn't have eyelids to keep the eye moistened when exposed to air, it solves its problem by dipping them in the water every few minutes.

The mouths of various species take on different shapes—some may jut downward, forward, or even upward. Some of these mouths enclose chisel-like teeth and sharp canines, while others are toothless. Vegetable eating fishes have cup-shaped tips on slender tubes which they use as teeth.

Marine life is good not only as a food source, but for other reasons. Fish meal, a by-product, once used for fertilizer now supplies animals with large amounts of protein. Fish oils have been used to treat leather and to manufacture soap, paint, printing ink, linoleum, oilcloth, lubricants, greases, etc. Fish oils are also high in vitamin A and D and are therefore put into tiny capsules and used as a source of these vitamins.

Fishing has long been part of the human economy, dating beyond Christ's time.

Probably because fish were such a commonplace item in the lives of the men with whom Jesus lived, they figured in some of His most well-known miracles. Most of us will think immediately of the little boy with his lunch of two loaves and five fishes that multiplied under the hands of Christ until it was more than enough for feeding five thousand men—strong people, with big appetites. Others may remember the miracle recorded in John 21 where seven of the disciples had fished all night long and caught nothing. In the morning Christ asked them about their catch and after hearing about their ill-fortune commanded them to let down their nets once more on the right side of the ship. Upon doing this they were greatly amazed —they couldn't draw the net because of the number of fish they had caught.

The fish was once a most sacred symbol in the early church. The Greek word for fish, ichtus, begins with the first letters of Jesus Christ, their Savior and ours. Many simple line drawings of fish may be seen etched into the walls of the catacombs, the early meeting places of Christians.

Jesus when speaking to two fishermen, Peter and Andrew, gave them this command in Mark 1:17: *Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.*

Jesus' command is not only for Peter and Andrew, but for everyone who claims to be a Christian. He has given us a relatively easy job—we'll deal with one species—man—and one at a time (not with forty thousand species, as in schools of fishes). This isn't nearly so hard as fishing for a certain kind of fish. We'll not need any tools except those that He has given us, our hearts to love the other man's soul, our eyes to see how and when we can best help him, our hands to aid him, and our voices to tell him of Christ and sing His praises. God has not only given us our tools but also our Teacher, Counselor, Helper, and Friend, Christ.

With our equipment at hand, and a field already "white unto harvest," ought we not to be about our Father's business, ought we not be venturing in faith and faithfully fulfilling the time by saving men and women from eternal separation from God????

Let's go fishing—for SOULS!

1964 - 65 Theme Ephesians 5:15-20

"FULFILLING THE TIME"

Signal Lights for March

Prepared by Mrs. Alberta Holsinger

Bible Theme: "STORIES JESUS TOLD"

Project: A TRACTOR FOR EDEN

Call to Worship:

Sing and pray to God on high;
We shall see Him by and by.
For His Word we know is true.
He will come for each of you.

Sing:

"My Bible and I"
"Every Promise in the Book is Mine"
"My Savior's Love"

Bible Story:

THE WHEAT AND THE WEEDS

One day when Jesus was teaching the people, He told them this story:

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. In the night-time his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away again.

Of course, when the wheat grew up the weeds grew up too. The man's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Then why is it full of weeds?"

The man said, "An enemy has done this."

"Shall we go and pull up the weeds?" asked the servants.

The master said, "No, there would be too much danger of rooting up the wheat at the same time. Let them both grow together 'till the harvest time, and then I will give orders to the reapers to gather up the weeds and burn them, and to put the wheat into my barn."

Afterwards, when Jesus went into the house where He was staying, the disciples asked Him to explain the story to them. He told them, "I am the one who sows good seed. The field is the world; the good seed are the good people; and the weeds are the wicked people. The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

"As the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be in the end of the world. I will send my angels, and they will gather out of my Kingdom all the wicked people and cast them away. But the good people shall shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father."

Each day we should try to do the things that Jesus would want us to do. Then we are getting ready to live in His Kingdom.

—Based on Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Hymn of the Month:

"Near to the Heart of God"

There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God.

Chorus:
O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet,
Near to the heart of God.

This month we are going to learn a prayer hymn. Listen while I read the words to you. (Then explain difficult words and phrases such as: heart of God, molest, blest, Redeemer.) Let's listen to the music again. Follow the words with your eyes and see how well they fit with the music. Now, let's sing the hymn together.

Mission Story:

THE FENCE POST BIBLE

"What's that light?" asked Maria.

Mama looked out the window. "It seems to be a little window in one of the concrete fence posts across the street," she said.

"That's the building you said is a church. Isn't it?" asked Maria.

Mama nodded.

"I wonder why they have a window in a fence post," said the little girl.

"There are many different things in this new neighborhood," said Mama. "Tomorrow we'll take a walk and look at that fence post with a window."

The next morning as soon as Maria was up she asked, "Will we go now? Will we go to see the window in the fence post?"

"As soon as we get the dishes washed we will go," Mama said.

Before long Maria and Mama started for their walk. They walked to the corner. They crossed the street. Then they walked to the fence post with a window in it.

Mama looked in the window. "It's a book," she said. She read some of it. Then she said, "It's a Bible."

"Let me see," said Maria. "I want to see the Bible."

Mama lifted her up. There inside the concrete fence post on a little shelf was a Bible. It was the first Bible Maria had ever seen. "Read me what it says, Mama."

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," read Mama.

Maria and Mama are just two of the many people who stop every day to read the Bible in the fence post at the Brethren Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Every day there is a new page for them to read.

This is just one way our missionaries in Argentina are helping the people to learn of God.

We can help them, too. We can help them by praying for them. We can help them by bringing our offering to help buy a tractor for the Eden Bible School.

Friendship Circle of Prayer:

Let us thank God for our Bible. Let us thank Him for our parents who read it to us.

Let us ask Him to show us ways

we can share the news of Jesus with others.

A Spanish Song:

The people of Argentina speak the Spanish language. They sing many of the same songs we do. Here is the way "Jesus Loves Me" sounds in Spanish:

Si, Cristo me a-ma,
Si, Cristo me a-ma,
Si, Cristo me a-ma,
La Biblia me di-ce.

Business:

1. Roll Call. Tell what you did without this month.
2. Talk about our project.
3. A birthday to remember: Barbara Bischof will be nine years old on April 22.

Handwork:

A Scrapbook

You will need two pieces of cardboard approximately nine by twelve inches, unlined notebook filler, two brass fasteners, pictures from Sunday school papers or religious calendars, and paste.

This will be a scrapbook for the children at the hospital.

Have one of the older Signal Lights print on the cover, "A Scrapbook for you from the Signal Lights of the Brethren Church." The other children can cut out the pictures. If you have a page of jokes or riddles you might like to include them.

Paste the pictures on the notebook filler. Then fasten them inside the cover with the brass fasteners.

Appoint a committee to go with you to deliver the scrapbook to the hospital.

Signal Lights Benediction:

The Brethren Layman

The Laymen's Meeting

Program for March, 1965

Topic: IT TAKES COURAGE

James E. Norris

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:20-38

Introduction:

The Christian life requires and demands courage if it is to be lived like it should be. St. Paul says in Hebrews 13:6, **We may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.** Paul went through unbelievable peril and hardship to witness for the Master.

Some Examples of Christian Courage.

1. Paul's testimony of Christian courage (II Corinthians 11:32-38).
2. Stephen—the first Christian martyr.

The seventh chapter of Acts gives account of the masterful discourse of Stephen just before he was stoned to death; closing with the words found in Acts 7:54-60.

3. Peter preached to the multitude. Note these words, **Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ** (Acts 2:36). Also read Acts 2:37-43; Acts 3:14, 15).

4. Courage was needed by Joshua.

God told Moses that he should not go into the promised land, but he sent Joshua. **And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the Lord hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed** (Deut. 31:7, 8).

5. Courage enjoined on Samson (Judges 16:28).

Courage enjoined on Daniel. The conspiracy against Daniel was complete when Darius signed the decree that **whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O King, he shall be cast into the den of lions** (Dan. 6:7b). What did Daniel do then (Dan. 6:10)? The answer (Dan. 6:23).

6. Courage required in the face of spiritual enemies (Acts 5:29).

Courage is required when we know that our brother has something against us (an ill feeling or some other thing) which we think and know about, and yet, he has made no effort to reconcile the difference. It is, then, our duty to go to that brother and make an attempt at reconciliation (Matt. 5:21-26).

7. Be strong in the Lord (Ephesians 6:10-20).

Summarize briefly) Courage will not be lacking if we take the advice of St. Paul given in Hebrews.

Boys' Brotherhood Study Article —

Let's Talk About THE BRETHREN MINISTRY for BOYS' BROTHERHOOD

by REV. THOMAS A. SCHULTZ

I ONCE READ an article about young people entitled, "Toasting Marshmallows While the World Burns." Do you think this is a fair statement regarding the attitude of Christian young people today? There is no question that the world is in a desperate situation. Perhaps you have heard "world situation" until you're tired, tired, tired. Yet, every intelligent young person must be concerned about the many problems confronting humanity. This is a world of confusion, revolt, uncertainty. New governments are coming into being almost daily. There are wars and rumors of wars. This is a time when men are doing big things and even in the midst of the doing, they question the purpose of it.

Ours is a time in which science has made undreamed-of advances. Yes, this is the space age. The world is in such rapid change that it leaves us breathless. Here are our questions: What is the attitude of the Christian young person at such a time and in such an hour? How will we invest our lives during such a critical period of history? To what use will we put the talents which God has given us?

Let us consider the ministry, and let us be quite honest and absolutely frank in our statements. Is the ministry vital? Our answer is found in the midst of life itself. The basic conflict of the twentieth century is one of ideas and ideals. The Christian ministry offers the privilege of dealing with ideas and ideals incarnate in people.

Let us begin with your picture of the minister. Let's play the old word-association game. Close your eyes and picture a clergyman. You are that clergyman. What is he like? What does he do? Can young people come to him for a personal visit? Is this man involved with the problems of our day?

May I attempt to answer some questions which linger in your mind? You are asking, what about the minister, himself? Are you still laboring under the old idea that a minister is a solemn pallid individual, dressed in black, clutching a black umbrella, making somber pastoral calls in the afternoon? Do you think of the minister as the man who preaches on Sunday, conducts an occasional midweek service, presides at a few weddings and funerals, and then retires to his house to be unseen and unheard until the next Sunday appears? To be frank, there never was such a person. This concept of a minister is one which has grown in the imagination of a few people who have not really known the church and ministry.

If you have any doubts as to who the minister is, read some of the stories of early circuit riders. Here were men who possessed all the courage and manliness that could be expected of any red-blooded, vigorous, young American. The average life span of the early circuit rider was between twenty-five and thirty years. They literally burned themselves out in labors in behalf of Jesus Christ.

The minister in mid-twentieth century is not a recluse, neither is he a man dabbling in nonessential activities. The modern minister is a man who comes to grips with life. He witnesses for Jesus Christ to men and women of our day. He must bring the redemptive message of our Christian gospel to bear upon all the problems confronting human beings.

What of a call? As in a call to any vocation, God calls in many ways, in fact, he gives as many calls as there are people who will answer the call. To some it may be dramatic and instantaneous. For others, it may be a gradual process which started in early childhood. The call may also involve a complete rethinking of future plans. God usually calls in line with the talents he has given us. If we have special abilities, God calls forth those abilities.

If you seek an area of service which is in the midst of real living, the ministry is such service. Let us keep in mind that the minister is not in service simply because he wants to be in the midst of things, nor to receive personal glory. Let us be unmistakably clear, the minister is one who in his innermost being feels that God has called him.

A great need for this day is dedication. Our Savior said, "Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." This is exactly as the ministry ought to be—losing one's life in the redemptive cause of the Christian gospel.

Now you are asking: "How do I know that the call is for me?" Put yourself in position so you can hear the call. Through daily prayer and Bible study, God speaks to us. His presence is felt in the various services of the church: worship, BYC functions, community, and social-service projects of the church. When we are in such an environment, the call can be heard in a clearer fashion.

Have a long talk with your pastor. As a matter of fact, get to know your pastor. You may find that this is going to be one of the great surprises of your life. Maybe you have thought him rather cool and indifferent. You may find that beneath a rather dignified exterior is a warm friendly individual, eager to get to know you and eager to help you with decisions for the future.

Talk with a wise counselor in your church, perhaps a church-school teacher, possibly a professional guidance counselor who has his membership in your local church. Discuss freely the whole matter of your talents, your interest, your aptitudes.

I know your next question: What about the matter of education? Yes, what about it? In this world of ours, we need young people with keen minds and well trained minds. Every phase of living today calls for competent people; competently trained to do a competent job. Is our church asking for any less? Indeed, the church is asking for more. Let me emphasize, the ministry is no place for the lazy person, and the ministry is certainly not the place for the lazy intellectual.

Following high-school graduation you look forward to four years of college with study toward the B.A. degree. The best college training for the future minister is a broad liberal arts education. There should be the study of English with stress on literature, composition, speech, and related studies. History is an essential area including ancient, modern, European, and American.

There should be philosophy which would include the history of philosophy and the content and method in philosophy. There must be natural sciences, preferably physics, chemistry, and biology. The social sciences include psychology, sociology, economics, political science and education. In college, one should have at least one foreign language, preferably Latin, Greek, Hebrew, German or French. A student should have courses in Bible to give a knowledge of the content of the Bible and an understanding of basic religious thought.

Following college the young minister-to-be enters seminary. The three years in seminary are thrilling! Here, the ministerial student comes to grips with the deepest elements in the Christian faith and in Christian living.

The studies in Ashland seminary include Bible, church history, theology, Christian ethics, missions, Christian education, practical theology (preaching, pastoral and administrative work). Upon graduation you receive the B.D. degree.

What of the spiritual preparation involved? One of the tremendous needs of this day is for young people who are completely committed to Jesus Christ. We need young people with keen minds! We must have young people who have warm hearts and souls aflame with the love of God. What about your home? Have you talked this matter through with Mom and Dad?

Bishop Voigt tells of a Catholic church which had a mural over the door. The scene was that of a family seated around the table of prayer. Over the family were the words of the prayer, "O Lord we thank thee for the blessed privilege of giving a son to the priesthood." Is this the spirit in your home?

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

DERBY, KANSAS

THE LAYMEN met for the last meeting of the year on December 19, 1964, at the home of Mr. Paul Winter, our president. After a short but very inspiring lesson we sacked treats for the young people.

We are pursuing the securing of road signs for the church, which will be placed on K-15 north and south of Derby and also one east of the city, directing people to the Brethren Church.

After a very fine Christmas program the Laymen distributed approximately 50 treats to the children and young people of the church.

We are in hopes of having our new church building under construction in the very near future.

Joe E. Delcamp

DAYTON, OHIO

GREETINGS to the readers of *The Brethren Evangelist* from the Laymen of the Hillcrest Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio.

With so many active Brethren here in southwestern Ohio we never lack for talent and inspiration in our meetings. For instance, in our December meeting we had a Negro spiritual solo, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," by Reverend Berkshire; also a discussion by Dr. John Lindower regarding the relation of the medical doctor to religious activities. There were 22 present for the December meeting.

At the November meeting two short movies were shown depicting conditions and life in Nigeria and Argentina, where we carry on world mission work. Rev. Berkshire, having visited these countries, gave some personal observations which were very enlightening.

Our new president, Perry Deeter, is doing a very good job. He follows Dave Brandenburg, who was our president for many years. We hope to prosper under the leadership of Perry as we did under Dave's.

Our laymen try to give as much financial support as possible to such projects as Lost Creek, Massillon Mission Church, Camp Bethany, and the Ministerial Student Aid Fund.

We have been happy to have Chaplain E. J. Beekley as a member of our organization. Chaplain Beekley was stationed in Turkey on his last overseas assignment. He is now at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base here in Dayton. In one of our meetings he showed colored slides of the Holy Land and of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the caves where they were found. The pictures and his comments proved to be very interesting.

We have our meetings on Monday nights, and they consist of devotions, business, the program feature, and occasionally a bit of basketball, shuffle board and darts. This is followed by refreshments and discussion around the table.

John Snively
Rolla Stokes, Secretary

MISSIONARY NEWS

HIGILAND: a new day dawns

by KERMON THOMASON

THE HIGI PEOPLE round Kamale call their sacred mountain "Chirgi." Chirgi and his nearby wife-peak, Hum-ta-male (wife of mountain), have a host of grotesque children, lesser peaks that dot the landscape.

For ages this imposing pillar, straddled on the country's border, has seen an ever-changing pageant of man's life upon the earth. In the later eighteen hundreds, down the valleys of Mandara, came the conqueror, Haman Yaji, with his soldiers, seeking slaves. There these hordes of howling heathen hounded out the Higi people, sent them fleeing to the hillsides for their very lives. Those they caught they took to Haman. Some were killed and some made eunuchs. Others faced a fate more cruel: for the round walls of his compound, Haman Yaji had his prisoners stand in circles, while his masons molded walls of living men. All that showed were pleading faces when the walls had been plastered. Lingering death was what awaited subjects of this cruel jest.

Long the people had to suffer at the hands of these harsh scourges, until today it is no small wonder some still fear their fellowman. Many live on rocky hillsides, where the caves still offer refuge.

So it was to such a people, sunk in fear and superstition, that the Brethren sought to minister.

Until 1951 the beautiful homeland of the Higi wa closed to foreign penetration. No white men wer allowed to venture there because the territory wa declared "unsettled" by the Nigerian government. Th Church of the Brethren mission, which already ha thriving stations at nearby Lassa and Gulak, ha for sometime been cultivating a small influence i Higiland by sending in native Christians to live amon its people. But a full-fledged mission station in Higi land had been in hopefully advanced plans since 194 The Catholics also eager to proselytize the Higi al ready had a staton at Bazza, near the southern bound of the forbidden territory.

The fields had long since ripened into harvest whe the government finally "opened" the territory in 195 and it was not the laborers but rather the funds tha were too few. Eager to witness in Higiland, but strain ing to find the wherewithal to maintain their alread ambitious Nigerian program, the Church of the Breth ren asked its sister church, the Brethren, if she woul like to join in a cooperative endeavor to witness i this virgin land, so long prostrated by wars, slave raiding, and superstition, and now so open to oppor tunity.

The magnificent challenge afforded by the invita tion was taken up with great eagerness and enthusiasm



The Bischofs

The Shanks



by our brothers at Ashland. Funds and missionaries were soon available. In 1952, a Brethren couple, Bob and Bea Bischof, were consecrated at Richmond, and soon were working in Nigeria. At first the Bischofs were assigned to work out of Lassa and Gulak, while a home could be built for them in Higiland. It was decided to locate this new station at a place now called Mbororo, which is in central Higiland.

In 1957 the station at Mbororo was ready for occupancy. Located in the valley of Futa Dou, Mbororo is perhaps the most beautiful station in the mission. Towering stone-clad hills, including Kamale, eight miles away, surround it, except toward the northwest, where the Yedseram river plain spreads to the far western horizon. Seen from the hilltops, Mbororo somewhat resembles an Australian sheep ranch with its scrub dotted plains and scattered buildings. But a closer look shows that the scattered buildings include two residences with the usual accompanying outbuildings spawned by varied missionary responsibilities, a dispensary, several school buildings, a church, and the compounds of the teachers and other villagers.

Life at Mbororo is full of activity. Each month, Bob Bischof is busy visiting surrounding villages where evangelistic work is carried on by sixty native helpers. There are sixty-five preaching points in Higiland. Working closely with Bob is Daniel, an energetic Higi who, in 1963, was the first of his tribe to be ordained. Daniel is a product of the mission leprosarium at Garkida, where he got his spiritual training and was restored to health. With special shoes for his crippled feet, Daniel is able to move around normally now and carries heavy responsibilities, for all five of the organized churches in Higiland consider him their adviser and co-worker. In the last week of each month, Daniel and Bob meet with church committees and evangelists to check on progress and plan for future activities. In the last church year, eight hundred Higi were baptized, accounting for just less than half of the total baptisms of the whole mission for that year. The Higi, being mostly pagan, form a receptive group to Christian evangelism. Because of their mountainous environment, they more or less escaped the influence of Islam, which swept over much of the northern part of Nigeria.

Busy Bea heads the dispenary work and directs the girls' youth organization and the women's work of the church. She also conducts a women's school two months each year during the dry season, when farm work does not distract her students. The women who attend are trained in reading, writing, and cooking.

Higiland is not the only area in the mission where the Brethren and Church of the Brethren are working side by side. At the Hillcrest School for missionary children, in Jos, Glen Shank serves as chaplain, and he and his wife, Jean, are dormitory houseparents. Prior to this service they did station work at Wandali and Marama and taught at Waka Teacher Training College. Four other Brethren missionaries* have given service as teachers, nurses, and station workers. The Brethren Church has helped to build the Waka Chapel, the largest building in the mission, and has aided the building program for Hillcrest School and the Theological College of Northern Nigeria at Bukuru.

This spirit of cooperative endeavor between the two churches flows silently along, attracting little notice from the Nigerians. In the mission there are no distinctions drawn between Brethren and Church of the Brethren. To the Nigerian, we are simply "C.B.M.," and the abbreviated appellation has been so long in use that the denomination connotation is seldom summoned to the Nigerian mind.

In Africa, the ageless land of contrasts, where more history has been forgotten than America ever experienced, where a new day is dawning and a new order being established, a new spirit of Christian brotherhood seems not entirely out of keeping with the times. So in the shadow of that timeless tower, Kamale, a new day is dawning for the Higi, and through our ministry to them, through love-compelled service for our Nigerian brothers, we have perhaps ourselves discovered afresh the true meaning of that word *brothers*.

—MESSENGER
Church of the Brethren

* Miss Veda Liskey
Mrs. Janet King Fox
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kraft

Since the writing of this article, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowers have arrived in the field and are teaching at Waka Teacher Training College.

MISSIONARY STORIES for BOYS and GIRLS

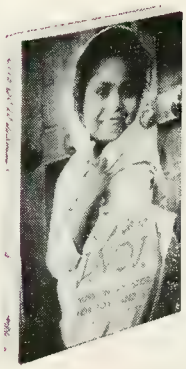
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NOTES and COMMENTS

OUR FACES ARE RED
(or maybe purple)

YOUR EDITOR really erred in choosing the color for the third issue (February 20) of *The Brethren Evangelist.* The color should be green but it is purple!

Ladies: when you pick up your W.M.S. issue to take to your W.M.S. meeting, be sure it is dated *February* 13! Remember that there are two issues in purple for the month of February!

Sisterhood Girls: don't waste your time hunting for a *green* magazine to take to your meeting, look for the *purple* issue dated February 20!

Laymen: you are involved, too. Be sure to take the *purple* issue dated February 20!

Your Editor is very sorry for this error and apologizes for it!

WE NEED SUBSCRIPTIONS

SUBSCRIPTIONS are needed to *The Brethren Evangelist.* This is a busy season of the year for our subscription department, however, we find that subscriptions are beginning to drop a little.

Two churches who were 100 per cent churches have decided not to be in this status for the coming year, therefore we have lost about one hundred subscribers. We have gained, however, approximately the same amount and therefore we are about where we were this time last year. We have been hoping for a good increase. If you are not taking the magazine; or, if you have been on a church list and they have cancelled your subscription, won't you consider receiving this magazine in your home? EVERY BRETHREN HOME should have this magazine available for Christian reading.

A NEW SERIES BEGINNING

IN THIS ISSUE of the magazine you will find on page 12 an article entitled: "John 13—The Pedilavium" written by Dr. Joseph R. Shultz, Dean of the Ashland Theological Seminary. This article on feetwashing is the first of a series on Bible doctrine in which the Brethren believe.

Next month, the article will be entitled "The Love Feast" by Rev. Charles Lowmaster, pastor of the Second Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Be sure to read these articles, you will appreciate them.



OUR COVER PICTURE: Luoma Photos.

the editor's editorial

If Christians Would Unite!

IN THE EVANGELICAL PRESS news service which comes to the Editor's desk each week, the following item was found which certainly tells the Christian something. We Christians are so busy with our own self-centered interests that we fail to unite our forces for greater problems that face the world today. The news item is as follows:

"STATION'S LIQUOR COMMERCIALS DROPPED AS CLERGY PROTESTS

"Westbrook, Maine (EP)—Strong protests by the Westbrook Ministerial Association have led radio station WJAB to discontinue carrying commercials advertising hard liquor. The commercials were on the air for a week.

Liquor commercials were approved by the Maine State Liquor Commission and station officials had agreed that they would be aired only while teenagers were at school.

"The Rev. Gordon Bourne, pastor of the First Baptist Church and association president, said members were especially concerned because the station is widely listened to by young people.—2/8/65."

This news item points up two facts, namely: (1) that if Christian peoples would unite to fight the evil of our day, something could be done; (2) it is because we Christians become complacent about the evil around us that there is so much of it.

We have liquor today because Christians in the early thirties did not vote for prohibition, they voted instead for the man who brought the saloons back to the American people.

I can remember hearing a Christian man saying that he might as well vote for it, it's coming anyway! What an attitude for a Christian to take, and yet many of us have this attitude relative to much of the evil around us. "Why get involved?" we ask. "When we know we can do little toward reform." This is the easy way out.

Many Christian people have the feeling that the community Ministerial Association has the responsibility of fighting these evils, which is true to a certain extent. However, many pastors become involved with these campaigns against evil without the support of his people—they refuse to stand behind him in any action he wishes to take against liquor traffic, for instance, in the community.

You've heard people say, "but it's none of my business whether a man drinks or not, that's his business." But it is our business! Our taxes have gone up because of liquor; our hospital insurance has gone up; our automobile insurance has gone up; our life insurance has gone up. There are more mental hospitals and hospitals for "cures" for the alcoholic which we support than ever before in our nation's history. The increase in the number of alcoholics produced each year is alarming, yet we refuse to do anything about it. There is more drinking among our teenagers than ever before. There are more homes broken because of liquor than ever before. Crime is on the increase across our nation and most of it can directly or indirectly be attributed to alcohol. All this does become our business whether we like it or not! When an intoxicated man, while driving his car, runs into my auto and injures members of my family, then it very definitely becomes a part of my business; I then want to do something about it but it's too late.

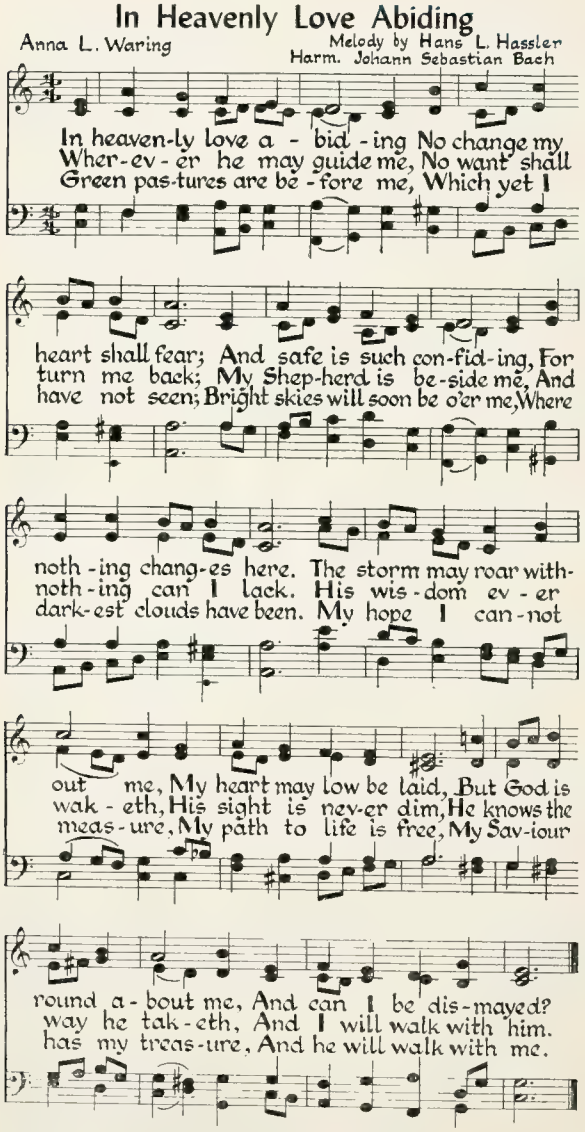
The Ministerial Association of Westbrook, Maine, is to be commended upon the stand which it took. It did some good, the radio station listened and did away with the liquor advertising. More of us Brethren need to become involved in the fight against this sin that has plagued us. Let us give encouragement to our pastors when they are faced with taking a stand against evil in our communities, they should not have to stand alone!

S.G.

THE HYMN SCHOOL

by Jean Lersch

Hymn of the Month:



THE LAST MISSIONARY COUPLE sponsored by the China Inland Mission to escape from behind the Bamboo Curtain told their story in the book, *"Green Leaf in Drought Time."* Although they and their little daughter suffered no torture or actual imprisonment, they spent two years cut off from their own people. Their work was gradually reduced until they were allowed to do no preaching or medical work. Then their salary began to be delayed until they were forced to live in poverty. Often medicines were not available to them when needed. Little by little the Communists tried to wear down their morale and respect among the Chinese people.

During these trying times, alone, without enough fuel, hardly any food on hand, the little daughter gave the couple a lift one day. As they were trying to prepare some sort of meal from flour on their stove, with fuel made of sheep dung, suddenly the little girl began singing Anna Waring's hymn, "In Heavenly Love Abiding." She sang through the first verse perfectly oblivious to her parents' attention.

It is in settings such as this one that the hymn for February becomes truly meaningful. For us to sit in our heated churches after enjoying nutritious food in our homes, it is almost hypocritical to sing these words. But when we hear the testimonies of these missionary heroes of our own day who are facing danger, torture, and even death abiding in God's love, we are stirred.

Think of the missionaries to the Auca Indians in Ecuador who gladly gave their lives, preaching the message of this hymn by the way they sacrificed themselves. Call to mind the accounts we have heard of missionaries in the Congo like Dr. Carlson, Irene Ferrel, and Ruth Hege (described in David Cook's *Sunday Digest* January 24) and others whose names we do not know. Think of them and then ponder the words of this hymn:

> In heavenly love abiding, No change my heart shall fear;
> And safe is such confiding, For nothing changes here.
> The storm may roar without me, My heart may low be laid,
> But God is round about me—And can I be dismayed?

Anna Waring, the author of the hymn was born a Quaker in Wales. She later joined the Church of England. Desiring to read the original Old Testament, she studied Hebrew until she could read the Hebrew Psalter daily. We can easily detect the influence of the Psalms in the hymn we study this month. God's constant care and guidance shine from this little gem of a hymn.

In February as we have observed love among us human beings, let us consider the depth of God's love as we sing. And then, let us remember the depths of the love of those missionaries who have faced danger to follow God's commandment of love. Let us pray for our own missionaries and others in troubled areas that they will experience the confidence and peace expressed like this:

> My hope I cannot measure,
> My path to life is free;
> My Saviour has my treasure,
> And He will walk with me.

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Daily Devotions

General Theme for the Year: "FULFILLING THE TIME"
Theme for March — "BY HIS SPIRIT DWELLING IN YOU"

Writer for March — Dr. Harold Barnett

March 7 - 13 — "Spiritual Fulness"

Our writer for the month of March is Dr. Harold Barnett, President of the Riverside Christian Training School in Lost Creek, Kentucky. He is also pastor of the Lost Creek, Haddix and Rowdy Brethren Churches.

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Dr. Barnett and his wife, Doris, and children live in the parsonage of the Lost Creek Brethren Church located on the campus of the school.

We are happy to have him as our writer for this month.

Sunday, March 7, 1965

Read Scripture: Romans 8:6

A. W. Tozer wrote in 1961: "The world is evil, the times are waxing late, and the glory of the Lord has departed from the Church as the fiery cloud once lifted from the door of the Temple in the sight of Ezekiel the prophet." We may or may not be in complete agreement with that statement, but surely we all agree that we are living in a time of crisis which applies to the moral and spiritual as well as to the economic and political. We who are Christians must be filling our God-given time to the fullest in doing His work in the proclamation of the Gospel, in faithful obedience to His Word, and in continually surrendering in complete submission to the will and purpose of God's Spirit dwelling within us.

To be living and thinking on the carnal or fleshly level is death, now and in the future. But to be living and thinking on the spiritual level of God is life and peace now and forever.

The Day's Thought

Only the things of the spiritual are ultimately of any value and of any reality.

Monday, March 8, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalms 23:5

When a person is truly born again he is filled with the Spirit of God. The Spirit must woo and invite the sinner to come to Jesus when the Gospel is preached. He must enter in and work the grace of regeneration within the life and soul of the believer. He comes as a person and He comes whole—not one-half or one-fourth or in any fraction of His Being.

In the Scriptures oil was often used as a symbol of the presence of God's Holy Spirit. This beautiful symbol was followed in the anointing of the kings of Israel. We Christians, who have God's Spirit within, have truly been anointed with the oil of the Spirit. However, not just our heads, but all of us. "My cup runneth over" refers to the fullness and abundance of the presence of the Holy Spirit. He completely satisfies when we completely yield and surrender to the invitation of the Spirit to "come."

The Day's Thought

God must have all of us or none at all.

Tuesday, March 9, 1965

Read Scripture: John 15:11

Joy implies a terrific happiness over something. It refers to an intense feeling of well-being. It includes thrilling excitement! When God's Holy Spirit really dwells within us we experience these feelings. However, full joy comes from full salvation which takes place with full surrender to and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior. Salvation does not come with partial surrender to nor partial acceptance of Jesus Christ. Full joy, deep and abiding, comes with the advent of the Spirit into our hearts and lives.

But the very nature of this joy constrains us to give and share it with others. This good news makes us run on winged feet spiritually and physically to those sitting in sin's darkness and death's shadow! We with full joy want others to have full joy also because it is God-given!

The Day's Thought

The "joys" of the "spirit of the world" are false and fleeting, but the full joy of Holy Ghost-wrought salvation abides forever!

Wednesday, March 10, 1965

Read Scripture: Ephesians 3:9

When the Spirit of God dwells within He leads us to know more of the love of God in Christ Jesus. The Spirit does not work apart from the finished work of God in Christ. "Only the Spirit of the Holy One can impart to the human spirit the knowledge of the holy." Love sent and brought Christ to the cross for us. Love was the reason the Holy Ghost came into the world at Pentecost and into our hearts when we confessed and repented of sin and believed on Jesus. Because of this we can read A. B. Simpson's wonderful words which follow, and rejoice because we personally know they are true:

"I take salvation full and free,
Through Him who gave His life for me.
He undertakes my all to be.
I take—He undertakes.

I take the promised Holy Ghost,
I take the power of Pentecost,
To fill me to the uttermost.
I take—He undertakes."

The Day's Thought

The love, knowledge and fulness of God are ours through His Spirit.

Thursday, March 11, 1965

Read Scripture: Ephesians 5:18

At Pentecost we remember that some thought the Disciples of Christ were drinking intoxicating beverages because they were acting so strangely under the influence of the Holy Ghost! Today if we are truly filled with the Spirit the world of the unregenerates will surely think we are "strange." They cannot understand why we act, live and talk as we do. Praise God for that blessed difference! We are "peculiar" for God's sake and ours. We are saved, alive, joy-filled, and a "new creation!" Surely

we HAVE to be different from the unsaved, dead, guilt-ridden creatures with the nature of Satan. Spirit-filled love sends us forth to witness to the lost but, praise God, we have something different from what they have to offer them!

Being under the influence of the "spirits" of this evil world system leads to excesses of fleshly sins, but being filled with the Holy Spirit means we go on from glory to glory with our God!

The Day's Thought

I will be controlled by the Holy Spirit and not by the "spirit of the world."

Friday, March 12, 1965

Read Scripture: Colossians 1:9

Biederwolf points out that 52 designations are ascribed to the Holy Spirit in the entire Word of God. Of these, at least seven relate to His work of teaching: spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear of Jehovah, truth, Paraclete, and wisdom and revelation. The Spirit convinces us of sin, righteousness and judgment. He illumines our hearts and minds and leads us in our quest for truth which centers in God. All truth is God's truth. Scientific and scholarly men can only follow in and trace the footprints of God. He has made all things and people and in, through, and by Him all things consist!

The Scripture says the man who holds there is no God is a fool—devoid of good judgment. How puny it is when men think they know anything apart from what God has given to them to know!

The Day's Thought

When one is filled with the Spirit he knows more than all godless men and women put together.

Saturday, March 13, 1965

Read Scripture: I John 3:24

We know we are God's people because His Holy Spirit dwells within us! "His Spirit beareth witness with our spirit . . ." That Spirit which dwells within cries, "Abba, Father." When we have passed from death to life and the life-working Spirit dwells within WE SURELY KNOW IT! There is no doubt about it! We must believe, receive, accept and count it as done. If we draw back God can have no pleasure in us. If we don't KNOW we have God's Spirit we had better get on our knees until we do know! This is too important to guess about.

When the Spirit dwells within us fully, others are going to know, too. If they don't, then something is radically wrong. If the Spirit is present we will obey God's commandments given in His Word as interpreted to us by His Spirit. We WILL be the "light" and "salt" of society.

The Day's Thought

"Let the beauty of Jesus be SEEN in me."

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from St. Luke

Memory Scripture for the month — Luke 19:10

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

March 7 - 13

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 1:76-80

Growing

"Come, Betsy," called Linda. "I'll help you put on your hat and coat. It's time to go to church."

"Betsy can," said the little one taking her coat from Linda. "Betsy put on coat."

She put her left arm in the right coat sleeve. Then she tried to get the other sleeve around to her right arm.

"Betsy big girl," she said.

"Betsy funny girl," laughed Linda. "You have the wrong arm in that sleeve."

"Oh," said Betsy. "Linda help."

"You are getting to be a big girl," said Linda as she helped Betsy with her coat and hat. "You are growing every day. Going to church helps you to grow, too. It helps you learn more about God. Then you grow, as the Bible says John did, in spirit."

"Betsy big girl. Betsy go to church," she said as she ran with Linda to the car.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that I am growing as I should. Help me to eat good food and to do the things that will help me to grow properly. Help me to study the Bible with my family and at church so I will grow in spirit, too. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Growing In Favor

"Hi, Mom," said Gary as he came in the door.

"Hello," answered Mom. "You're later than usual. Did you have to stay after school to finish some of your work?"

"Not today," laughed Gary. "I saw Mrs. Wilson going home with a big bag of groceries. I carried it for her."

"That was thoughtful of you," smiled Mom.

"It was easy for me to carry the groceries," said Gary. "It was hard for her, though, because she has to walk with that cane."

"Linda told Betsy yesterday she was growing in spirit," Mom said. "When you do kind, thoughtful things for others you're growing another way. You're growing as Jesus did, in favor with God and man. I know both God and Mrs. Wilson were pleased with your helpfulness."

"It's fun helping others," said Gary. "Besides, Mrs. Wilson gave me one of her good sugar cookies."

"An extra reward for your thoughtfulness," laughed Mom.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for my hands and my feet. May I use them to help others. Show me ways to be kind and thoughtful every day. Help me to grow in favor with You and with others. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 3:15, 16, 21, 22

Beloved Children

"Gary. Linda," called Dad when he came home from work. "I have some seeds to plant in the garden. Will you help me, please?"

"Oh, yes," said Linda.

"Sure, Dad," agreed Gary.

"Betsy help," laughed the little one.

"Yes, you can help, too," smiled Daddy as they walked to the garden.

"Here is a package of carrot seeds," said Dad to Gary. "I would like for you to sow them in this row I've marked across this end of the garden."

"Good! I like carrots," said Gary as he went to work.

"Here on the other side, Linda," Dad said, "I want you to sow this lettuce seed."

"We'll have good salads this spring," said Linda as she, too, set to work.

"Betsy help! Betsy plant seeds," laughed the tiny girl.

"Oh, Betsy," said Daddy turning around, "I didn't want all the radish seeds in one hole!"

Some time later the three children and Daddy went back to the house.

"How's the garden coming?" asked Mom.

"Fine," answered Dad. "I'm pleased with the way the children follow directions and do what I want them to do."

Not only are our parents happy when we do what we should but God is, too. In our hearts we will hear Him saying as He said to Jesus, "You are my beloved child. I am well pleased."

Prayer:

Help me, dear God, to try harder every day to do the things I should. Show me the things that are pleasing to You and to my parents. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 4:16-22

Scripture Fulfilled

"I wish I had lived in Bible times," said Gary. "It would have been interesting to see how God made His promises come true."

"Oh, yes," agreed Linda, "and to hear the stories Jesus told!"

"Story! Story!" said Betsy as she climbed onto Daddy's lap.

"It's true," nodded Daddy, "that it would have been interesting to have lived when Jesus was on earth. But this is an interesting time, too. God is still making His promises come true. Can you think of some that are coming true now?"

"Well," answered Linda, "He said we would always have seedtime and harvest. This is seedtime again."

"And He said all people would hear of Him," added Gary. "Missionaries are going to new areas all the time. Airplanes and radios are taking the missionaries and their voices farther than ever before."

"Jesus told us He is coming again," reminded Dad. "He told us to watch for the signs of His coming. Scripture is being fulfilled today just as it was the day Jesus sat in the church and taught. Many times we are like the people who heard Him. We wonder if it's really true. Scripture is being fulfilled everyday. If you look for it you will be surprised at what you hear and see."

Prayer:

I'm glad I know Your promises are true, dear God. Help me to see and to understand the ways You are fulfilling them. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Try Again

"I can't find my skates," said Linda.

"Did you look in the basement?" asked Mom.

"Yes," answered Linda.

"Did you look on the shelf by the furnace?" suggested Mom.

"I'll look again," replied Linda as she went downstairs.

Soon she returned carrying two pairs of skates. "They were there on the shelf," she laughed, "just waiting for me to find them. Here are Gary's skates, too."

Many times we miss the good things God has for us because we do not try again. Peter, even though he had fished all night, tried again when Jesus told him to let down the net.

When your parents suggest you do something over or when you know God wants you to try again, do you do it? Don't miss the good things God has for you just because you won't try again!

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for helping me in the things I have to do. May I be willing to try again even when I think I've done my best before. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 5:12-16

And He Prayed

"My bed feels good," said Gary.

"Did you have your prayer?" asked Mom when she came to turn out Gary's light.

"Not tonight. I'm too tired," answered Gary. "Besides why do I have to pray every night when I've tried to do what God wants me to do all day?"

"Prayer is talking with God," said Mom. "He likes for us to visit with Him."

"He knows I've tried to do what I should today," said Gary.

"Have you done better than Jesus?" asked Mom.

"Oh, no," answered Gary. "I couldn't. Jesus did all things right. He's God's Son."

"Yet Jesus talked with God," reminded Mom. "On His busiest days the Bible tells us He went to pray. Times when we know He was very tired He prayed."

"I know I need to pray," said Gary. "If it was good for Jesus to pray, I know it's good for me."

Gary got out of bed and knelt beside it.

A little later he called, "Mom, my bed feels even better now that I've prayed!"

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that I can always talk with You. Help me to remember that even when I'm busy or very tired I need to pray. In Jesus' name I come. Amen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 5:18-26

Well Again

It was a rainy day. Gary telephoned to Steve. Linda called Judy. Their friends came over to play.

"Let's play hospital," said Gary. "I'll be the doctor and Linda can be the nurse. Steve, you and Judy be the sick people."

Judy stretched out on the floor. Linda covered her with a blanket. Steve laid down, too. Linda covered him with another blanket.

"Calling Dr. Keller. Calling Dr. Keller," said Linda. "Come to room 104."

Gary came in and pretended to listen to Steve's heartbeat. He looked in his throat and felt his forehead. Then he checked Judy.

"Give them this medicine, Nurse," he said handing Linda two pieces of candy.

A few minutes later Mom looked in the room. The four children were playing a game. "My," she said, "your patients got well fast, Dr. Keller."

"Wouldn't it be great if we did get well that fast when we were sick," laughed Judy.

"I know a man who was made well just by his Doctor speaking to him," said Gary.

"No doctor could do that," declared Steve.

"Jesus could!" replied Gary.

"Jesus can do anything," agreed Steve. "I like the Bible stories that tell of His miracles."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that I know You can heal the sick. Thank You for the doctors and nurses who help sick people. Guide them that they will give the proper medicine and treatment. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

GUIDE US, HOLY SPIRIT

O Spirit, pure and holy,
Be in our midst today;
In supplication lowly
We kneel Thy grace to pray.
Remove the sins that pain us,
Our thoughtlessness and pride,
And in Thy love constrain us
To follow Thee, our Guide.

In every weak endeavor
Help us to follow Thee;
We know that Thou forever
Our Guide and Stay wilt be;
And though at times we falter,
And even if we fall,
Thy love will never alter
If on Thy name we call.

We feel Thy wings caressing
Around the House of Prayer;
Oh, give Thy gracious blessing
In which we all may share;
All wandering thoughts repressing,
Control and sanctify,
That we may feel the blessing
Thou bringest from on high.

—Pixie Leonard Wheeler

THE COMFORTER was promised by the Savior to His disciples (John 14:15-17). Jesus foretold that the Spirit would indwell the bodies of believers (John 7:37-39). This promise was fulfilled in John 20:19-22. And then on Pentecost the Spirit conferred the soul winning power promised in Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:8. Not to have the Spirit of Christ is not to be a Christian (Rom. 8:9). The believer's body is the Spirit's temple (I Cor. 6:19). The dwelling place of the Spirit of God is sacred (I Cor. 3:16, 17). God indwells His people (II Cor. 6:16).

Christ is preparing the church as His body (Heb. 12:22, 23) of which He is the Head (Eph. 1:22, 23). The saved are baptized by the Spirit into this body (I Cor. 12:12-14). In addition to being born of the Spirit (John 3:5) one needs to be filled with the Spirit for witnessing (Acts 2:4). The enduement with the Spirit's power for witnessing was explained by Peter on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14-18). This blessing is called "the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38; 10:44, 45). The unction of the gift is symbolized by the laying on of hands (Acts 8:14-17). All Christians are commanded to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18).

Peter and those who were filled with the Spirit at Pentecost were filled repeatedly (Acts 2:4; 4:31; 4:8). Paul was filled afresh for service (Acts 9:17; 13:19). This does not mean that Paul was sinless and perfect (Rom. 7:21-23). With this John is in agreement (I John 1:8). When filled with the Spirit we need not be looking for miraculous earthquakes nor speaking in tongues, but we should be praying for conviction and conversion of souls (Acts 2:37, 38).

To carry out the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19, 20) it is necessary to be empowered by the Holy Spirit that souls may be saved (Acts 1:4, 5, 8). To be filled with the Spirit requires obedience to Christ's commands (John 14:15, 16; Acts 5:32). To be filled with the Spirit requires earnest prayer (Acts 1:14). It should be definite prayer for this filling (Acts 4:31). The gift should be prayed upon new converts (Acts 8:15). After much prayer (Acts 9:11) Paul was filled (v. 9.) The Holy Ghost speaks to those who pray (Acts 13:2). We are to pray for the gift (Luke 11:13), and for others that they may receive the gift (Eph. 3:14-19).

SISTERHOOD

More from the S. M. M. mailbag - - -

SOUTH BEND JUNIOR SISTERHOOD

(Our thanks to Sandy and all others who have taken time to inform us of their group's activities. We would encourage the rest of our societies to write in also and let us know what you are doing. Perhaps you have some good ideas to share with us, and you would also be meeting one of your goals. Your contributions will be printed in The Brethren Evangelist.)

Here is our annual report to *The Brethren Evangelist* of the activities of the Junior Sisterhood in the South Bend Brethren Church.

We here in South Bend started the 1964-65 year off with a fine candlelight installation service, conducted by our new patroness, Mrs. David Stickler.

In October we had a masked party before our meeting. There were sure some strange characters in our midst that evening, but they enjoyed our meeting. Our November meeting found us discussing our money-making projects. For December we sold some of our scrub puffs to cover the cost of our Christmas party, which was held at Holly's Restaurant. Our big project was selling Christmas carol napkins.

January found us doing bandage sewing and rolling with the help of the mothers. We like to include the mothers as often as possible and always welcome them to our meetings. For February we had a Sweethearts' Party at the church for all the men of the church. At this time we conducted our monthly meeting and let the men see what work we are doing.

One Sunday night in March we will have our public service. Rev. Albert J. Philippi, a district representative for Moody Bible Institute, will show a missionary film for us. Rev. Philippi is quite interested in missionary work, as his two sons are missionaries for TEAM, stationed in Guatemala and Venezuela. At this program we are going to repeat Romans 12 together and sing the S.M.M. song, which we are learning now.

April will be a rather quiet month and May will find us attending the Mother-Daughter Tea at the church. June will see us going to Shipshewana for state conference and also our election will be held at our monthly meeting. Installation of the 1965-66 officers and promotion services for those going on to the senior group will be in July, rounding out our 1964-65 year.

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Sunday School Lesson Comments

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Lesson for March 7, 1965
LABORERS IN THE KINGDOM
Text: Matthew 20:1-16

THE GUIDING thought of this parable is "But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first"—Matt. 19:30, 20:16. The parable is given in summary of what Jesus was trying to tell the rich young ruler who refused to give up his wealth, and in answer to Peter and the other disciples who felt they were making a very great sacrifice in following Jesus.

Faithfulness in service to God is by some measured by money. The young man by training and habit did those things within the law of God which did not interfere with his material gain. His love, faithfulness in service to God, his attachment to God hinged on his wealth. Subjects of God's kingdom must give their first love and allegiance to Jesus and His work.

Peter tended to guage his devotion by his material sacrifice. Jesus acknowledged this reasoning to be right so far as it went for He said that such persons "shall receive an hundredfold" in the life to come. Jesus gave the parable to emphasize that God counted faithfulness to His call of greater value than the sacrifices made (Ps. 51:16, 17).

The parable tells us that the kingdom of heaven is to God as a vineyard is to a man. It is His and He has every right to hire whom He will to work for Him, to pay whatever wages are agreed upon by the workers and use His wealth as He sees fit.

In the vineyard there were laborers who went in at different hours of the day to work. Now not every one who did work had the opportunity to work the

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The Brethren Layman

BOYS' BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM FOR MARCH by Rex McConahay

THE COMMUNION SERVICE

I. Preparation—Because the Communion Service is a sacred observance, we should examine ourselves each time before partaking.
I Corinthians 11:27, 28
In our meditation and examination we should think how wonderful it is to have Christ as our Savior, and how much we need His help because of our sins.
I Corinthians 10:21
I John 1:7-9

II. Feetwashing—The Cleansing of Believers
John 13:1-17
A. In this passage Jesus gives us:
1. a command (verse 14);
2. an example (verse 15);
3. a blessing (verse 17).
B. Feetwashing is a memorial to Christ's ministry on earth. He was never too proud to help anyone in need.
Matthew 9:11-13
C. Feetwashing is a symbol of the inward cleansing we always need because we sin.
Romans 3:23
D. The Holy Kiss is a sign of Christian friendship.
I Corinthians 16:20

III. The Love Feast—Communion with believers
A. The Love Feast is a memorial to the love of Jesus. It is called the "Agape" which means "Godly Love." It is this love for us which caused God to send Jesus into the world to die for our sins.
John 3:16
B. Jesus commanded us to love one another.
John 13:34, 35

IV. The Eucharist (Bread and Cup)—Communion with God
A. We eat the Bread and drink the Cup because Jesus did this with His disciples in the upper room, and then He told us to do this, also.
Matthew 26:26-28
I Corinthians 11:24-26
B. The breaking of the Bread is a picture of the broken body of Christ on the cross for our sins.
Mark 14:22
Luke 22:19
C. The drinking of the Cup is a picture of the spilt blood of Christ on the cross for our sins.
Mark 14:23, 24
Luke 22:20
I Corinthians 10:16, 17

V. Closing
A. As the disciples did, we sing a hymn and leave the communion room in silence.
Matthew 26:30
B. We should leave the Communion Service with greater thanks to God for our salvation and with new determination to live better Christian lives.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE BOYS' BROTHERHOOD

SMITHVILLE, OHIO

THE BOYS' BROTHERHOOD at Smithville is trying hard to meet the Brotherhood goals. We have elected the following officers for this year:
Rex McConahay—President
Wendell Ebersole—Vice President
Phillip Glasgo—Secretary
Loren Riblet—Treasurer
Mike Miller and Herman Reusser are assisting us as advisors.

We are enjoying the fun and fellowship of Christian friends and are learning more of God's Word and His will for our lives.

Rex McConahay

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

NAPPANEE, IND.

ON MONDAY NIGHT, December 7, 1964, the Nappanee Laymen were host to the Northern Indiana District Laymen's group. After a fine supper served by the Missionary Society ladies, the laymen met in the sanctuary and were welcomed to the Nappanee Church by our president, Richard Mishler.

Devon Hossler led the group in singing a few songs. Robert Arnott gave the devotions for the evening. A men's quartet consisting of Devon Hossler, Willard Slabaugh, Max Miller, and Lisle Roose sang. Our speaker for the evening was Rev. Clarence Steward, who gave a very inspiring and challenging message. We appreciate so much his continuing ministry, even though he is trying to retire.

After the message Brother John Oberly, president of the Northern District, conducted the business meeting in his usual fine and orderly manner.

On Sunday morning, January 3, 1965, the Nappanee Laymen's organization held their public service during the worship hour. Dave Bowers conducted the services, with Richard Mishler reading scripture and Max Miller leading in the morning prayer. A quartet consisting of Devon Hossler, Duane Parker, Max Miller, and Willard Slabaugh sang. Our speaker for the morning message was Phil Hershberger, a member of our local church who is at Ashland College preparing to enter the ministry. Phil gave a very challenging message, indicating that training and study are very essential for this type of service for the Lord's work. We will be praying for his ministry wherever it may lead him and his family.

Max Bigler

THIRD BRETHREN CHURCH JOHNSTOWN, PA.

ON MONDAY EVENING, December 28, the laymen of our church entertained the boys at a fish fry. With plenty of sea food in evidence along with all the trimmings, a fine post-Christmas meeting was held. It was served by a group of church women in our new Sunday school annex. A program suitable to the season was enjoyed. Included was carol singing by the group, and special musical numbers from some of our young folks home for the holiday season. Among the several items of business was the decision of our laymen to continue financial co-operation with Johnstown II and Vinco Brethren in airing the radio program, "Foundation for Faith," formerly "Voice of the Brethren Church," over our local WCRO every Sunday morning at 8:30. We now have our largest laymen enrollment in history—23.

Walter Ream, secretary

NORTHEAST OHIO DISTRICT RALLY

THE NORTHEASTERN OHIO District Laymen Rally was held on Monday evening at the Johns Park Pavilion in Mansfield, Ohio, January 25, 1965.

The usual camaraderie found in the Brethren laity was present as a goodly number enjoyed a full evening of Christian fellowship. A bountiful supper prepared and served by the W.M.S. of the host church of Mansfield started the evening's activities. Rev. H. H. Rowsey of the Ashland Garber church asked the blessing on this portion of the evening's program.

The group then gathered in the assembly hall for the remainder of the program. Brother Joe Gleisinger welcomed the group in behalf of the Mansfield Laymen, and the invocation was given by Rev. Spencer Gentle.

After a brief devotional period of hymn singing, Scripture reading and prayer, Brother Ralph Fairbanks introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. James Will, an attorney of Mansfield, Ohio, who spoke on the work being done by a group known as Alcoholics Anonymous. The story of his life and the work he does in this organization gave definite proof and a personal testimony of what can happen to a man if and when he allows Christ to enter into his heart. This reporter also feels that a very good answer was provided to the age-old question, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

The business session of the evening was conducted by Brother Paul Shank of Wooster, Ohio, President of the N.E.O. District. After he had expressed thanks and appreciation to the Mansfield Laymen for the fine hospitality shown to the group, the various items of business pertaining to the laymen of the Brethren Church were taken care of. The meeting was then adjourned, and the various groups from the district left for their respective homes again inspired to go out and further the work of the Kingdom in the style of dedicated Brethren Laymen.

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same amount of time that day. Some were called in at the eleventh hour and could only work one hour. It was not their fault that they had less time to work. While they did have time they worked very diligently. That they received equal wages with the others is to emphasize how highly God esteems *faithfulness* and *diligence* in service. Those who grumbled because they were not given greater reward were regarded as having evil eyes—v. 15. This parable tells us that we will receive reward of the Lord for our service but if we find that we are working with an eye only to the reward then we lack the qualifications of good citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven (Luke 17:7-10).

The last shall be first and the first shall be last. What we count as first class on earth may in fact be the very lowest so far as God is concerned. Those who seem to have so little to sacrifice and are so lowly on earth may be to God a first class man in heaven. They will receive their good reward.

"Many are called but few are chosen." This has often been used to teach that not everyone who has been called of God will be saved. Others use it to teach that some are called to a position, and though Christian, fail to live up to certain requirements and so lose their calling. The best interpretation is that "Many are called, but few are choice." You may be in the service but your attitude makes you a poor worker.

The Cosmic Circle of Christ

HENRY SLOANE COFFIN once asked a group of Chinese pastors in an interior town what it was in Christ that most impressed them. None of them mentioned the accounts of any miracle. Chinese mythology could outdo the miracles recorded on Gospel pages. Various replies were given, when one elderly man said, "His washing His Disciples' feet," and sudden general consensus showed that his incident was peculiarly appealing to them. That a revered Teacher would overstep the lines of class and position and take a slave's place was an impressive moral miracle.[2] The bend-down of God to men in the Suffering Savior is the signal truth of Christianity.

The weight of the significance of John 13 is in the cosmic circle of Christ. Christ "came forth from God," fulfilled His mission in the flesh, and "returned to God." The phrase, "He did come out from God" declares His deity, His oneness with God and His incarnate invasion into the world. The phrase, "He went to God" declares His ascension back to this very God. The Divine movement is always circular, beginning and concluding with God. Humanism is the converse from this movement where man presumes to think that everything begins and ends in himself. However, the Divine circle, within it man and the whole cosmos, is expressed by Moses in the symbol of, "the everlasting arms."[3] In the prelude to the passage John summarizes this significance in four phrases: (1) "That He should depart out of this world unto the Father," (2) "That the Father had given all things into His hands," (3) "That He came forth from God," (4) "And was going to God." The incarnate Christ is returning to the eternal glory with the Father, who placed in His hands the whole efficacy of salvation.

It was God in Christ who sat with His family of Brethren in the upper room. Thus every incident of the upper room must be interpreted by the fact that it was the word and deed of God. The preponderous fact that here was God who washed feet, who ate, who talked, at a supper is overwhelming. To the nonbeliever, to sophisticated society, to the willful world, these mundane acts of Christ are nonsense. To the believer this is the sublime truth that God had condescended to sinful man to cleanse his sins. The divine truth of Christianity is that the highest must become the lowest—or it would not be the highest.

It was the very Son of God, with full divine authority, who spoke and acted. The fixed framework of this New Testament passage is that it was God in Christ who spoke and commanded, who initiated and concluded, who promised and fulfilled. "The Master and the Lord" of the upper room who girded Himself with a towel and washed the Disciples' feet was God's special envoy. He was the One who revealed the nature of the invisible God. Our belief in the credence of God in Christ determines our belief in the credence of John thirteen as a sacramental doctrine. As in the Gospel of Matthew, *Full authority in heaven and on earth has been committed to me,*[4] so here in the Gospel of John, "all things" is without limitation of any kind. "To Him" means that the purpose of God is in Christ to do as He wills. In view of these divine truths concerning the Son of God the passage has a divine dimension.

When the narrative of feet-washing is not accepted as an obvious sacramental doctrine then there arise many perplexing problems of interpretation. A New Testament scholar who does not accept the narrative as a sacramental doctrine writes, "This is one of the most difficult passages to interpret in the whole New Testament. It is unique—there is nothing comparable to it in the other gospels."[5] Another Christian theologian describes the passage with its implications as "obscure."[6] The suggestion that the feet-washing represents the Eucharist, "symbolizes all that is implied in the Eucharist,"[7] is theological evasion which is totally unacceptable. For qualified New Testament scholars to speak of the narrative of feet-washing as "the most difficult passage," or "obscure" betrays the fact that they refuse the obvious interpretation and lack a suitable substitute. Likewise the interpretation which suggests that feet-washing represents the Eucharist is confusing. The Eucharist symbolizes the broken body and shed blood of Christ and cannot in turn be represented by the feet-washing. The Lord designated the distinctive symbolic meaning of each part of Holy Communion; the Pedilavium symbolizes cleansing, the Agape symbolizes the Community of God, and Eucharist symbolizes Calvary. Each symbol is distinct and cannot be represented by a secondary symbol. If for no other reason, these very inadequate interpretations force a serious New Testament student to accept the narrative of feet-washing as a sacramental doctrine. However, the compelling reason for Christians to believe in the feet-washing as a sacramental doctrine is that during the passion of the Lord He deliberately set forth a pattern to copy with a promise of happiness to all who fulfill it.

Some relate the Lord's washing of the Disciples' feet to the strife that is recorded in Luke.[8] The general argument that the washing of the Disciples' feet was His answer to this strife is that the Disciples had been arguing about position and precedence in the material kingdom which Christ was to establish. They were each urging their own claims, and angering each other by their own pretensions. The argument then proposes that at the time of the Last Supper the Disciples are so angry with one another that they refuse to wash the dust from each other's feet, and the feet of the Master. To quote an interpreter, "One

John 13 THE PEDILAVIUM

supposes that, as a rule, on arriving at their destination, it was their practice to take turns at washing off the dust of the roads from the sandaled feet of the little brotherhood, and that they did it willingly, as a matter of course, and thought nothing about it. But tonight all of them sat stubbornly in their places and would have none of the menial duty."[9] Thus the Lord seized the opportunity and acted out a parable of humility.

One recognizes immediately that this interpretation of John thirteen is based upon supposition. The above quoted interpretation begins, "One supposes." To interpret the longest recorded narrative of the Lord's words and actions during the last night in the upper room by "supposition" appears to me in serious error. The error becomes all the more evident when it is compared with the other narratives of the upper

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room, the eucharistic sayings, which are interpreted literally in great detail by most church doctrines of Communion. In other words, the doctrine of the "bread and cup," the Eucharist, is founded upon a few verses in the Synoptic Gospels, and rightly so. But at the same time a consistent consideration of the New Testament Scriptures must include the comparatively lengthy complete narrative in John thirteen of feet-washing in Holy Communion. The complete Holy Communion service as instituted by our Lord in the upper room must include all that God in Christ said and did. To give lengthy consideration to the bread and cup, to the exclusion of the Agape and the Pedilavium, is not "rightly dividing the word of truth." The service of triune Holy Communion was instituted by our Lord in His passion at the Last Supper, recorded in New Testament Scriptures, and practiced by the Brethren.

Water Symbolism in John

The distinctiveness of John's gospel in object and plan determines its characteristic style, symbolism. It alone contains the three great passages of the Sheepfold, the Good Shepherd, and the Vine, which has always been a basis for Christian art and architecture. Not only are there these specific symbolic teachings, but also the general spirit of symbolism which forms its style. The writer describes the select incidents from the life of the incarnate Christ by the term "signs" (sameia). The modern concept of incident cannot define the select events in the Lord's ministry used by John. They are "signs" because they direct men to look beneath the surface of the event for the revelation of the deeper work and will of God. Each sign had a double quality, the visible and the invisible. The visible aspect of the event was referred to by John as a "work," in that it was manifested in and related to the phenomena of life. The invisible aspect of the event was the revelation of the divine truth beneath the surface perceived in the context of faith. Insofar as the invisible truth was perceived in the visible work John calls them "signs." They are "signs" because they reveal the mysteries which underlie the visible world of events. Thus the importance of the sign was in what it indicated, rather than what it was. Whenever the term "sign" is used in the Gospel of John it is always with the distinct reference to the invisible character which the work or miracle indicated. Those who termed them "signs" attach to Christ divine attributes in faith; and each sign gave occasion to a growth of belief or unbelief according to the will of those who witnessed it.[10]

John's emphasis upon the revelation of God in these signs brought man to decision. Man is brought to a crisis of either belief or unbelief, light or darkness, the judgment of life or death. Throughout the Gospel there is the clear marked distinction between those who beheld the events of Christ as the manifest glory of God and those who willfully refused belief in the events as "signs" of God. Therefore, in this Gospel "signs" are eternally significant and carry the weight of decision between death and life.

All the material included in this select gospel story is related and relevant to the object of belief and confession of faith in Christ. There is an unmistakable harmony within the different parts of the fourth gospel, thus each part must be considered not only in itself, but also in relation to the others with which it is connected. The character of John's gospel is that fact is interpreted by thought, and thought by fact; that the historical unity of the book is interwoven by a spiritual unity. The broad plan of the Gospel is (1) The ministry of the incarnate Christ (1:19—12:50), and (2) The meaning of the ministry of the incarnate Christ (13—21). By this outline of the Gospel in the thirteenth chapter is the prelude to the second main section. It is in the section and related to the institution of the sacraments in the upper room,[11] the last discourses on the Holy Spirit and spiritual life,[12] the priestly prayer of our Lord,[13] the passion of our Lord,[14] and the resurrection of the triumphant Christ.[15] Because of the definite plan of the Gospel, the thirteenth chapter must be interpreted by these selected "signs" in the second section of which it is a part. *The setting of the narrative of feet-washing is not physical cleansing but spiritual cleansing, not service but sacrifice, not creaturely humility but Holy Communion.*

In view of the importance of symbolism in John's gospel, the narrative of feet-washing in the thirteenth chapter has spiritual significance. The double quality of the signs point at once, not just to the visible act, but to the higher understanding in the context of faith. The cleansing of the Disciples' feet represents their cleansing from sin by Christ. When the necessity of this cleansing is told to Peter, he asks that not

only his feet but also his head and hands be washed. Just as the Cross is the temporal manifestation of the eternal movement of Christ from the Father who sends Him into the world, and again from the world to the Father, so the feet-washing is enacted by Jesus in full recognition of the same fact.[16]

In relation to our subject it is striking to note that throughout the Gospel of John there is an extraordinary attention given to water as a "sign," or symbol, and that it is used as the visible means for the invisible power of God. In chapter one, there is the account of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus. In chapter two, Christ attends the marriage at Cana where the water is changed into wine. In chapter three, Nicodemus comes to Jesus by night inquiring about this new life, and Jesus tells him that he must be born of water and spirit. In chapter four, Jesus meets the woman at the well and talks about living water. In chapter five, Jesus heals a paralyzed man at the pool by the Sheep-gate. In chapter nine, there is recorded the healing of the man born blind, waiting at the pool of Siloam. And in chapter thirteen, there is the washing of the Disciples' feet. It is not our intention to force a scheme upon all these events which give attention to water as a "sign." However, it would be equally wrong to ignore them, and their significant relation to the Pedilavium. Certainly it is evident that John's gospel uses water as a "sign" for the cleansing, healing power of God.

Conscience, Cleansing, and Communion

The Psalmist asks and answers a vital question of "Holy" communing with the Almighty God. *The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*[17] The Psalmist begins by affirming that the whole cosmos belongs to God. He is the Creator and keeper of the world, the world of nature and humanity. It is His in a sense somewhat similar to our right of property, by the efforts of His hands. Because of His complete Holy dominion over the fullness of the cosmos "who dare ascend into the hill of the Lord?" Who is worthy to go before this Living God, to stand in His Holy Place? Who dares presume to be worthy to come before the presence of the Lord? Who has the spiritual qualifications prerequisite to His friendship, to communing with the living Holy God? The Psalmist answers his own question. Only "He that hath clean hands . . ." shall commune with God. The answer is substantially the same as in Holy Communion: only he shall really have "Holy Communion" with God who has been made spiritually clean. In the Pedilavium, God prepares the communer for his encounter with Himself, by cleansing him from all sin. To presume to go before the Holy God without proper preparation is the height of humanistic egotism. As God provided the laver as the symbolic cleansing prerequisite to priests entering the Holy of Holies in the old covenant, so He has provided the Pedilavium as the symbolic cleansing prerequisite to believers entering into Holy Communion in the New Covenant. The separating veil into the very presence of God was rent in twain at the time of the Cross, let all prepare to come before His presence.

Preparation for Holy Communion means far more than the setting of tables, the filling of cups, and the baking of bread. In St. Paul's writing to the Corinthian Christians, we learn of a definite spiritual preparation necessary before an effectual Holy Communion, *A man must test (scrutinize, trial) himself before eating his share of bread and drinking from the cup.* This is not just a kindly "take-it-or-leave-it" admonition, but a stern warning, *For he who eats and drinks eats and drinks judgment on himself if he does not discern the Body.* At the center of this inward scrutiny for Holy Communion is conscience. A limited description of conscience and its relation to Holy Communion in this study shall be: a certain capacity or power, related to the knowledge of mind, within man which affects the judgment of the living Holy God upon his thoughts and actions, and which renders feelings of guilty or not guilty, incurred condemnation or divine forgiveness, fear or peace. Conscience is not acquired by either secular or spiritual education, but is born with us, is natural to us, and is retained by the soul of every human being. It is given by God as a guardian of our souls. It stands guard at the gates of our thoughts and actions whereby nothing is done in secret, and brings to our attention the sin that destroys or the righteousness that brings new life. If it were not for conscience our souls would be exposed to the world without our even knowing it. When God gave man the free will to choose, He also gave him conscience to effect responsibility in his choices.

Our conscience is related to the mind, to this capacity of man which collects, classifies, and comprehends facts. It is in the capacity of the mind that codes are learned and established upon which our conscience cries either guilty or not guilty. Knowledge precedes not conscience, but the action of conscience. Thus, conscience can never affect the judgments of God until the laws of God are established in the person. Immediately some will jump to the conclusion that those who have not been formally taught the laws of God cannot be held guilty or responsible for their thoughts and actions, others will suggest that the laws of God are interpreted in many ways by various peoples which makes it impossible for the Christian concept of conscience to operate justly. However, the moral and social laws of God are established in all mankind from his very creation in the image of God, and are the basis of his judging conscience. Paul relates this truth to the Roman Christians. *For all that may be known of God by men lies plain before their eyes; indeed God himself has disclosed it to them. His invisible attributes, that is to say his everlasting power and deity, have been visible, ever since the world began, to the eye of reason, in the things he has made. There is therefore no possible defense for their conduct; knowing God . . .*[20] In "Huckleberry Finn," Mark Twain stated the same truth in these words, "The moral sense may take up more room in us than all our insides put together." There is a "true light, which lighteth every man." And

when a man is perfectly honest, he will admit by this inner light what is right and what is wrong. Barth writes, "It is in the light of Jesus Christ that darkness as such is revealed and that consequently it becomes evident that man is a sinner, at the same time as it becomes clear in what sin consists."[21] "Because the basic laws of God are established in every man, as a part of his natural birth, the power of conscience affects just judgment within every man. Therefore, when Paul declares *For all alike have sinned, and are deprived of the divine splendour,*[22] every hearing soul knows what it means.

In the study of Holy Communion what is the significance of this conscience? First of all, we must make clear again that even the Christian is not exempt from sins, *We know that the law is spiritual; but I am not: I am unspiritual, the purchased slave of sin. I do not even acknowledge my own actions as mine, for what I do is not what I want to do, but what I detest . . . The good which I want to do, I fail to do; but what I do is the wrong which is against my will; and if what I do is against my will, clearly it is no longer I who am the agent, but sin that has its lodging in me.*[23] Therefore, because even as genuine Christians we are prone to sin, our conscience must deal with our own sin as well as our righteousness in Christ. When we sin we weaken our faith in God, begin to doubt His mercy, and bring guilt to our souls. The peace we have with God through justifying faith is pushed into the background of our souls by the struggle between the "spiritual and natural" in our lives. Our first love tends to grow cold and we develop cataracts on our spiritual sight. Sin has the nature of hiding itself within those who sin, of disguising itself in other forms, even in the forms of religion. Thus, there is the pressing need within the Christian's life of reaffirming faith, renewing love, and having the heart recleansed, which is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. The health of our souls and our life depends upon this cleansing from sin and communion with God. Sin does not remain isolated, but tends to become a chain of sins. The greater the sin the greater the one that follows. Thus, when we sin we must hurry to the throne of grace, to the fount of mercy, to the arms of the forgiving Father. If we do not flee evil and find the forgiveness of God continually, our conscience becomes burdened with guilt to the point of mental breakdown. As a Scottish preacher many years ago said, "My meaning is this: no soul can be at peace with God or have any fellowship with the Lord, without in some measure being sanctified and made holy. For God cannot make His residence in a soul that is always a stinking dunghill, and therefore, of necessity, it must be sanctified. One corner or other of the soul must be made so clean that the Lord of heaven, by His Holy Spirit, may make His residence in it."[24]

Regardless of our varying beliefs in the Christian Faith and our positions in theology, we are at this point in accord with Karl Barth who insists that justification and sanctification are two moments in one action of God. Also, with his assertion that while justification is first in order of origin and presupposition, sanctification is first in results.[25] As a recent lecturer has put it, "The tendency in modern Christianity has been to treat the initial stage of God's saving work as the all important stage, and sanctification as an 'extra.' The sinner must be born again before he can grow up as a child of God, but he is born to grow. The believer is justified to be sanctified; he is adopted as God's child that he may grow into the full stature of the manhood of Christ."[26] God has provided in the Triune Holy Communion the most excellent means in the symbol of the water, the bread, and the cup for the Christian in this present life to experience and express the forgiveness and cleansing of God. Whenever we practice the Triune Holy Communion, we proclaim the work of the Triune God: "The Father who hath made me and all the world, the Son who hath redeemed me and all mankind, and the Holy Spirit who sanctifieth me and all the people of God."[27]

Calvin interprets "He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet," as "renewal." "Again, the other comparison was also applied to the case in hand, that Peter might not set aside the washing of the feet as foolish; for, as Christ washes from the head to the feet those whom he receives as His disciples, so, in those whom He has cleansed, the lower part remains to be daily cleansed. The children of God are not altogether regenerated on the first day, so as to aim at nothing but the heavenly life; but, on the contrary, the remains of the flesh continue to dwell in them, with which they maintain a continued struggle throughout their whole life. The term feet, therefore, is metaphorically applied to all the passions and cares by which we are brought into contact with the world; for, if the Holy Spirit occupied every part of us, we would no longer have anything to do with the pollutions of the world; but now, by that part in which we are carnal, we creep on the ground, or at least fix our feet in the clay, and, therefore, are to some extent unclean. Thus, Christ always finds in us something to cleanse."[28] In this clear commentary, Calvin proclaims the soul of the symbol of feet-washing even though he fails to relate it to the logical and natural place, the Pedilavium. The Pedilavium is the most adequate and accurate symbol of the cleansing process that goes on in the life of the believer after baptism.

May the attitude of our heart be what Charles Wesley has written:

For ever here my rest shall be,
Close to Thy bleeding side;
This all my hope and all my plea—
For me the Saviour died!

1964 - 65 Theme Ephesians 5:15-20

"FULFILLING THE TIME"

My dying Saviour and my God,
Fountain for guilt and sin,
Sprinkle me ever with thy blood,
And cleanse and keep me clean.

Wash me, and make me thus Thine own;
Wash me, and mine Thou art;
Wash me,—but not my feet alone,
My hands, my head, my heart.

The Atonement of Thy blood apply,
Till faith to sight improve;
Till hope in full fruition die,
And all my soul be love.

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THE SEED BECOMES the HOUSE of DAVID

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XIX

AFTER DAVID had quieted the claims of the heirs of Saul; subdued the ancient enemy of Philistia; and had settled his seat of government in Jerusalem, he brought the Ark of the Covenant into the tent of meeting which he had set up in the city. Comparing the beautiful house of cedar, in which he dwelt, with the tent of worship, David proposed that he build a temple for the Ark of God, but Jehovah had other plans. David was a man of blood and violence; another should build the temple. Jehovah spoke to David through Nathan the prophet and gave him the decree that established the house of David *forever.* Hear now the prophetic revelation (II Samuel 7:8-13, 16—A.S.V.), *Moreover Jehovah telleth thee that Jehovah will make thee a house . . . And thy house and thy kingdom shall be made sure for ever before thee; thy throne shall be established for ever.* Thus began the royal dynasty of the house of David. Then Jehovah's message revealed another wonderful thing, *When thy days are fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, that shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.* This verse can primarily mean his son Solomon, but the prophetic content goes beyond Solomon to the "SEED WHO IS CHRIST"; for the next verse points to the final SEED. Hear it, *He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.* Who is designated as building a house FOR HIS NAME? And what is the HOUSE FOR HIS NAME? Listen to James tell the church in Jerusalem about the matter of Gentile converts (Acts 15:14—A.S.V.), *Simeon hath rehearsed how first God visited the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After these things I will return, and I will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen; And I will build again the ruins thereof, And I will set it up.* After what things will He return? After He, the SEED, shall have built a house for His name, THE CHURCH. Then He will SET UP the fallen dynasty of David.

Nowhere in all Holy Writ is there a more far-reaching Messianic prophecy than the message Nathan was given to deliver to David. This prophecy is the center of the Old Testament story. To it points all that is written before; and from it, everything has to do with its fulfillment. The subjects of this prophecy

are the basis of all scripture even to the last of Revelation. This is Jehovah's covenant with David, and all of the vicissitudes of the royal line cannot abrogate it. Hear it in Psalm 89, *I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations . . . I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: . . . I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him . . . Also I will make him my first born, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever and his throne as the sun before me* (K.J.V.).

It is fitting, before looking down through generations of the hereditary house of David, to be reassured by the covenant-oath of Jehovah which can never fail. The Davidic Covenant is the foundation upon which the glorious Kingdom of Christ is to be founded, but in the interim, disobedience in the Davidic family would be chastised; and repeatedly from its inception until the days of Jesus, the chastisement fell. But the Davidic Covenant, confirmed by the oath of Jehovah, and renewed to Mary by Gabriel is immutable, and God will yet give to the Son of Mary "The throne of his father David." He who was once crowned with thorns will someday be crowned with "many diadems."

David fulfilled his days and the record says, "He slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David."

The family of David was established. His posterity did continue as the royal Seed "Until Shiloh come." Each generation from David until Joseph, the husband of Mary, bore a "Prince in the house of David."

To follow the purpose of this paper, it is not necessary to recount the vicissitudes of each generation of princes in the royal house of David. Matthew catalogs the line in Chapter 1:17—A.S.V., *So all the generations from Abraham unto David are fourteen generations; and from David unto the carrying away to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the carrying away to Babylon unto the Christ fourteen generations.* The Seed from Abraham to Christ covers forty-two generations; the Davidic line only twenty-eight. Moreover, the twenty-eight generations are divided into two portions of fourteen each. These are notable incidents in the operation of God's timeclock.

Let it be noted here that Matthew, under the hand of inspiration, made the break between the fourteenth and fifteenth generations, in verses eleven and twelve, by giving no standing to the prince, where the break occurs. The emphasis is put on the carrying away to Babylon. Why should Jechoniah be downgraded thus? The answer is written large and plain in the record.

The rule of the princes of the house of David, from Solomon to Jechoniah, is largely characterized by "walking in the ways of the kings of Judah who did evil in the sight of Jehovah," or "The rest of the acts of the king, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah, and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David." Only very few, like Hezekiah and Josiah "did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in all the ways of David their father." The general course of Israel's life was away from Jehovah into the degradation of idolatry, and the work of Josiah could not stem the downward rush. The record from Kings (II Kings 23:26—A.S.V. says, *Notwithstanding, Jehovah turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations, . . . and Jehovah said I will remove Judah out of my sight . . .*

Jechoniah (or Jehoiachin), the fourteenth from David, had only reigned eight years when the heavy hand of Jehovah fell, and he was the last of the SEED OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID to become king. Hear the curse upon Jechoniah and his line from the pen of Jeremiah the prophet (Jer. 22:24-30—A.S.V.), *As I live, said Jehovah, though Coniah* (God would not even let him carry the prefix JE before CONIAH because he was no longer Jehovah's CONIAH) *. . . were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence; . . . Is this man Coniah a despised broken vessel? is he a vessel wherein none delighteth? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, . . . O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of Jehovah. Thus saith Jehovah, write this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no more shall a man of his seed prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling in Judah.*

Jechoniah was written as childless, yet children were born to him, for Matthew states in 1:12—A.S.V.,

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And after the carrying away to Babylon, Jechoniah begat Shealtiel. For fourteen generations after Jechoniah and the curse on his line, there was always a prince in the house of David, a SEED in the PROCESSION OF ROYALTY; yet the CURSE of Jehovah on the LINE forbad any to become king. What a paradox. A royal line, each generation carrying the SEED and having the throne rights, yet cut off from the throne by the CURSE.

Then at the end of the line, who was the SEED that had the throne rights under the curse? Matthew reveals it. It was Joseph the husband of Mary "of whom was born Jesus, who is called CHRIST." Joseph the *prince in the house of David*, the carpenter of Nazareth.

Now here appears another great mystery. Jesus the Son of Mary, the Son of God, became the Prince in Israel. He is the Seed of woman, the Seed of Abraham, the Seed of David; but not the seed of Coniah or Joseph. What a dilemma for Jehovah? Or was it? He had promised David that there would never fail him of his SEED a man to sit on the throne of Israel *forever*. A line had come down from David through Solomon, his fourth son by Bathsheba. Fourteen generations of that line reigned, but fourteen generations lived under the curse, and Joseph was the end. Jehovah rejected the line clear back to David, and selected another line from David, through Nathan his *third* son by Bathsheba. Zechariah sets forth the suffering of the Nathan line in his prophecy (12:12), but Luke records them, generation by generation, from David to Mary. Jesus carried the blood line through Nathan but received the princely throne rights through Solomon and Joseph, who was the husband of Mary when He was born.

Jehovah side stepped the seeming dilemma of the curse and fulfilled His promise to David by a miraculous conception. This is divine revelation of the virgin birth and God's holy plan of the Incarnation. If Jesus had been the natural son of Joseph and Mary, the curse of Coniah and Joseph would rest upon Him, and He could never be the crowned king of Israel. That He was the Son of Mary and a Tueton soldier in the Roman legions, is the wildest kind of blasphemy.

Jesus, Son of Mary, Son of David, Son of God, Prince in David's house through His legal father Joseph, is the Prince of Israel, *but He was never crowned King.* "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." He offered Himself to the rulers of Israel but they rejected Him. He made a triumphal, but not a triumphant, entry into the city of David. Pilate said, "Here is your King," but they crowned Him only with thorns. Instead of a throne; they gave Him a cross.

No, Jesus the Christ was never crowned, and He is yet the Prince, the uncrowned King of Israel. Peter, as recorded in Acts 5:30, states the facts. To the high priest and rulers of Jerusalem he said, *The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew, hanging him on a tree. Him did God exalt at his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to Israel, and remission of sins.* God made Him the *Prince* and He, as the SEED ROYAL, holds the title deeds to the land that "Jehovah gave to Abraham and his SEED forever."

But where are the title deeds to the land of the promise? It was said earlier in this paper that the rights of the title deeds are invested in "each succeeding SEED unto their final repose in the present possession." The land belongs to Jehovah, but entrusted to the children of Israel in perpetuity. Were there ever written abstracts of title for the portions allotted to families? An interesting incident in the life of Jeremiah the prophet, relative to deeds, is recorded in Chapter 32:7ff. Jeremiah bought a parcel of land from his cousin, under the Levirate Law of Redemption. That was his right. Jehovah had advised him to make the transaction. And said Jeremiah, Chapter 32:9-15—A.S.V., *I bought the field that was in Anathoth of Hanamel mine uncle's son, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver. And I subscribed the deed, and sealed it, and called witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balance. So I took the deed of purchase, both that which was sealed, according to the law and custom, and that which was open: and I delivered the deed of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the deed of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the guard. And I charged Baruch before them, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, this deed of purchase which is sealed, and this deed which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel; that they may continue many days. For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall yet again be bought in the land.*

Is it possible that the family deeds of all the houses of Israel were hidden away in jars, buried in caves, where Christ the holder of the legal rights of all Israel only knows the locale? This speaker is convinced that not only the deeds, but many other valuable records and manuscripts are so preserved, that when God's time is come, they will be brought to light like the Dead Sea scrolls of recent discovery.

The title deeds are safe in escrow, and when the holder is ready, *the land, all of it,* will be possessed by the rightful owners, THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.

The present work of the uncrowned Prince; the future acceptance and crowning; the present status of the Kingdom; the place of the Church in the divine plan; the Times of the Gentiles; The Rapture; The Second Coming; Armageddon; etc.; all are segments for discussion in other prophetic papers.

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ENTHUSIASM . . . what is it?

Gleanings from STEWARDSHIP FACTS

by MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

WE HEAR SO MUCH about enthusiasm. What is it? From whence does it come?

Anyone who has doodled his way through an average number of committees knows that at some point in the proceedings one member, at least, is sure to say something like this: "We must drum up more enthusiasm. What we need is more really committed people. We've got to have a much greater loyalty to the cause." Right around the table every head is nodded in agreement, but no one has really any idea how this desirable result is to be achieved. Just how do you set about making people enthusiastic?

Church committees and boards are not exempt from this dilemma. Whether it is a question of stimulating church attendance, raising a budget, finding church school teachers or launching a building program, sooner or later the call goes out for more enthusiasm. "If we had that," someone says, "then all our problems would be solved." And so, of course, they would.

There is a word that we can link closely with enthusiasm and that is the word loyalty. Enthusiasm and loyalty are infectious; they are not products to be packaged and sold. If the minister, officers of the church, Sunday school teachers, W.M.S. or Laymen presidents are not themselves loyal and enthusiastic about a project they are promoting—absolutely nothing will happen. But if they ARE enthusiastic and demonstrate loyalty—then this enthusiasm will flow through a congregation or a group whether we talk about it or not. Still the question remains, how does anyone get the enthusiasm in the first place? Have you ever found yourself wanting to be more enthusiastic about something but quite unable to summon it up? St. Luke 12:34, *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.* When we have really found this treasure, loyalty and enthusiasm are no longer problems.

No one needs to say to any normal mother: "Have a little enthusiasm for your child. Can't you be loyal to him?" She knows where her treasure is, and the loyalty flows in that direction like a great rushing river.

So it is with everything we prize in life. No one needs to urge a young man to show enthusiasm and loyalty for the girl who happens to be (and whom he may even call) his "treasure." It just happens. We put our heart into everybody and everything that we really treasure. Whatever is dear to us, our family, our home, our vocation, our school or college, a cause, an art, a hobby, our country, our church, and our God —will elicit an instinctive loyalty. There is no surer test of the scale of values by which we live than to note the kind of things to which we devote the most energy and practical enthusiasm. We give them time and money and close attention. They arouse emotions in us that flow deep and strong. Show me the things that really arouse you and I shall know where your treasure lies.

We need to re-examine our treasures—what it is we really value most in life. Then we need to locate our loyalty. I doubt if we could ever find the right words to define enthusiasm. In my own words I would say, enthusiasm is a thermometer registering our degree of loyalty to our treasure.

A little boy called at a house and proffered some picture post cards for ten cents apiece.

"What are you going to do with the money?" he was asked.

"I am raising a million dollars for earthquake relief," he answered, and he was so tiny and the amount so large the man at the door had to laugh.

"A million dollars?" he cried. "Do you expect to raise it all by yourself?"

"No, sir," he replied, "there's another little boy helping me."

The devil's business is the destruction of all good. To those to whom Peter wrote the attitude of the devil was that of a roaring lion. It is not always so. Sometimes his opposition is stealthy and slimy as that of a serpent. At others it is radiant and fascinating as that of an angel. His purpose is always the same, "seeking whom he may devour"; and his method is ever that of *seeking,* watching for the weak moment, the unguarded entrance, the unprepared occasion.

G. Campbell Morgan in THE ANALYZED BIBLE (Fleming H. Revell Company)

MISSIONARY NEWS

REPORT FROM A TEN DOLLAR CLUB CHURCH

Winding Waters Brethren Church

WE HAVE completed about one full quarter (October 18, 1964 to December 27, 1964) in our new church building and we are witnessing a steady growth both in numbers and in spiritual life. Our church building is now completed and we have been able to meet in our new sanctuary for the last six Sundays. The following will give you an idea of our response for November and December.

Monthly Average

	November	December
Church School	65	70
Divine Worship	74	78
Offering	$284.48	$283.43

(Unified Budget requirement per month—$292.00)

Included in our budget are all of our current expenses (both church and Sunday School) plus a ten per cent tithe for missions and benevolences.

Highest Sunday Attendance

Church School	74
Divine Worship	93

Membership Prospects

We have twenty-two of the original twenty-five families signed up to attend the church still actively attending. We also have nine families from the community actively attending the church. And we have a total of fifty-five families on our prospect list. We have no definite membership list as of yet.

We have good possibilities for growth but we have discovered that it takes more than a new church to win people. Personal interest and contact are the keys to winning new people. Therefore we have begun a definite Visitation Evangelism program to reach our prospective families in the community. We continue to covet your prayers as we continue to reach out for Christ and His Church.

—by Reverend John Brownsberger



Missionaries' MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 5 Robert Bischof
March 11 Mark Bowers
March 19 Beatrice Bischof
March 19 Stephen Byler

ADDRESSES OF NEW MISSIONARIES

Rev. and Mrs. William K. Curtis
O'Higgins 3162-68
Buenos Aires, 29, Argentina
South America

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowers
Waka Schools
Waka P. O. Biu via Yola
Northern Nigeria,
West Africa

NEW TEN DOLLAR CLUB MEMBERS

Brethren Youth Crusaders Wabash, Indiana
Mrs. Eloise Gilbert Bryan, Ohio
Mrs. Homer Haas County Line, Indiana
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Howenstine Canton, Ohio
Woman's Missionary Society Cheyenne, Wyoming
Laymen's Organization Cheyenne, Wyoming

The present TEN DOLLAR CLUB Call is for
LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
One-Third of this TEN DOLLAR CLUB call period has passed
$4100 received to date

Fountains of Truth

IF ONE could study and master the books written by ten thousand authors, but in the meantime be ignorant of the Bible and without salvation, he would be far from real, worthwhile education.

The man who is the lowest down in life without God may be as near heaven as the man who is up the highest without God. Neither will reach heaven without repentance and salvation.

The man who is honest with himself and God will be honest with everybody else; but the man who is dishonest with himself and God will be dishonest with his fellow men.

If God and conviction lash your conscience it may be just the lashing that you need in order to save your soul. Better take heed to the lashing and repent with a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

It is better to grasp a little opportunity to do good than let a great opportunity pass unaccepted. Opportunities, small or great, can be loaded with blessings when graciously accepted, or fall worthless at your feet if turned down.

Seeds—even good seeds—can prove worthless if they are kept in close confinement; but may prove to be very valuable if sown and well-cultivated. Thus it is with one's talents.

The price that one pays for strong drink may be very costly in dollars and cents; but it is far more costly in morals, manhood and womanhood, health, and the loss of the immortal soul.

Some people seem to have a special disposition to be critical. Well, it never makes them happy, neither does it make others happy, and never lifts one to a higher and holier plane of living. Dear critic, better change about and do some uplifting.

If you can't do somebody good, it is a mighty good point not to do him any harm. In fact you may not go wrong if you continue trying to do him good, for someday you may greatly succeed.

Some of the happiest hours and days of one's life can be when he is praying for others, speaking kind to them, giving good advice, or lending a helping hand in time of need or trouble. Try it.

If you are trying to pull somebody else down just realize that you have to be beneath him in order to do so; but to lift him up you have to be above him, or by his side. A good uplifter is far better than a bad downpuller.

Don't consider yourself important if your position in life is to do more harm than good. Important people are those who live for God and bless mankind along life's journey.

It is better to make discords in music and be in harmony with God, than to be perfect in music but out of harmony with God deep down in your heart, mind, soul and spirit.

Walter E. Isenhour, Minister,
Taylorsville, N. C.



Brethren Youth Crusaders

Oak Hill . . .

Greetings from the Junior BYC of the First Brethren Church of Oak Hill, West Virginia. We are glad to report that our society has been active and increasing in membership, with an average attendance of twenty.

Officers for 1964-65 are as follows:

president—Marsha Payne
vice president—Carolyn Mills
secretary—Beverly Hall
treasurer——Eddy Ingles
song leader—Janice Nuckells
ushers—John Mills and Timmy Buskus

We have selected as our memory verse, Ecclesiastes 12:1, which is repeated at every meeting.

We had a Halloween party on October 31, with all members present being in costume. A candlelight Thanksgiving service was held on November 22. The Juniors took part in the program on this Sunday evening. Prayers of thanksgiving were offered and refreshments were served. On December 18 a Christmas party was held. We exchanged gifts, sent cards to our shut-ins, and sang carols.

Our projects so far have been penny partners and a Foodless Bake Sale. We are making plans for a project for each month up until conference time.

—Pat Halstead, director
Kathryn Ingles, ass't director

Teegarden . . .

We are a combined group and meet each Sunday evening. During the summer months we played volleyball following our devotions. Now we are enjoying ping-pong.

Many of our members took part in the Christmas play, "The Characters of Christmas Speak." Following the program we went caroling and then returned to the church for hot soup and cocoa.

We all enjoyed a BYC skating party in November

We hope to have a good offering to take to National Conference for our project.

—Sheryl Stogsdill, reporter

Pleasant Hill . . .

We of the Jr. Hi at Pleasant Hill, Ohio, are enjoying the new year. In December we had our missionary lesson and everyone enjoyed it.

The book of Acts is being studied and at this writing we are on about Chapter ten.

Our officers are:

president—Laina Bryant
vice president—Elizabeth Gilbert
secretary—Marcia Bryant
treasurer—Gary Gardner
reporter—Jan Kraus.

Our advisor is Mr. Virgil Schaurer.

—Jan Kraus, reporter

Smithville . . .

For this year, Ken and Skip Hilty serve as advisors, working hard and doing a grand job! The president is Rex McConahay with John Steiner assisting him as vice president. Barb Blough and Corinne King are secretary and assistant. Julia Berger assists Alvin Flory in keeping our money figures in the black.

In order to make money so far we have had a bake sale and car wash. In the spring, a bake sale, car wash, and rummage sale are scheduled.

For recreation, in the fall, we had a roller skating party and went to the church for refreshments of cider and donuts. After a few weeks of work and fun we presented a Christmas play for the church entitled "Geraldine and the White Robe."

During the winter we plan to continue our work on the book of Acts and to do our best at the district contest.

—Barb Blough, secretary

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MILEAGE MEMORIES

It was your Acting Youth Director's privilege to attend the California Conference in January. She made the trip with Mr. and Mrs. John Porte, stopping at various Brethren Churches on the way out and back. These "Mileage Memories" are shared here.

January 8—left home (Ashland) in chilly weather, warmed up to 63 degree as we went through Indianapolis, Indiana, and by night in Illinois, we ran into freezing rain. Ice on the car made Porte's brown Chevrolet look like a "horny toad."

January 9—fine fellowship meal with the Falls City Brethren in the evening with John and I presenting our flip chart of the "Mission of the Brethren Church."

January 10—John had a Layman's Public Service at Falls City and I taught Sunday school at Morrill, Kansas, with John joining me there for the morning service. Another fellowship meal was enjoyed at noon in Morrill. That evening we were at Carleton, Nebraska, where we presented our flip chart program and enjoyed seeing our friends there.

January 11—up and on the way before dawn. Mileage mounted to over 700 mile before the day came to an end—saw a herd of about 30 antelope close to the road. Some snow.

January 12—another day of over 700 miles found us at Reno, Nevada, with a short stop during the day at Salt Lake City to see the Mormon Tabernacle and Temple (from the outside).

January 13—Donner Pass open for the second consecutive day since the heavy flooding and snows in December. New four-lane highway open over the Pass but snow plowed out and piled high along the road. A quick trip to San Francisco and then . . . to the FOG at Stockton, California.

January 14-17—California Conference at Stockton—saw the new church there—the FOG—met many fine Brethren and enjoyed their fellowship—the FOG—stayed with Larry and Shirley Mullins in Lathrop (Shirley a college classmate of mine)—the FOG—attended the Lathrop church on Sunday morning—the FOG, but fine fellowship and farewell.

January 18—left Stockton and the FOG and on to Southern California—saw the Pacific several times, visited San Juan Bautista Mission and Santa Barbara Mission, went through Los Angeles about 7 p.m. Had sunshine most of the day.

January 19—left Indio, California, and crossed the desert into Arizona and on to Phoenix, Tempe, and Scottsdale where we presented our program at the Papago Park Brethren Church. (Did you know Papago means "Bean eaters"?) Oh, yes, Eleanor (Mrs. P) picked up a ???small??? Arizona rock for her rock garden. Enjoyed visiting the Dicksons and meeting the folks at Papago Park.

January 20—proceded to Tucson, visited old friends of the Portes and went to the church where Virgil Ingraham showed mission pictures. Visited the Stogsdills. Had supper in a Chinese Restaurant.

January 21—went south from Tucson, visiting Tumacacori Mission and San Xavier Del Bac Mission on the way to Nogales, Mexico, where we spent a few hours and ate in a cavern restaurant. Back to Tucson, where it was storming—saw beautiful, brilliant double rainbow reminding us of God's promise.

January 22—left Globe, Arizona, and drove north and east through Salt River Canyon—beautiful. Chilly but just north of Socorro, New Mexico, it was much warmer and we went through a sandstorm. By night it was cold and snowing at Amarillo, Texas. Wind howled all night.

January 23—left Amarillo early and road was terrible. We hit ground blizzard and saw more cars and trucks in the ditch than we saw on the road. They closed the road behind us. On to Mulvane, Kansas, by night.

January 24—visited Derby where we presented the flip chart and enjoyed a noon fellowship with the folks there. Got to see firsthand the real need for a church at Derby. That evening I spoke at the Mulvane youth meeting and John had a Layman's Public Service at Mulvane. After the service we went to the annex for a tasty lunch, lots of fun and singing.

January 25—left Mulvane and headed for Kansas City, did some window shopping and ate supper with Porte's son, Jack.

January 26—on to Udell, Iowa, where we visited Rev. and Mrs. Mast, saw the lovely new Udell parsonage and presented our program at the church. Enjoyed meeting the folks at Udell and greeting old friends, too. Drove on—eager to get home, maybe too eager—did not find a motel until 12:30 a.m.

January 27—on the road home after two hours sleep. Eleanor and I promptly went back to sleep but after a couple of hours and a coffee stop, we had to keep awake to see that John did not go to sleep. Good to reach home—even among Arizona rocks, palm tree, prickly pear cactus and a vicious cactus from the Carl Shermans at Mulvane—memories of many miles!



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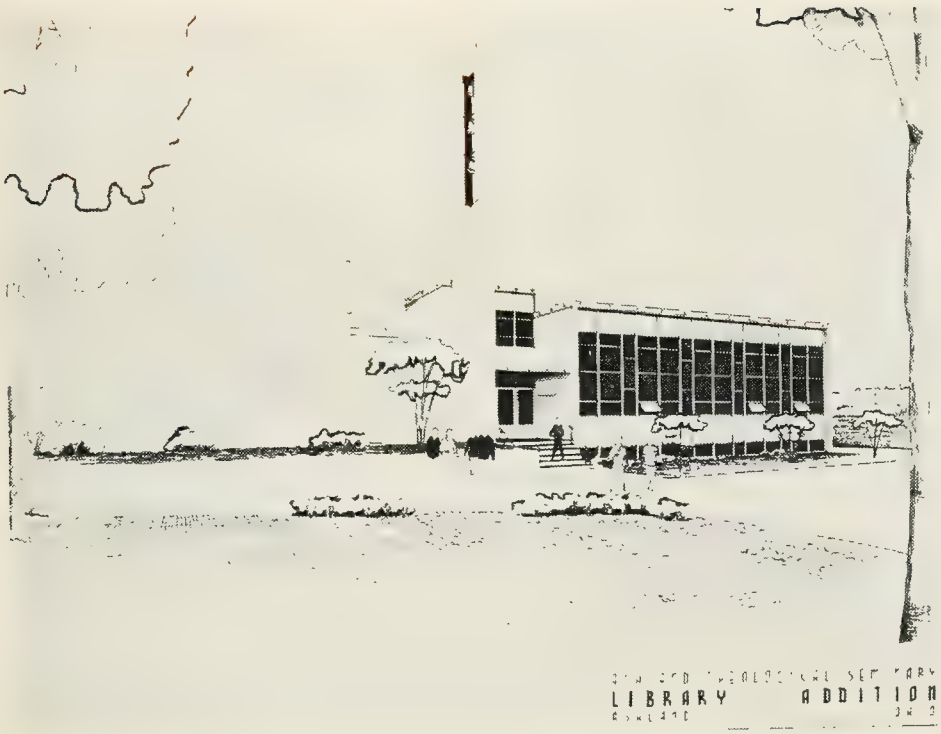
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NOTES and COMMENTS

MINISTERIAL RECRUITMENT

ONE OF THE MAJOR concerns which our denomination faces today is that of ministerial recruitment. We have in the recent past made available the improvement of our Seminary building in all respects, but we have not done too much in way of recruiting young men to the ministry. We need to work at this!

Be sure to read the material in this issue of our magazine relative to the work that is being done for the physical needs of our Seminary. It will thrill your heart to know that Brethren people have responded as they have. But as you read this, be sure to keep in mind the problem of recruitment. We need more men in the Seminary training for the ministry!

SONG OF THE RYE

I was made to be eaten,
And not to be drank;
To be threshed in the barn,
Not soaked in a tank.

I come as a blessing
When put through a mill—
As a blight and a curse
When run through a still.

Make me up in loaves,
And your children are fed;
But, if into drink,
I'll starve them instead.

In bread I'm a servant,
The eater shall rule;
In drink I am master,
The drinker a fool.

Selected

"A Christian may be a blot or a blessing. A blank he cannot be."



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Our Seminary and Recruitment

SOME MOST EXCITING things are happening to our Seminary under the direction of Dr. Joseph R. Shultz, Dean. Some of these exciting things appear on the pages of this issue of **The Brethren Evangelist**; other exciting things could be told but we will have to wait until they are announced by our Dean—however, we can say that the Seminary is going forward in every respect!

The existence of the Brethren Church depends upon our Seminary. The future teachings and doctrines of the Brethren Church depend upon our Seminary. The future ministry of the Brethren Church depends upon our Seminary. As the Seminary goes, so goes the Brethren Church.

Let it be said here without reservation that the theology of our Seminary is most conservative in nature and our young men are taught the basic truths of the Word of God. We are very fortunate in having a most dedicated faculty; each one is interested only in teaching the Word to our men in its purest form. We Brethren have much for which to be thankful when we think of our Seminary.

We know that the Brethren Church is behind this institution because of her recent response to the Seminary Development Program as outlined by the committee. Over $150,000 have been pledged and given to this program! This speaks well of our denomination! We know the importance of the work of our Seminary!

Now, how does this relate to recruitment?

Our assets are many: new classrooms; soon, a new library; an excellent faculty; and a good curriculum. We now need **students! Brethren** students, that is! The Brethren Church needs to awaken to the fact that men are needed who have been reared in our local churches. To be sure, the local church has supported the recent Seminary program by her material wealth, but our responsibilities do not end here—we are also responsible for the recruitment of men for the Christian ministry! Many of our local churches have not given even one man to this ministry over a period of sixty years or more, while others have given several. The local congregation should constantly be aware of young men who are in the slightest way interested in the ministry! Once a young man has indicated his interest, the congregation's responsibilities are manifold.

1. If the young man is sincere in his feeling that God has called him to the ministry, then the congregation should call him to this task. Such action must be recorded for future use.
2. The congregation must give spiritual encouragement to the young man.
3. The young man must be given the opportunity to develop in leadership during the first years following the decision to enter the ministry.
4. When the young man enters college and seminary for training, the local church does have a responsibility of financial assistance when needed.
5. The pastor of the congregation can give much asistance to such a young man by having personal interest in him.

Many times a congregation will allow the young man to forget the promise which he made to God in earlier years, he should be reminded often of the call which he has received.

Another problem which the young man faces many times is that his parents are not interested in their son becoming a minister. They feel, many times, that the material gain is not enough; or they realize the problems that the minister faces as he deals with the members of his congregation; or they have seen a pastor driven from a local situation by a few unloving "believers," and have sensed the agony that the pastor faces. They do not want this for their son, they say. Let it be said here that the parents' responsibilities in such cases are to encourage the son to answer God's call! A call from God supercedes all other desires!

The Brethren Church must recruit young men to her ministry! S.G.

news ... from the Brethren

Sarasota, Fla. Two new members were brought into the fellowship of the church by transfer of letter recently according to Rev. J. D. Hamel, pastor.

Mt. Olive, Va. Rev. John F. Locke reports that new lighting over the Pulpit and choir areas has proved to be an excellent improvement.

Bethlehem, Va. Mr. and Mrs. George R. Liskey recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. On January 24, the Hi-Y clubs of the Turner Ashby High school attended the morning service accompanied by faculty advisors and interested members of their families.

Washington, D. C. Rev. Jerry Flora reports that three were recently brought into the fellowship of the church by letter. The congregation has now entered into an intensified campaign to raise funds for the new addition to the church.

Berlin, Pa. Mr. Karl Hay and Mrs. Ralph Mills were called to serve the church as a deacon and deaconess and the service of ordination was conducted recently according to Rev. Ralph Mills, pastor.

Johnstown II, Pa. Rev. Charles Lowmaster reported in his newsletter of February 9 that he had resigned as pastor to accept a call to the First Brethren Church of Elkhart, Indiana. His resignation is effective as of the end of June.

Meyersdale, Pa. Rev. Robert L. Hoffman reports that all assistant Sunday School teachers are enrolled in a Leadership Training course. Also, thirty-two persons recently received perfect attendance pins in the Sunday School for the past year.

Newark, Ohio. Rev. Virgil Ingraham, General Secretary of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, was the guest speaker at a week-end World Missions Conference, February 5-7. Rev. Thomas A. Shannon, pastor, reports this to be a very excellent conference.

Vinco, Pa. Rev. Henry Bates reports that three were recently received into the membership of the church by baptism.

Muncie, Ind. Rev. Wayne Swihart reports that one person was baptized and received into the fellowship of the church on Sunday, February 7.

South Bend, Ind. Rev. John T. Byler was the speaker for a devotional program over WNDU radio and TV station during the week of February 14.

Derby, Kans. Rev. M. W. Dodds reports that one person was received into membership of the church on Sunday, January 17.

COMING EVENTS

Winding Waters
Elkhart, Indiana—
Bible Conference on the Book of Hebrews
April 2-4
Church Dedication Service
April 4
Rev. J. Ray Klingensmith, Guest Speaker for both events.
Rev. John Brownsberger, Pastor.

Bryan, Ohio—
Revival Services
March 21-31
Rev. Harold Barnett, Evangelist
Rev. Smith F. Rose, Pastor

Roanoke, Ind.—
Missionary Conference
March 28-31
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, Guest Speaker
Rev. Gilbert L. Dodds, Pastor

Cerro Gordo, Ill.—
Spring Revival Services
March 29-April 9
Rev. W. E. Thomas, Evangelist
Rev. Elmer M. Keck, Pastor

Milledgeville, Ill.—
Revival Services
April 26-May 2
Rev. Kenneth Howard, Evangelist
Rev. Arthur H. Tinkel, Pastor

Memorials

LAUGHLIN. Harry Laughlin, 89, of Greencastle, Pa., died at Garlock Memorial Convalescent Hospital, Hagerstown, Md. He had been a resident of the Antrim Township area for the past 62 years, and was a member of the Wayne Heights Brethren Church. Funeral services were held at the Zimmerman Funeral Home with Rev. Marlin McCann officiating. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

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FUNKHOUSER. Mr. Frank M. Funkhouser of Toms Brook, Virginia, departed this life February 2, 1965, at the age of 82. He had served God for many years as a member of the Maurertown Brethren Church. He had been a trustee for many years as well as serving in other offices. Services were held in the Maurertown Brethren Church with the undersigned and Dr. John F. Locke officiating. Interment was in the Riverview Cemetery, Strasburg, Virginia.

Rev. Wilbur L. Thomas

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PRESTON. Mr. Clyde (Bob) Preston, 59, passed away on January 27, at Piqua Memorial Hospital. He left his wife, Marie, and three daughters, Mrs. Thomas A. Schultz (Patricia) of Gratis; Mrs. Rebecca Coate of Pleasant Hill and Mrs. Cynthia Alexander of Pleasant Hill. Funeral services were conducted at the First Brethren Church, Pleasant Hill, Ohio, with the undersigned and Rev. Cecil Bolton, Jr., in charge. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Rev. Thomas A. Schultz

Needed for
THE BRETHREN'S HOME

A two-row corn planter is needed very badly for the Brethren's Home farm, if you have one that can be used, contact Rev. Wm. Livingston, Superintendent of the home, Flora, Indiana.

Daily Devotions

General Theme for the Year: "FULFILLING THE TIME"
Theme for March — "BY HIS SPIRIT DWELLING IN YOU"

Writer for March — Dr. Harold Barnett

March 14 - 20 — "Leadership of the Spirit"

Sunday, March 14, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 10:19

The Macedonian vision of Paul dramatically teaches that God leads His children along. The sons of God are led by the Spirit of God. If we are "in the Spirit" we are sensitive to His leading. By Bible study and prayer God's Spirit instructs, illumines, impresses and motivates us in the direction of God's will for our lives and through our lives to others. Spirit-filled peoare going to be at Prayer Meeting and at the other services of their house of worship unless providentially hindered. They are going to witness to the unsaved. They are interested in home and world missions. They are good stewards of time, talents and possessions. This is an "either-or" proposition.

The spiritual needs of humanity are the basic needs and how desperate they are today! Like Paul, let us follow God's leading by the "vision" the Holy Ghost imparts to us through the Bible.

The Day's Thought

Only when God's Spirit leads do we make any progress.

Monday, March 15, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 13:2

God's people were waiting upon the Lord and the Spirit commanded them to separate Barnabas and Saul for the work of missions. First, they were worshipping, waiting, praying and fasting before the Lord in order to know His will. Are we doing this? Are we listening? Are we where God answers prayers? Are we REALLY praying? Each of us is to be a missionary, a minister and a witness for God—all the time, everywhere! Each of us MUST be separated unto God and from the world of carnality and sin. Here is another "either-or" proposition. God's Spirit *only* anoints and approves of those who are separated from sin and led of the Spirit. Only such people should be in the positions of leadership of others! Surely we must all agree to this.

The Day's Thought

God has separated us *from* the world in order that by means of us the Gospel of salvation might be proclaimed *to* the world!

Tuesday, March 16, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 16:6

The Holy Ghost certainly speaks to us in definite terms within our souls. We KNOW He is leading a specific way. We cannot always explain it to others unless they, too, have had a similar experience. The Spirit of God just as definitely tells us NOT to go or do as He tells us to go and do. The negative commands of God express His positive will.

When there was sin in the camp of the Israelites following the fall of Jericho it was useless for the army to go against tiny Ai because God was not with them. They were miserably defeated! What they should have been doing was ridding themselves of the sin against God and repenting—not further battle. Ultimate victory is only to those who attain it God's way.

The Day's Thought

When God's Spirit leads us He may tell us "no" as well as "yes."

Wednesday, March 17, 1965

Read Scripture: Romans 8:14

The Spirit of God leads us who are sons of God. If He is not leading us and if we are not following His leading, we are therefore not sons of God. We may call ourselves "Christians," but if we are not following the Spirit's leading the name does not apply to us. "Be not deceived, God is not mocked . . ." Where do you think God's Spirit would ordinarily lead you at worship or Prayer Meeting? Do you think He would lead you NOT to read your Bible, pray, witness, give, etc.? WHO is leading us anyway? The Holy Spirit or the spirit of spirits of demons and devils?

The Spirit leads us the way of the cross which Christ traveled. It is the way of self-denial and cross-bearing. It is the way of duty and responsibility made glorious by love, joy, peace, happiness and all that it means to be "led by the Spirit."

The Day's Thought

All men follow something or someone, but as for me I will follow the leading of the Holy Spirit of God.

Thursday, March 18, 1965

Read Scripture: John 6:63

Man can accomplish nothing in the way of eternal "profit" in the flesh. Our natural flesh must at death return to the earth if Christ tarries. If Christ comes this flesh still must be changed since it, and we in it, cannot inherit eternal life. The body has no lasting reality or value. It is the Spirit of God dwelling within us that gives our spiritual soul and being everlasting life.

We are saved by faith in the Son of God through the agency of the Holy Spirit. Faith comes from God when we hear and believe the Bible, also through the Holy Spirit's agency. The words of the Gospel are words of "spirit, and they are life."

The Day's Thought

Our interest and emphasis should always be upon the spiritual things of God and not upon the fleshly things of man.

Friday, March 19, 1965

Read Scripture: Romans 8:12

We owe nothing to the flesh. We live according to God's love, mercy and grace. He has made us and redeemed us. His Spirit fills, empowers and leads us. Our flesh must die or be changed. Only the things of the Spirit live on. Therefore, we should not always be so concerned about preserving the flesh. It is shameful the way some clothe, feed, adorn, pamper and show the flesh. Their wants, "joys" and thrills are all centered in the flesh. They are so concerned about the flesh that will rot, but give little

attention and care to their never-dying souls!

We owe God everything, but nothing to the Devil or sinful flesh. We owe all men the Gospel and "constraining love" to the end that they might be saved. All medical, educational and food ministries to the needy by the church must keep the spiritual uppermost!

The Day's Thought

The Holy Spirit leads us in a spiritual ministry in a physical and material world cursed by sin whose basic ailment is separation from God.

Saturday, March 20, 1965

Read Scripture: II Cor. 3:6

The only way to live spiritually and to be approved of God is to have the Holy Spirit living within. Salvation is a personal experience whereby all things become new. You cannot be educated into it, you cannot think and reason your way in, you can't be good enough, obey enough laws nor in any way earn your salvation. It is a gift of God through Christ, which is wrought in the heart and life by the Spirit of God. He is fire, power, light, and heat. The "letter" of the law, works of righteousness, being good "moral" citizens, etc., will not suffice.

We only receive life by the Spirit and He is the only one who makes us "able ministers of the New Testament . . ." which is founded in the blood of the Lamb of God. All the "letter" of the law can do is to say we are "guilty" before God since no one can obey God's law in the flesh and by the will of man only. The Holy Spirit makes all the difference.

The Day's Thought

"Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom; lead Thou me on."

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from St. Luke

Memory Scripture for the month — Luke 19:10

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

March 14 - 20

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 5:27-32

Linda Wonders

"Is something wrong, Linda?" asked Mom. "You don't seem as cheerful as usual this morning."

"Jane Owens said she would go to church with me this morning," replied Linda.

"That should make you very happy," Mom said. "You've been trying for a long time to get Jane to go to church with you."

"I am glad," answered Linda, "but I'm wondering what the other girls will say when they see me with her. You know she cheats at school and lies to her parents. She doesn't have many friends because of the way she talks and acts. What will the other girls think when they see me with her?"

"Jesus ate dinner with a man," reminded Mom, "who didn't have many friends. People didn't like the way he acted. They thought it was strange Jesus would go to his house. Jesus told them He came to tell the sinners of God. He was a friend to this man. Soon the man was one of Jesus' close followers."

"Jesus wants me to be a friend to Jane. Doesn't He?" asked Linda.

"Yes," replied Mom. "He doesn't want you to talk like her or to do the things she does. He wants you to speak kindly to her, to take her to church, and to help her learn of Him."

"I'm glad Jane's going with me this morning," smiled Linda. "I'm sure the other girls will be friendly to her, too."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, show me ways to help others to learn of You. May I be willing to invite anyone who does not know You to go to church with me. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 6:27-31

The Marble Game

Gary and Jack were playing marbles. Gary took careful aim with his shooter and sent it rolling into the circle. The last of Jack's marbles went out. Gary picked it up as the other boys shouted, "Gary's the winner! Good for you, Gary!"

Gary smiled. "Thanks, fellows."

Then he turned to Jack. "It was fun playing with you. You're a good sport."

Gary opened his marble bag and took out a handful of marbles. "Here, Jack," he said. "I want you to have these."

"Thanks," grinned Jack. "It was fun playing with you, too."

Just then the school bell rang. As the boys hurried to get in line Ricky asked, "Why did you give Jack all those marbles? You won."

"Did you see Jack's bag of marbles?" wondered Gary. "He didn't have many left. He's lost to so many of the fellows his marbles are almost gone. If I lost that many I would be glad if someone shared with me."

By then the boys were inside the school. They pulled off their caps and walked silently to their classroom.

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to think of how others feel. Help me to treat them as I would like for them to treat me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 6:35-38

Do Good

"Hi, Mom," called Gary as he dropped his books on the desk. "Mrs. Wilson is trying to rake her lawn. I'm going to help her."

"Hi," said Linda. "I'm going, too."

"Fine," said Mom.

"Me, too," said Betsy. "Me help, too."

"No," laughed Mom. "Not this time. Gary and Linda can do better without your help."

"That's for sure!" laughed Gary.

Betsy looked so sad Mommy told her, "Get your sweater, Betsy. We'll take a little walk."

Later, when the family was eating supper, Gary said, "It was fun helping Mrs. Wilson."

"That's because you were following Jesus' teachings," said Dad. "He tells us to be happy we can do good to others. He said we should give to others. You children gave your playtime to help Mrs. Wilson. It was fun because you were doing what Jesus wanted you to do."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank You for my hands and feet. Show me ways to use them to help others. May I try every day to follow You and to do good. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 6:46-49

The House

Betsy was playing in her sand box when Linda and Gary came home from school.

"House! See house!" she called pointing to a pile of sand in the box.

"That's a nice house," said Gary. "Shall I make a door and a sidewalk for you?"

"And I'll make some windows," said Linda.

The children added these improvements to the house. As they were looking at it a playful wind came along and blew it down.

"Oh!" said Betsy. "House all gone."

"Yes," laughed Gary. "We're like the foolish man in the Bible. We built our house on the sand. We didn't have a foundation under it."

"I like that story," said Linda. "It means Jesus should be the foundation for our lives. Then we'll be strong even when trouble comes."

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for the stories You told. Help me to understand them better. Help me to make You the foundation for my life. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 7:2-10

He Will Help

The children were playing in the yard. Queenie came limping to Gary. She looked up at him and whined.

"What's wrong, Queenie?" he asked as he knelt beside her.

The dog laid her paw in his lap. Then Gary saw it had a splinter in it.

"Wait right here," he told her.

Gary went into the house. Soon he came back with the tweezers and a small bottle. Queenie whined when Gary took her paw, but she sat very still. Gary took hold of the splinter with the tweezers and gently pulled it out. Then he sprayed some of the medicine from the bottle on it.

"There," he said. "That will keep the germs out of your sore." He patted the dog's head. "You'll soon feel better."

Queenie whined her thanks and then curled up in the sunshine to look at her sore paw.

Queenie knew Gary loved her and would help her. That's why she took her sore paw to him.

The man in the Bible story knew Jesus could help. That's why he sent messengers to Him.

Do you know Jesus can help you? Do you take all your problems to Him?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, may my faith be great. May I know You will always help me if I bring my problems to You. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 7:11-15

No Longer Dead

Gary and his friends were playing cowboys and Indians. "I got you," shouted one boy. "You're dead!"

Gary fell to the ground. Queenie came over and sniffed him. Then she licked his face.

"Oh, Queenie," laughed Gary rolling over, "I'm not really hurt."

Soon he was up and running with the other boys again.

From time to time another boy would fall to the ground. In a short time, he, too, would be up and running.

The boys were playing. If they had really been dead Queenie could not have made them roll over by licking their faces. They could not have gotten up and played again.

The boy in our Bible story was really dead. They were having his funeral. Jesus touched him and he sat up. Only Jesus could bring the dead back to life. Jesus is God's Son.

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to understand and to believe the Bible stories. Help me to know Jesus is Your Son. In His name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 8:22-25

The Storm

It was storming when Gary got up. The lightning flashed. The thunder rumbled loudly. The wind blew so hard there were small limbs from the trees all over the yard. And the rain! Gary had never seen it come down so fast before.

"Oh, no!" he exclaimed. "Grandpa was going to take us fishing today."

"We can't even go outside in this storm," said Linda as she came to the window beside her brother. "I wouldn't want to be in a boat!"

"I know some people who were in a boat in a bad storm like this," said Dad as he joined the children.

"Didn't their boat upset? Weren't they afraid?" wondered Gary.

"Most of them were afraid," answered Dad. "No, their boat didn't upset because the other person was Jesus."

"Oh, I remember that story," laughed Linda. "He spoke to the wind and the rain and the storm stopped."

"That's because He's God's Son," added Gary. "Let's think of something good we can play in the house until this storm stops."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the sunshine and the rain. I know even the storms are needful. Help me not to be afraid but to know You plan all things for the best. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

The UNCROWNED PRINCE

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

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THE PROMISE God made to David that "Thy house and thy kingdom shall be made sure forever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever," necessitates an unbroken line of royal Seed forever. In the paper THE PROCESSION OF THE ROYAL SEED, the line was traced from David to Jesus the son of Mary according to the flesh, but the heir of Joseph according to the law of heredity. Joseph, the carpenter of Nazareth, was under the curse which for fourteen generations had been invoked upon the seed of Jechoniah (Jer. 22:24-30; Matt. 1:12-17). No son of his flesh could ever sit on David's throne. The entire blood line from Joseph back to Solomon was rejected, and another son of David, the next older than Solomon was selected. His name was Nathan. Luke in his Gospel enumerates the Nathan line to Mary (Luke 3:23-31). But the line of Nathan did not carry the throne rights, only the blood stream of David. Jehovah had chosen the legal line before Solomon was born (I Chron. 22:9-10), and the choice reposed in him and his seed forever. As Jehovah had chosen Solomon from among the sons of David to inherit the throne, so He chose Jesus the adopted son of Joseph, the Incarnate Son of Mary over the other sons of Joseph. When the miraculous conception of Jesus was announced to Mary, the messenger of God said to her, "And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his Kingdom there shall be no end." Note Gabriel did not say "rule over the house of Judah," but "over the house of Jacob." When Jesus the Christ becomes King, He will rule over the reunited Israel, as Ezekiel spake the word of Jehovah, "Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, whither they are gone, and I will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: and I will make them one nation in the land, upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all; and they shall no more be two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all . . . And my servant David shall be King over them."

Jesus grew to manhood at Nazareth. When He was ready for His work, the prophesied herald proclaimed Him. John the Baptist quoted his credentials as the "forerunner" from Isaiah (40:3), and his message was "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." The Kingdom was at hand because the Prince of Israel was present, ready to offer Himself as King. When he heard that John was imprisoned for his ministry, Jesus took up the cry, *Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand* (Matt. 4:17). He was ready. He began to declare Himself. In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus stood up and read His credentials from Isaiah 61, *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord* (Luke 4:18, 19). He immediately followed the declaration of Himself by demonstrating His mission *healing all manner of disease, and all manner of sickness among the people* (Matt. 4:23, 24). He gathered His disciples about Him on the mountain and "taught them" the principles of His Kingdom (Matt. 5—7). He must now demonstrate His Princely claim through miracle working.

The first message the Prince must deliver was to the priests, the spiritual representatives of the people. A leper came and worshiped Him saying, "Lord if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." The leper was typical of Israel and his leprosy a type of Israel's sin. If Israel would accept Him and turn to Him seeking healing, Jesus was ready to stretch forth His hand and heal her. Said Jesus to the cleansed leper, quoting from Leviticus 13:49, "Go show thyself to the priest." That should have been evidence enough if the priests had not been blind.

Then Jesus, according to Matthew 8:16, 17, fulfilled another prophecy in casting out demons and healing the sick. In the healing of the "sick of the palsy" (Matt. 9:2-6), typifying palsied Israel, Jesus forgave his sins; and in raising the ruler's daughter (9:18-25) proclaimed that He could awaken sleeping Israel. But Israel would have none of Him. Opposition grew stronger with every demonstration of His claim. And when He had declared Himself as greater than the temple (Matt. 12:1-8); and showed that He was the Lord of the Sabbath in the synagogue (9-13), the rulers repected Him and "took counsel how they might destroy him." The venom of the Pharisees was so great that they charged Him with being in league with "Beelzebub the prince of demons" (12:22-37). Jesus' final reply was His challenge to them of blasphemy against the Spirit because it was by the Spirit that Jesus cast out demons (v. 28, 31, 32).

Although the formal rejection of the Prince did not occur until the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday, Jesus knew that in the hearts of the rulers of the Jews, His rejection was final.

The Prince of Israel as the Son of God and familiar with the precarnate plan must now turn to the next phase of His ministry. He had known all along that Israel would reject Him as their Prince. The counsels

of the Holy Trinity had made provision for each step in the consummation of the plan of the ages. The rejection by Israel in no way changed the status of the Prince. God had made Him a "Prince and a Savior" (Acts 5:31) and Peter declared Him "the Prince of Life" (Acts 3:15).

From the human point of view, all would be hopeless if the Prince from heaven was rejected. Not so with God. His plan will triumph. The *business* of the Kingdom of the heavens must carry on. The Prince must prepare His disciples for the work, and He began at once. He gave them the principles and blessings of His Kingdom in the so-called sermon on the mount. He must now invest the time until Calvary training the little band to assume the responsibility; for He must leave the *affairs of His Kingdom* in the hands of men. What a task to get them ready. The disciples were steeped in the traditions of the Judaism of their day. "O slow of heart to believe" said He to them.

As the Lord, the Prince, knew that the Jews would reject Him as their King, He also knew that His Kingdom affairs in the hands of men would soon be in a sorry mess. But since Israel had rejected Him, He turned His back on Israel.

In the prophetic teaching of the Bible, the land or the house always refers to Israel and the sea refers to the nations of the Gentiles. The twelfth chapter of Matthew records the rejection of the Kingdom of Israel. The thirteenth chapter sets forth what would occur in the Kingdom affairs in man's hand. The thirteenth chapter is definitely therefore prophetic. Note its very first verse. "On that day went Jesus out of the house and sat by the seaside." He turned away from Israel and set His face toward the nations of the world. The plan of God had taken into consideration all of the developments.

In the economy of God "all of the nations are to be blessed through Israel." God promised it to Abraham and his seed (Gen. 22:18). Israel is the seed of Abraham. Paul gave emphasis in Galatians 3:8, *And the Scriptures, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all the nations be blessed.* God was ready for Israel to be a blessing to all nations when Jesus offered Himself as King. Israel's acceptance would have ushered in the golden age, and as God's chosen people the gracious ministry would have begun. But God couldn't wait on Israel. He must be a blessing to the nations without Israel. Jesus pronounced the sentence. Said He, "Because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation (Luke 19:44), "behold your house is left unto you desolate."

Israel was set aside. The Gentiles must have an opportunity. Paul explained it to the Romans (Ch. 11), that a "hardening in part hath befallen Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." However, Israel does not end there. Paul further said that "by their fall, salvation is come unto the Gentiles." He likened Israel to branches being broken off of the favorite tree, that the Gentiles might be grafted in, but he hastened to explain, "if they continue not in their unbelief, they shall be grafted in again . . . and so all Israel shall be saved." Yea, Israel's house was left unto her desolate, but one day she shall "look upon him whom they pierced" and own Him as her Prince. Then the nations of the world will be blessed through Israel when Christendom reaches its final failure.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

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Lesson for March 14, 1965

INHERITORS OF THE KINGDOM

Text: Matthew 21:28-31; 22:1-14

Intention Versus Actions

The intent of this parable is to remind the hearers that good intentions and right words are no substitute for action. Some people talk a good religion while others live it. **Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin** (James 4:17). cf. 2:22, 24.

What an insult this parable is to the socialites; the "better than thou" church members who have a distaste for the exceptionally wicked "low class."

Response to the Invitation—Matt. 22:1-14

This parable is one showing the rejection of Israel (and other self-righteous people) by God and the acceptance of "whosoever believeth."

22:3—The invitation to official Israel to come and receive salvation in Jesus Christ, signified by the wedding feast, was flatly rejected by the ruling class of Israel before the crucifixion occurred.

22:4-6—From the cross to the destruction of Jerusalem, about the year 70 A. D., Christians went into the world to invite the Jews a second time, but the servants only met persecution.

22:7—Since the Jews were hardened against Jesus Christ, God sent forth His Roman armies under Titus to destroy these people and their city Jerusalem. This burning of Jerusalem is but an example of the judgment that will befall everyone who hardens himself against Jesus.

22:8-10—Every soul in the world is being invited to Jesus. It is not the business of the servants to judge the people who are responding to the invitation. Let all come who will.

22:11-13—Each guest is to wear a robe of righteousness provided by the King. (Such wedding garments were customarily provided by the very wealthy of this part of the East.) This righteousness is only that which is in Christ. A man attempts to share in the feast but flatly and purposely refuses to wear the garment provided. He thinks his own good enough. This is an insult to the King. Such self-righteous persons MUST be thrown out of the Kingdom.



Brethren Youth Crusaders

PARTY LINE TO . . .

. . . VINCO, PA.

Our advisors this year are Duane and Barbara Metzger and our officers are:

President—Nancy Bates
Vice President—Diane Gillespie
Treasurer—Donna McDowell
Ass't. Treasurer—John Bobenage
Secretary—Debbie Cobaugh
Ass't. Secretary—Audrey Coleman.

Since our project this year is raising money for Derby, Kansas, we had our assistant treasurer fix up a regular "derby hat" for the purpose of obtaining money. On the third Sunday of each month we set this hat in the rear of the church so that anyone wishing to contribute may do so.

This year we have been planning our meetings several months in advance. Some of the programs have been given by the officers and other members of the youth group. We have also seen several filmstrip series. One which was of great interest to all included dating, going steady and choosing friends.

Plans are being made to have a bowling party, taffy pull and many other interesting, fun-filled activities.

—Debbie Cobaugh, secretary

. . . PLEASANT HILL, OHIO

We missed several meetings during the past three months because of union services in town, the Christmas program, bad weather and the Youth Rally but we have tried to study at home so as not to get behind in our study of Acts. One evening we attended worship services as a group to hear a representative of the Bible Meditation League.

The outstanding social event for we juniors was our Watch Night Service. Plans were made by the officers and our advisors worked out the games. After refreshments we went to the sanctuary for a worship and candlelighting service with meditations by Betsy Kraus, Sherry Gardner, David Gilbert and Clara Bolton. At midnight we each rang the church bell.

A church birthday party was planned also to help with our project offering.

—Sarah Bryant, secretary

. . . LANARK, ILL.

The Lanark Senior BYC started the year off with a paper drive which was very successful. At our first meeting we elected officers which are as follows:

President—Marv Noser
Vice President—Steve Guenzler
Secretary—Sharon Downs
Treasurer—Ron Witt
Reporter—Greg Sisler
Public Relations Chairman—Joanne Iske
Sponsors—Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Witt

It was decided we would use Scripture Press Training Hour material at our meetings this year which would be held on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p. m.

At one of our meetings we invited two of our high school teachers to talk and answer questions on "Why Study?" And believe, teachers can talk! We know because our meeting was not one hour but two hours long. We hope to do this again for we had very good discussions.

For projects, we had a car wash on October 31 and a pumpkin pie sale on November 25. On October 24 we had a hayride with guests and on November 14 our group got together and played games at one of the member's home. On December 20 our Junior and Senior BYC groups went caroling at the Shannon Nursing Home. We put on a program for the residents there.

On October 4 both BYC groups and the church peopel saw a movie entitled "The Big Blast." One Sunday evening we invited the youth group from the Church of the Brethren to view the movie "Teenage Rock" which we all enjoyed.

At our meetings with an average of 12 we have studied the book of Acts and are hoping to reach our goals.

—Sharon Downs, secretary

. . . NEW LEBANON, OHIO

Our first Senior meeting was held on October 11, 1964. Officers were elected as follows:

President—Jim Eck
Vice President—Bev Rohrer
Secretary-Treasurer—Judy Novak
Sponsors—Mr. and Mrs. Don Rusk

On November 14 we had a hayride and a party afterwards. Several guests attended.

"fill the DERBY hat" — $10,000

The BYC of West Alexandria attended our meeting on November 28. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

On December 12 we went caroling at the Veterans' Administration Center in Dayton. Then we went bowling and returned to the church for pizzas.

January 10, 1965, we had 28 members and 7 adults from all groups attending the youth rally at the Hillcrest Brethren Church in Dayton.

—Judy Novak, secretary

. . . WABASH, IND.

We had a Christmas party on December 26. We enjoyed playing games, had a box lunch and gift exchange. We shelled popcorn that we had picked up earlier. We are going to sell it to the members of the church and they are going to send it to Riverside, Kentucky.

We went to the S. District Youth Rally on January 24 at Roann, Indiana.

We elected officers last August and they took office in October:

President—Jane Krom
Vice President—Sue Hartong
Secretary—Rosalie Behrends
Ass't. Secretary—Sharon Eckerley
Treasurer—David Behrends
Songleader—Beth Hartong
Ass't. Songleader—Judy Carrothers
Pianist—Sue Hartong
Sponsors—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Swope.

We have been studying Acts. We also joined the Ten Dollar Club.

We are divided into two teams. Each team puts all their pennies in two different gallon jugs. The losing team has to treat the winners. The money will be used for the National Youth Project.

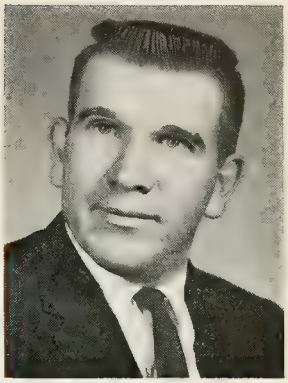
For the last three months we have had a Sunday evening service a month. November 29 we used "Home Missions" as our subject. December 27 we gave a Christmas program and on January 10 we had a film on "Stewardship."

—Rosalie Behrends, secretary

SPOTLIGHT ON SCRIPTURE

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PROJECT PATTER



Opportunities for the growth of the Derby church are continuing. The Derby school enrollment has increased 500 since the 1963-64 year and 200 since September. Many homes continue to be built immediately to the east of the church property. Economists are predicting growth for the Wichita-Derby area over the next several years.

The Derby youth continue to be active for the Lord. Prior to Christmas the group visited a nearby nursing home and sang carols. Beverly Summy visited the church on January 24 and taught the youth classes.

The Derby Brethren are making preparations for anticipated growth. Church building plans are anticipated shortly from the architect. A leadership training class entitled "Sunday School Organization" is in progress at this writing. It should help prepare the Sunday School for growth in attendance, Bible teaching and evangelistic outreach.

The prayer support of every Brethren is needed and appreciated for the Lord's work at Derby. Pray for the speedy erection of a church building to meet the needs of this fast growing area. Pray that the church building will make it possible to reach more souls for Christ.

—Pastor M. W. Dodds

(Note: Your Acting Youth Director saw firsthand the great need for a church building at Derby. It is difficult to draw people into a house rather than a church. And imagine how it would be to have 40-60 people come into your house every Sunday and during the week for meetings. Let's continue to work hard for Derby!)

Answer to last week's
Spotlight on Scripture . . .
REVELATION 3:20, 21



A STUDENT ASKS:

"Is there a FUTURE in the Brethren Church for me?"

A DEDICATED Brethren student asked this serious question. He was truly seeking where his life could count most for the work of Christ's Kingdom. He was taking his faith seriously and wanted an honest answer from his church.

One strong affirmative answer to this good question is the Seminary Development Program. Adequate Seminary facilities "speak" to Brethren youth of the church's deep concern for the preaching of the Gospel. A strong Seminary program assures the serious Christian that there is a future in and for the Brethren Church.

Recruitment requires adequate Seminary facilities. "Called" men and women will respond more promptly when they see the working faith of the church providing a good place of preparation for their life work. Following is a report of the church's commitment to the Seminary Development Program to date. We give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for this good report. We can praise God for the many wonderful Brethren people who have entered into this essential program. Enough praise cannot be given for both Brethren Churches and pastors who are committed to the training of ministers and missionaries.

Church	Cash and/or Verbal Commitments	Commitments and/or Anticipated
Ashland (Park St.)	$3,790 (First Year)	$ 6,000
Akron	$ 50	$ 1,450
Ardmore	$ 616	$ 1,348
Berlin	$ 800	$ 1,600
Bethlehem		$ 1,000
Brighton Chapel	$ 600	
Bryan	$4,000	
Burlington	$2,000	
Canton	$1,050	
Carleton	$ 145	
Center Chapel	$ 500	
College Corner	$1,500	
Corinth	$1,500	
County Line	$1,000	
Cumberland		$ 900
Dayton	$6,000	
Denver	$ 900	
Dutchtown	$ 24	
Elkhart	$6,000	
Elkhart (Winding Waters)	$ 94.20 (1 quarter)	30% of Benevolent Budget
Falls City		$ 1,200
Flora	$1,500	
Glenford	$ 25	
Goshen	$9,000	
Gratis	$2,100	
Gretna	$1,000	
Hagerstown	$ 875 (First Year)	$ 4,000
Highland	$ 600	
Johnstown II	$2,100	
Johnstown III	$ 300	
Lanark	$3,000	
Loree	$1,200	
Louisville	$2,000	
Mansfield	6% of Benevolent Budget	
Manteca	$ 75	
Masontown	$ 900	
Maurertown	$ 135	$ 1,365
Mexico	$ 600	
Meyersdale	$ 500	
Milford	$1,800	
Milledgeville	$5,000	
Mt. Olive		$ 2,500
Nappanee	$4,500	
New Lebanon	$6,000	
New Paris	$1,500	
Newark	3% of Benevolent Budget	
North Georgetown		$ 500
North Liberty	$1,500	
North Manchester	$4,050	
Oakville	$2,000	
Pleasant Hill		$ 4,500
Pittsburgh	$ 55	$ 445
Roann	$3,000	
St. James	$ 118.49	
Smithville	$6,000	
South Bend	$6,000	
Tiosa	$1,000	
Tucson		$ 600
Vandergrift	$1,500	
Warsaw	$2,100	
Washington	$3,000	
Waterloo	$2,695	
Waynesboro	$1,500	
West Alexandria	$1,500	
Seminary Faculty	$4,000	

Brethren Pastors and Students	$ 817	
Virick Estate	$4,016.79	
Board Members	$1,250	
Special Gifts	$1,767	
GRAND TOTAL		$150,556.48

Most of these are three year commitments.

This wonderful response of approximately $150,000.00 is the expression of a living faith of many dedicated Christians. The final object of this program is the training of Christian ministers and missionaries in the Word of God.



Seminary Chapel is in session in the above photo with Dr. Harold Ockenga as the guest speaker. Dr. Ockenga is the pastor of the famous Park Street Church *in Boston. He was the first president of the* Fuller Theological Seminary, *Pasadena, California. He was one of the founders of the* National Association of Evangelicals.

RECRUITMENT, A function of the Church

Recruitment of candidates for the ministry is a perpetual responsibility of the church. Granted that the form of the modern ministry is quite other than that appropriate to the first century, the mandate of our Lord to pray that "The Lord of the harvest (will) send forth laborers into his harvest" is a never-ending challenge. Protestantism has rightly resisted clericalism and opposed the view that the church is the clergy, with the laymen participating in it only through them. The ministry, nevertheless, is God's gift to His Church; and it is not likely that the Church would be an effective instrument in the world apart from the labor of those who are set aside for the special tasks of preaching the Word, administering the rites, and shepherding the people.

Where does responsibility for recruitment lie? Some feel that it is the sole responsibility of the Holy Spirit to call men into the ministry. Although there have been exceptions to the rule in the history of the Church, usually the Church—although it is aware that only the Holy Spirit converts men to the Christian faith—yet seeks to become the instrument of the Holy Spirit in confronting men with the Gospel. Likewise, **the Church has usually sought to be the agent through which the Holy Spirit works in confronting men with the call to special forms of service.** In fact, there have been times when the Church took a very active role in calling men into the ministry when even the men themselves were not subjectively aware of a call. **The Holy Spirit speaks not only to individuals but to the community of faith.** And it is quite possible that He often speaks to individuals through the Church, rather than speaking directly to them apart from the Church.

Recruitment, then, is a function of the Church. But where in the Church should the major responsibility for this rest? The seminaries are working hard at the task. It is quite likely, however, that the most effective point of effort in this matter is the local church. **At least, the statisticians indicate that churches which are at work on the problem send a sizeable number of youth into the ministry, whereas a large percentage of the churches send none.** They also indicate that if each local church should produce one candidate for the ministry once every twenty years, the total number would be adequate to the church's needs. Is it too much to expect that a congregation which commands the services of a minister constantly should send one young person into the ministry once in twenty years?

The agencies of the Church will continue their efforts at recruitment. We should like to lay it on the hearts of all pastors, Sunday school teachers, Deacons, and parents however, to give special attention to this task in the local congregation.

CONTRACT SIGNED . . . BUILDING BEGINS

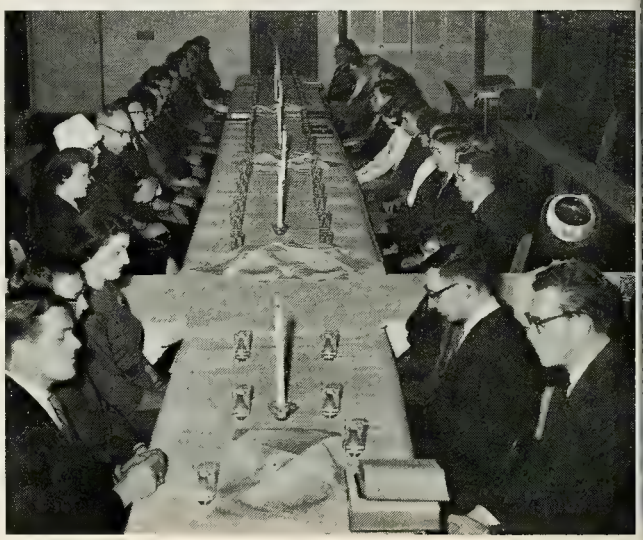
THE GENERAL contract for the building of the Seminary has been signed. Building will begin immediately in order to assure completion by September 1, 1965. Exactly what all is included in this building program?

(1) Seminary library, capacity 50,000 volumes.
(2) Seminary Chapel, completely furnished with chancel, baptistry, pews, etc., for the complete training of Brethren ministers.
(3) Three new classrooms.
(4) Renovation of existing building; new fireproof stairway, new fire wall, wider hallways, professors offices, administration offices, redecorating and refurnishing.
(5) Student study carels, 50.
(6) Brethren archives room.
(7) Parking lot, city code requirement.

The cost of phase one of the Seminary Development Program will be approximately **$200,000. Thus $50,000 is still needed to underwrite the program.** How do we propose to raise the additional money?

(1) We trust that the few churches who have not yet entered into the program will soon do so.
(2) We believe that many churches will be willing to continue their giving beyond the three year campaign for the successful completion of the program.
(3) There are also many individuals who have expressed their interest in the Seminary.

We believe that these combined sources will underwrite the total cost. **The Brethren Church and Ashland Theological Seminary have a sacred relationship, a trust one with the other.**



This is a photo of a communion service conducted by the Seminary for Seminary students and Faculty members.

We Need . . .

. . . During the past quarter century the world population increased 1,000,000,000; the United States 50,000,000. During the same period of time, the increase of Christian Ministers was nil!!

. . . In relation to world population, the Christian Faith is decreasing daily!

. . . At this time there are approximately ten Brethren Churches who need a full-time minister!!

. . . There is a pressing need for new Brethren Churches in many areas, NOW.

Seminary Scholarships essential for Ministerial Recruitment —

GOD OFTEN calls to the Gospel ministry students with good standing and spiritual depth who lack only financial funds for preparation. The high cost of living for Seminary students is the same as any other person. The actual cost of training is significantly more than **one** can afford. Churches, friends, and church auxiliaries must provide scholarships for deserving students.

We give thanks and praise to Laymen, W.M.S. and churches who are **now** giving Seminary scholarships. The South Bend Brethren Church voted to enact a Ministerial Scholarship Memorial Fund in place of excessive flowers at funerals!! What a wonderful expression of Christian love and grace!! From all sources a total of approximately $8,000 will be given to pre-seminary and seminary students this year.

A New Seminary Scholarship —

The principal sum of $10,000 in memory of J. D. Gilbert and Harriet Flora Gilbert, was bequested recently by Edna F. Voge of Ashtabula, Ohio, for the "assistance of theological students."

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

CHRIST'S JUDGMENT OF CHRISTIANS

When I stand at the judgment seat of Christ,
And He shows me His plan for me,
The plan of my life as it might have been,
Had He had His way and I see—
How I blocked Him here and checked Him there;
And I would not yield my will—
Will there be grief in my Saviour's eyes—
Grief, though He loves me still?
He would have me rich, and I stand there poor,
Stripped of all but His grace,
While memory runs like a hunted thing
Down the paths I cannot retrace.
When my desolate heart will well nigh break
With tears that I cannot shed,
I shall cover my face with my empty hands,
I shall there bow my uncrowned head.

—Selected.

CHRIST'S COMING is the blessed hope for the children of God (Titus 2:13). All five chapters of I Thessalonians end with the Lord's coming for us, His own (I Thess. 1:10; 2:19, 20; 3:13; 4:17; 5:23). The judgment of the believer's stewardship of life and works will take place after the return of Christ for His saints (Rev. 22:12; II Tim. 4:8; I Cor. 4:5). It will take place after the resurrection and the rapture of the saints (I Thess. 4:16, 17). Every Christian will have to give an accounting (Rom. 14:10-12). The quality of our works will be tested (I Cor. 3:11-15). We shall be judged as to our faithfulness in the use of the talents entrusted to us (II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25:14-30).

The rewards given at the judgment seat of Christ are spoken of in the Scriptures as a prize (I Cor. 9:24) and as crowns (I Cor. 9:25). There is the soul-winner's crown; the crown of rejoicing (I Thess. 2:19). The martyr's crown is the crown of life (Rev. 2:10; James 1:12). The Christian worker's crown is the crown of glory (I Peter 5:4). All who love Christ's appearing will receive the crown of righteousness (II Tim. 4:7, 8). There is the incorruptible crown (I Cor. 9:25), like the incorruptible inheritance that fades not away (I Peter 1:4).

To avoid chastening and loss in Christ's judgment of us, we should constantly judge ourselves (I Cor. 11:31). We should examine ourselves (II Cor. 13:5). We are to labor willingly (I Cor. 9:16, 17). The pretenders receive their reward here but not hereafter (Matt. 6:1, 2, 5). The motive for what we do must be love or our works are dead (I Cor. 13:1-3). All our words and works are to be made in the name of the Lord Jesus (Col. 3:17) and to the glory of God (Matt. 5:16).

"Lord, of the years that are left to me
I give them to Thy hand;
Take me and break me, mold me to
The pattern—Thou hast planned."

God loves to exalt the humble (Matt. 23:12; James 4:10). He blesses the humble (Luke 1:48, 52), the Marys at His feet (Luke 10:39, 42). We are to learn of Him for He is "meek and lowly" (Matt. 11:29). John the Baptist was but "a voice crying" (John 1:23). He was ready to decrease in order that Christ might increase (John 3:26-32). Read Christ's eulogy of John (John 5:35; Matt. 11:11). The greatest is servant of all (Matt. 23:11, 12).

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

TEACHING STEWARDSHIP TO CHILDREN

ONE OF THE GOALS of the **Standard of Excellence for Brethren Sunday Schools** requires "A Stewardship Committee or Director responsible for 12 monthly stewardship instruction programs in all departments."

For those who have the responsibility of teaching stewardship to children and are looking for material, the following booklets are suggested for your consideration: **Stewardship for Primary Children** by Mary Grace Martin (51 pages), and **Stewardship for Juniors** by Virginia S. Fisher (39 pages). These two booklets, prepared by the Church of the Brethren, are leaders' guides for teaching stewardship to children.

An introductory chapter in each of the books contains the aim of the book, preparations for teaching, suggested activities and other introductory information. This chapter is followed, in each case, by five chapters containing detailed planning for five stewardship sessions.

The stewardship sessions in the book for primaries include:

1. Who is a Good Steward?
2. A Good Steward and His Time
3. A Good Steward and His Possessions
4. A Good Steward and His Body
5. A Good Steward and His Skills

The material in each chapter includes Scripture references, suggested pictures and other visual aids, songs, a suggested procedure, and a story. While the material, as presented, is for a ninety-minute session, this could easily be divided to provide material for several shorter sessions.

The stewardship lessons in the junior book are similar to those for the primary age. The chapters are:

1. Learning About Stewardship
2. The Stewardship of Time
3. The Stewardship of Abilities
4. The Stewardship of Material Possessions
5. The Joyful Steward

These chapters include aims, possible procedures, activities, stories, and a suggested order of worship. While these chapters are somewhat briefer than those in the primary booklet, there is still ample material for use in a number of stewardship sessions. Another useful feature of this book, as well as the one for primaries, is the Appendix which lists other books and materials which are available to aid in the teaching of stewardship.

Both of these books present many good suggestions and much helpful material for teaching stewardship to children. For this reason we recommend them for your consideration and use.

These books may be obtained through the Brethren Publishing Company, 524 College Ave, Ashland, Ohio. Prices are as follows:

Stewardship for Primary Children by Mary Grace Martin—35¢ per copy

Stewardship for Juniors by Virginia S. Fisher—25¢ per copy

When ordering, please add 10 cents for postage and handling.

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

JESUS ASSURANCE OF THE FATHER'S PRESENCE

Behold, the hour cometh, yea is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me (John 16:32).

JESUS WAS ALWAYS thoughtful and tender in his concern for his disciples. He was not less so as He talked to them as He was facing the terrible agony of the cross. One marvels at the calmness and assurance of which He was possessed as He faced the terror of Golgotha.

A writer tells of a boyhood experience which brings the thought of our study very vividly to mind. The lad had been sent to bring the cattle home in the evening. On the homeward way he was caught in a violent storm. In the fierceness of the storm the lad became frightened and panicked, and in terror he cried for help. Here is the crux of the event. Before the boy fully sensed his danger and fear, the father's heart had understood the son's position and need of help and encouragement, and was hastening to meet him. The sight of the father hastening to meet him quieted the lad's fears, and his heart was glad because he was not alone in the storm.

Storms of loss, pain, disappointment, suffering, trial and separation will sometime engulf each of us in life. How our hearts fail us and quail within us as the storm roars about us. Is there anyone who knows and cares that we fear? Yes! There is one—our Heavenly Father. As an earthly father hastens to bring relief from fear to his child; so the Heavenly Father is ever at our side to still the storms of fear and doubt within.

Does Jesus care when my way is dark
With a nameless dread and fear?
As the daylight fades Into deep night shades,
Does He care enough to be near?
Oh yes, He cares—.

from the Woman's Outlook

Your National President Speaks . . .

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Goals Nos. 1, 2 and 3

MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

IN THE BOOK "The Art of Living," the author, Wilford Peterson says that "Personal efficiency is having a goal and mapping out a personal program of how to reach it." As I read this, it seemed only natural that I would apply this definition to our W.M.S. work. We have goals and I like to think each of us are mapping out a personal program on how to meet these goals. How about your personal efficiency? Do you have a plan whereby you are reaching our goals?

By efficient planning of our time we can accomplish many things. Yes, we might be a most effective person and map out excellent plans, YET, I believe we will do mostly the things our hearts prompt us to do. Let us take a look at our first three goals:

(1) This concerns our Bible reading and prayer. With twenty-four hours in each day, is there any reason WHY one cannot give time for reading of His Word and time to pray?

(2) This concerns writing to our missionaries. In ten months, or three hundred and three days, isn't it rather foolish to say we do not have time to write at least one letter to either a home or foreign missionary?

(3) This goal asks us to develop a Christian concern through monthly visits, telephone calls or cards. Surely within a period of thirty days, we can find time to make needed personal visits in our communities, or telephone calls, etc.

Yes, with efficient planning, to reach these goals would not be a problem as far as time is concerned. But I repeat, I believe we do the things our hearts prompt us to do. We must have a hunger for God's Word, a love for our missionaries and a truly Christian concern for the "shut-ins," the sick, the indifferent and the unchurched.

Stewardship is influenced or governed by the condition of our hearts. If we love the Lord and love doing His work, we will be good stewards of our time. Remember, Christian stewardship is the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of our time. Thus, we will proportion our time and the Lord will not be robbed of precious minutes that rightly belong to Him.

So if you have been indifferent about reaching the goals, search your heart and pray that your personal efficiency will be guided by Him. So many of our goals depend upon our personal response. Also, the goals tend to strengthen each of us spiritually and thus our local societies and churches become stronger and ultimately our denomination.

Another goal that depends upon your time is the reading of two books. Then there are some that pertain to the stewardship of our money. I trust you are faithfully remembering your Thank Offering Box, and your quarterly offerings to the Missionary Board.

Goal No. 6 asks that *The Brethren Evangelist* be in the home of 90% of Brethren W.M.S. members. I trust by now we have agreed that in comparison to what we spend for other things, $4.00 a year is not too much for *The Evangelist*. Had you ever thought of how many women spend more money at the Beauty Parlor in one month than the price of one year subscription to *The Evangelist*. I'm guilty, are you? So let us proportion the giving of our money too.

"A word to the wise . . ."

MANY of our church people are buying—and finding extremely useful—copies of *Our Church Guidebook*, by Reverend Albert Ronk.

This small book of 155 pages, written informally in easy-to-read style, can be as helpful to church members, officers, or pastors as a road map is to a tourist in strange territory. It suggests ways of achieving efficient church organization and methods of procedure.

We all realize that unplanned church activity can be as purposeless as whittling, doodling or chewing bubble gum; whereas, planning our work can produce meaningful results.

Order your copies now—for yourself, your officers, and your pastor—before the supply is exhausted. If you are too late, don't say we didn't warn you!

BRETHREN BOOK AND PAMPHLET COMMISSION
Ida Lindower

The Brethren Layman

Views and Comments

Floyd S. Benshoff

On "STAYING FOR CHURCH"

. . . March . . . Seminary and Ministerial recruitment month . . .

IT IS THE EXCEPTIONAL Brethren church whose records show a higher average attendance for the morning worship service than for Sunday school . . . Why?

A familiar expression from any well located choir room, as singers prepare to enter the sanctuary for the worship service is, "look at the grand exodus." Now the exodus part is in order, but what is so grand about it? Nothing. Unless there is a compelling reason to leave, it is an affront to God and an insult to the man of God who occupies the pulpit, to walk out.

This is not a new problem. Television didn't bring it about. Long before the golden-voiced preacher and the mellow baritone were occupying the TV screen at the eleven o'clock Sunday morning hour, men and women, boys and girls were streaming from the class rooms of our Sunday schools.

How do you figure a grown individual who is a Sunday school Christian? How can you label a person who never hears "his" pastor preach, but does expect, when he is cold in death, to have this same pastor say kind and loving words over his stilled form?

We refer to the Sunday morning 10:30 service in our Brethren churches as a "worship service." Of course we mean the worship of God. I believe our churches are manned by preachers who have a real desire to plan an atmosphere that is as worshipful as possible, and do. Most music is planned and presented to lend to the spirit of worship. Most custodians do their best to keep a comfortable room temperature. The externals have never been better cared for than today. But just as iron bars do not a prison make, so a nice building with proper temperature and soft music does not make a church worship service. Adding up to this, that, unless the Spirit of the Most High God is present, we meet in vain.

Billy Sunday once said, "I tell you, going to a church doesn't make a man a Christian any more than going to a garage makes him an automobile."

What shall we say then—every man for himself? Perhaps, when Sunday morning arrives, you and your wife feel you can worship in a state park two-hours drive away as well as with the church congregation you claim membership with. You may go to Sunday school, partly because your teacher extracted a promise from you to be there and partly because of the contest between the "reds" and the "blues," but stay for church—no; it would throw your picnic lunch late. Anyway, the preacher said something from the pulpit last time you were there that didn't set exactly right with you; besides, he hasn't visited in your home for nigh onto three months. Many people reason in such fashion.

Consider the case of the individual who, though active in Sunday school, has never heard "his" pastor preach. It seems something happened a long time ago, somebody said something or the church took some action, he doesn't remember what it was or who it was, but he was miffed then and he'll stay miffed. What a lonely attitude. It apparently doesn't matter to him that he is getting older each week and is nearer now to his day of accounting than ever before. His attitude seems to indicate that he thinks he can successfully "pass the buck" to his Maker.

The high privilege of worship is ignored at the peril of one's soul. Why would mortal man neglect such a means of grace?

Christianity is a personal matter. You and your God boil down to just two in the ultimate. Not all who stay for church, worship, but those who stay are following the admonition: "Do not forsake the assemblying of yourselves together."

The faithful to the church services are, to say the least, exposing themselves to the blessing God has promised His people. The worshipper is encouraged by the very presence of those of kindred minds. His highest moments can be found in a worship service as he joins in singing "Holy, Holy, Holy." He is akin, in spirit, with the beloved John on Patmos as his eyes beheld the wonders of things to come.

Young men, middle-aged men and even older men are being trained in our Seminaries over this land and the world for the purpose of leadership in services that are intended to lift men and women from the ordinary, mundane life, to the heavenly.

Laymen are just Christian men who never had, or didn't answer, the call to the ministry. This month, and every month, we should encourage men to answer the greatest call of all—the call to the Christian ministry. And then, after they've answered the call—support them in their pastorates. How long has it been, brother laymen, since you have given your pastor some definite indication that you're with him?

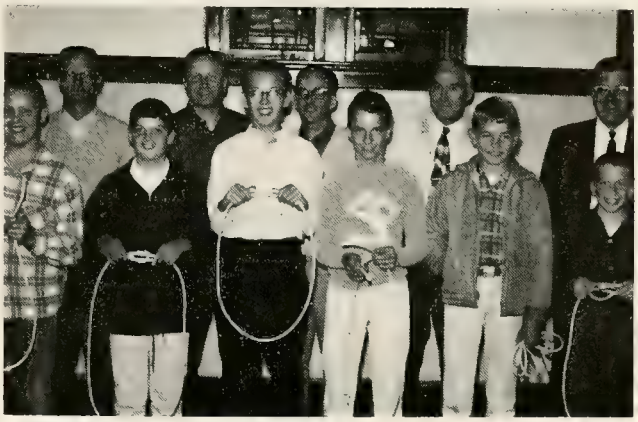
NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

ASHLAND — PARK STREET
Boys Organize

THE YEAR 1964-65 has seen a new organization within the Ashland-Park Street group. The Laymen of Ashland-Park Street have organized a combination Boys' Brotherhood and Boy Scout unit.

The photograph shows the boys, big and little, who answered roll call on the opening night. The group has doubled itself within the past weeks and more are expected soon. The "big" boys in the back row are, left to right, William Hubler, President of the Laymen; Paul Burley, Scoutmaster; Dorman Ronk, Committeeman; and Dick Keffer, Committeeman. On the extreme right, Frank Wylie, local Boy Scout Executive.

On Sunday, February 14, the boys attended church as the Boy Scout Unit 555, and were recognized on Boy Scout Sunday. On the same Sunday at the evening service, the boys, as the Boys' Brotherhood of the Park Street Brethren Church, sponsored the evening service as their Public Service for the year. The boys participated in the service, and Mr. Sam Richmond was their speaker.



ASHLAND, OHIO
(Garber)

THE GARBER BRETHREN Laymen's meeting of December 12 was attended by eleven men including our pastor, Rev. H. H. Rowsey. "What Christmas Means to Me" was the topic discussed and led by Rev. Rowsey. Many good and varied thoughts were presented. President Kenneth Hoverstock read the true Christmas story as written in Luke 2. Donald Marker provided entertainment and refreshments were served by Dewey Hinson.

We met again on January 9, in a combined meeting with the Boys' Brotherhood and used as the topic, "The New Year resolutions I forgot." The development of this topic began in January of 1964 when the laymen at their meeting wrote on a paper a resolution they wanted to keep for the year. These were placed in an envelope and sealed. It was at this meeting in January of '65 that these were opened, and each man commented on his resolution. Mr. Weidenhamer of the college and Park Street church was our guest speaker for the evening.

We men at Garber appreciate the presence of Rev. Rowsey as our minister. He is young at heart and we pray God's blessing on him as he serves and guides us.

Donald Marker, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT LAYMEN'S SPRING RALLY

Saturday — April 17, 1965
5 P. M.

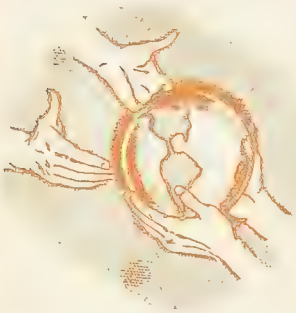
FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH
Cumberland, Maryland

MISSIONARY NEWS

Missionary Board Highlights

FEBRUARY 16 - 17, 1965

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES —



LARRY and ROSE BOLINGER were accepted as missionary candidates for the Nigerian Field.

Larry graduates from Ashland Seminary in June. The Bolingers expect to continue language study and orientation in preparation for departure in mid 1966. They are members of the North Manchester, Indiana, Brethren Church.

BILL and SHARON (Fells) WINTER were accepted as missionary candidates for Argentina, with service some time in the future.

Bill is in his first year in Ashland Seminary and Sharon is a sophomore in Ashland College. Bill is a member of the Derby, Kansas, congregation and Sharon claims Stockton, California, as her home church.

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH —

BOB and Bea BISCHOF, with Barbara and Bobby, expect to leave Nigeria in late July for a year of furlough.

Taking up their home in the Missionary Home, they will not begin deputation until after Central District Conference in September. They will be home for much-needed rest, with Bob being available for some visits to churches later. Bea will not be free to accompany him except for occasional trips, remaining at home with the children as they attend Ashland schools. Many of our Brethren anticipate meeting the Bischofs again at General Conference, where both will participate in the conference program.

ANNUITY FUNDS RECEIVED —

The board heard a report of the receipt of a $10,000 annuity from **Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Brant**, of Berlin, Pennsylvania. These funds will be used to help meet urgent needs on our Argentine mission field.

CHURCH BUILDING PROGRAMS —



Herndon, Virginia nearing completion of preliminary planning, anticipating construction very soon.

Derby, Kansas working on details of the church plans, looking forward to breaking ground this spring.

Massillon, Ohio nearing completion of the first unit of the new church.

Levittown, Pennsylvania . . . in final stages of planning for a new educational unit.

Cheyenne, Wyoming in process of developing plans for enlarging the church, to accommodate their expanding congregation.

RELOCATION PLANS —

Mansfield, Ohio - - Plans are being made for constructing a church on their new site located northwest of Mansfield in a new, growing section.

Manteca, California - A new site is being purchased, with plans for constructing a new church within the next few years.

Muncie, Indiana - - This church program is operating with new vigor, in anticipation of re-location very soon. A full time pastor is being sought, as the congregation proceeds with plans for expansion under the leadership of Rev. Wayne E. Swihart, interim pastor.

LOST CREEK, KENTUCKY —



The new DRUSHAL MEMORIAL CHURCH will be dedicated on Friday, May 7, at 10:00 A. M. Now nearly completed, the church has been aided considerably by the response of $10,503 from the recent Ten Dollar Club call.

The **fire alarm system** installed at a cost of nearly $2,000 will soon be ready for operation. The cost for this installation, which was required by state authorities, has been partially covered by contributions of several concerned churches that sent $940 to the Missionary Board for this purpose.

Ralph Landis who has ably served as Business Manager of Riverside Christian Training School will leave Riverside at the end of this school year.

KRYPTON, KENTUCKY —

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tracy, of Ashland, Ohio are preparing to take up residence as helpers for Margaret Lowery in May. Work will soon be done on the Howard House to prepare it for their occupancy.

SISTERHOOD

AN IMPORTANT LETTER

HOW MANY minutes do you waste each day? Or would it be easier to put that figure in hours? Have you brushed the dust off your Bible recently or have you been using it regularly to make sure it doesn't collect dust? Bibles come in many sizes, colors, bindings and editions, but no matter how large or small, or how expensive or inexpensive yours is, it is a Book to be used. The Bible was given by God to men in order that they might come to know and better understand Him through His word. Every Christian has the duty to learn about his Creator but more than that, he has the privilege of knowing all the great things the Bible has to teach him. One of the best individual ways to become acquainted with God and His word is to begin (or continue) a program of daily devotions. This time spent alone with God need not be long, but it should be a quiet time of meditation when your mind is uncluttered with chores of daily life. Bible reading, a period of meditation, and a time of earnest talking with (not to) God are the basic ingredients of a well-done devotional period. You may have your devotions at any time during the day, however, a heart that is opened early in the morning to God will have that much longer during the day to enjoy the peace and joy which He gives to His children.

Do you think you haven't the time, or that your devotions will have to be short today so you won't miss the time? Remember that which costs us little is of little worth. Only when you give freely of yourself and truly want this time for intimacy with God will you receive the blessings set aside for those who belong totally to God.

If you already have established the practice of daily devotions, don't be so proud of the fact that you must brag to everyone else, for haughty pride is not a great virtue, but try to think of ways to make your devotional period one of greater learning and holiness. Try to carry the blessings you have received from God with you all through the day. This is much harder to do than it should be for most.

If your "crowd" isn't one that goes in for daily devotions remember that blessings aren't given to crowds, only to those who love God and live for Him.

ASHLAND — GARBER LAYMEN feted by JUNIOR S. M. M.



THE JUNIOR SISTERHOOD of Mary and Martha of the Ashland Garber Brethren Church fulfilled one of their 1965 national goals on February 11 by entertaining the Laymen at the church. As prescribed in the goal, a regular meeting was demonstrated by the girls and held in the church sanctuary. Marjorie Johnson gave the call to worship and announced the songs; Lu Ann Summy read the Scripture; and Cathy Yaugher played a piano solo. The prayer was offered by Co-patroness, Mrs. Barry Lonsinger; the Sisterhood topic was given by Co-patroness, Mrs. John Yaugher; and the Bible Study by Rev. H. H. Rowsey.

Following this session, the group adjourned to the basement where a Valentine Party was given by the Juniors. Games were played and an interesting travelog, "Go West, Young Man," was given by Beverly Summy. Following refreshments, the meeting was adjourned.

Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

LINWOOD, MD.

IT HAS BEEN some time since you have heard from us at Linwood. We would like to bring you up to date on our progress, and to tell you some of our plans for future activities.

Rev. and Mrs. Logan came to us in June 1965. Soon after their arrival, they were given a "pantry shower" at which they received many useful gifts. They also received many useful gifts at our Harvest Home Sunday service. Rev. Logan is kept busy visiting the sick. Since Rev. Logan came, we have received six members into the church by baptism and lost three by letter. He has been devotional speaker over Radio Station

WTTR in Westminister several times since he came to Linwood.

Rev. Jerry Flora was our evangelist last fall. There were two new converts, and we all had our faith renewed through his inspiring messages. Rev. St. Clair Benshoff was our speaker at the homecoming service, and we enjoyed the music furnished by Rev. and Mrs. Benshoff. Our fall communion was well attended, and we are looking forward to the spring communion service. We are planning for pre-Easter services and our Easter Sunrise service which will be followed with breakfast in the church dining area.

The Laymen have put a tract rack in the vestibule, a Bible lectern in the front of the church, and also placed some Bibles in the church. We now have an open Bible in front of the speakers desk. These additions are very much appreciated. The Laymen will observe their public service when Rev. Logan is on vacation; the W.M.S. on the first Sunday evening in April; and the Brethren Youth on Youth Sunday.

Our church attendance has been very good this winter, and we pray for continued progress in His service.

Ruthanna Green, Secretary

GOSPEL LIGHT CONFERENCE

REPRESENTATIVES from seven evangelical denominations attended the second annual Gospel Light Publications Imprinters Conference at Glendale, California, January 4-6, and learned firsthand of current plans and production for significant improvements and updating in GLP curriculum and related products.

Among the seven denominations sending representatives is a grand total of 2425 churches and 379,000 Sunday school students. All of these denominations officially imprint and distribute Gospel Light closely graded Sunday school Bible lessons in a cooperative effort to provide Christ-centered Bible teaching in their Sunday schools.

Attending the conference, which was hosted by Gospel Light, was Dr. Joseph Shultz, member of the National Sunday School Board, Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. Dr. Sholund reports that a major area of discussion was the revision of the junior age curriculum for grades four, five and six. Inclusion of New Testament lessons will be added to each year of the junior materials, which heretofore have always covered strictly the Old Testament. Miss Ruth Bathauer, who attended the 1964 conference as a delegate from North American Baptist Convention, is the new Junior Editor for Gospel Light and is in charge of the proposed revision. First copies of the revised lessons are scheduled to come off the press in 1966.

Also under revision is the senior high school material. Fritz Ridenour, managing editor of TEACH magazine, is the newly appointed Youth Editor for Gospel Light. Among the high school improvements being studied is a completely new format for the student's book.

Most discussed topic at the conference was the total Christian education program of the local church, with emphasis on the Sunday evening and midweek programs. According to Dr. Sholund, Gospel Light is giving serious study to Sunday evening, midweek and camping programs, as well as worship programs for juniors through youth and Junior Church. Developments in these and other areas will be introduced beginning next year.

President Nelson of *Glint Foundation,* Gospel Literature In Native Tongues, reported a phenomenal growth around the world. Gospel Light is translated into twenty different languages and used in 32 countries. *Glint* is a non-profit missionary foundation.

The Brethren Church will receive a rich blessing in using this Christ-centered Bible-teaching materials in its Sunday schools through the Brethren imprint program.





STATEMENT OF FAITH

ACKNOWLEDGING the absolute supremacy and Lordship of Jesus Christ, and believing that His Word and Will must be final in all matters to those who claim to be Christian, on His authority we affirm the following truths as the basic faith and teaching of this institution.

1. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given of God, are the infallible record of the perfect, final and authoritative revelation of His work and will, together sufficient in themselves as the rule of faith and practice.

2. The One True God, perfect and infinite in His being, holiness, love, wisdom and power; transcendent above the world as its Creator, yet immanent in the world as the Preserver of all things; self-existent and self-revealing in three divine Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who are equal in power and glory.

3. Jesus Christ the Eternal Son, Revealer of the invisible God, Who became incarnate by virgin birth, lived the perfect human life upon earth, gave Himself in death upon the Cross as the Lamb of God bearing sin and its penalty in our stead, was raised and glorified in the body in which He suffered and died, ascended as our only Saviour and Lord into Heaven, from whence He will come again personally and visibly to raise and translate His waiting Church, establish His Kingdom fully over all the nations, and at last be the Raiser and Judge of the Dead.

4. The Holy Spirit, third person of the Godhead, the divine Life-giver and Artist in creation, history and redemption; Who indwells, seals, empowers, guides, teaches and perfects all them who become children of God through Christ.

5. That Man was the direct creation of God, made in the divine image, not in any sense the offspring of an animal ancestry; and that by transgression man became a fallen creature, alienated from the life of God, universally sinful by nature and practice, and having within himself no means of recovery.

6. That Salvation is the free gift of God's grace, received through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, in Whom all those who believe have eternal life, a perfect righteousness, sonship in the family of God, and even spiritual blessing needed for life and godliness; but those who reject the gift of grace in Christ shall be forever under the abiding wrath of God.

7. That Christian Character and Conduct are the outgrowth and evidence of salvation in Christ; and therefore the Christian is bound to honor His Word, to walk as He walked, to keep His commandments and ordinances, and thus bear the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control, against which there is no law; and that the teachings of the Bible on such matters as marriage, divorce and the family are of permanent value and obligation to the Church and society.

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NOTES and COMMENTS

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4 to 5:30 P. M.

DENOMINATIONAL OFFERING MATERIALS

SEVERAL LETTERS have come to your Editor's desk relative to special denominational offering materials not being received by the local church until too late for use. Perhaps some explanation needs to be made relative to the problem.

There were no Education Day materials printed this year. Such materials are issued by the college and it was not done this past October.

The Publication Day Offering materials were delayed because of the transition of Shop Superintendents. Also, the paper cutter broke down during this time which caused a delay. We were sorry for the delay but circumstances here made it inevitable.

Materials for the Benevolent Day offerings were late because the information was not given to the Publishing Company in time for them to be mailed sooner.

Each denominational board is responsible for its own printing and mailing of materials. The Brethren Publishing Company does the mailing for the boards and this is done as soon as the materials are available. The Missionary Board and the Brethren Youth Office are now working on their offering materials, therefore they will be mailed to you in plenty of time.

We trust that this will help to explain the delays of the recent past.



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the editor's editorial

YOUR EDITOR has been concerned for some time, now, about the modern trend of thought among "theologians" of today. Mr. Sherwood E. Wirt, Editor of **Decision** has very well stated the same concern in this editorial of the March issue of his magazine. Let me quote parts of the article—they express in an excellent way many of the concerns we should have.

"Some (critics) come right out and say that the church is finished. The local congregation, they advise, can no longer cope with modern society. It is a doomed and outmoded institution. Others single out the vocabulary of the Christian faith and tell us it 'must go.' It is moss-covered and archaic, they say; what we need is a new jargon for the twentieth century.

"Others, more daring, are engaging in what **Time** magazine calls a 'theological striptease.' They seek to shuck the mighty truths of the New Testament by discarding such 'mythological' concepts as the resurrection, the virgin birth, the trinity, and the atonement for our sins wrought by Christ upon the cross.

"In fact, the whole Bible is under massive attack by destructive critics who would eliminate its moral authority by reducing it to the status of legend and folklore.

"The moral foundations set forth in Scripture and upheld by the church—and indeed, by all cultured people—are being denounced by modern-day critics in tones increasingly shrill. 'What business does the church have prescribing what is right and wrong?' they ask, and even some religious leaders are echoing the question.

"Further, many churchmen are suddenly discovering that the distinctions and differences in the various branches of the church, some of which were established by our fathers under tremendous conviction and in the face of persecution, are totally unnecessary.

"Finally, there is a growing restlessness among some 'avant-garde' church people over the question of the supernatural. The secular influences of our day are causing many to question the reality of God, heaven, judgment, miracles, the Holy Spirit, and even prayer (except as a psychotherapeutic exercise).

"Meanwhile Christianity lags farther and farther behind the population growth, and for many the business of winning men to faith in Jesus Christ is no longer a business at all, but a semantic confusion. Take away God, heaven, and the human soul, and you are not left with much incentive for evangelism.

" 'The church is looking for better methods,' wrote McKendree Bounds; 'God is looking for better men.' Christ told his followers they were to be 'salt' in the earth, but he said nothing about becoming a pressure group in the social order. Only when the church has lost its evangelistic vision and love for individual men does the supernatural become 'obsolescent,' the Bible 'mythological,' its vocabulary 'archaic,' and Jesus more 'big-brother' than God incarnate.

"We believe that if we in the church will but rededicate ourselves to the apostolic task of fishing for men, we can hurl the lie in the teeth of the disparaging critics, within and without. We can also find a rationale and an opportunity for spirit-filled ecumenicity. We don't have to wait—a start can be made today!

"The church is a molder, not a manipulator, of men. It was designed by God to bring us into his Kingdom through repentance, faith, trust, rebirth and commitment. Put a man into touch with reality; ground him in the love of Christ Jesus; help him find a church where he can pray, worship, testify, and saturate himself in the authority of the Word; then send him out into the world ablaze for God. This is the way to Christian renewal. Such a man could start the church singing again."

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

LOOK UP AND SING!

The thankful heart looks up and sings
To God who giveth all,
Who in His kindness answers prayer
Before His children call.

And circling on the pathless way
Where never bird has flown,
That song receives an audience
Before the Father's throne.

Far sweeter is the sound to Him
Than ever singing lark,
To know His child can trust enough
To thank Him in the dark.

And from His bounty He supplies
A joy like soaring wings,
Until the grateful heart with praise
Looks up and sings . . . and SINGS!

—Ruth Gibbs Zwall

THERE IS A FORMULA for victory that works in any trial (Ps. 34:6). One is to pray and to keep on praying for the answer to his need (Matt. 7:7, 8). He is to confess and forsake every known sin in his life (II Chron. 7:14). He is to read God's Word in order to know and to do His will (Ps. 119:34). He is to commit everything to God's will (Prov. 3:5, 6). When all else fails he is to praise the Lord anyway (Ps. 57:7). David praised the Lord when it was easy and when it was difficult (Ps. 44:8; 71:8, 24; 145:2). In fact, David praised the Lord "seven times a day" (Ps. 119:164). David was sincere because he praised the Lord "at midnight" (v. 148) and upon his bed (63:56; 149:5).

Praise will "magnify" God, bring joy and pleasure to Him, and it will draw others to Him (Ps. 69:30, 31, 32). Daily praise makes every day a "wonderful day" (Ps. 118:24).

This is the day, from dawn to restful night,
Filled with commissions unrevealed as yet;
Not yesterdays of false hopes and regret,
Or dread tomorrows unexplored, that blight
The beauty of today. A singing voice
From ancient days is bidding us rejoice
With eyes alert, with spirit unafraid,
Believing, THIS is the day the Lord hath made.

—Belle Chapman Morrill

The Bible prescribes a posture best suited for praising the Lord (I Chron. 23:30). We exalt Him more when we "stand up and bless the Lord" (Neh. 9:5). Praise to our God is called the "fruit of the lips" (Heb. 13:13), the "voice of praise" (Ps. 66:8), the "voice of triumph" (47:1), the "voice of melody" (Isa. 51:3), the "voice of a psalm" (Ps. 98:5), the "garment of praise" (Isa. 61:3), the "sacrifice of praise" (Heb. 13:15), the "sacrifice of joy" (Ps. 27:6) the "calves (sacrificed) of the lips" (Hosea 14:2).

The heavenly host engage in praise (Isa. 6:3; Lu. 2:13; Rev. 4:9-11; 5:12). When the blind man of Jericho was miraculously given his sight the "multitude gave praise unto God" (Lu. 18:43). "The whole multitude of the disciples" rejoiced and praised God "with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen" performed by Christ (Lu. 19:37, 38). After Christ's ascension from Bethany the apostles "returned to Jerusalem with great joy: and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God" (Lu. 24:52, 53). At night in the Philippian jail Paul and Silas looked up and sang (Acts 16:25). The first converts in the Christian church age gave themselves to praise (Acts 2:4).

Memorials

STIFFLER. Mrs. May Stiffler passed away on November 14, 1964, at the age of 83. She was a faithful member of the Third Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned and interment was in the Wesley Chapel Cemetery.

Rev. Jerald D. Radcliff

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HARPSTER. Mrs. Sarah Harpster passed away on January 9, 1965, at the age of 79. She was a member of the Third Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned and interment was in the Benshoff Hill Cemetery.

Rev. Jerald D. Radcliff

WEAVER. W. C. Weaver, 75, passed away on August 21, 1964. He was a member of the Third Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned and interment was in the Benshoff Hill Cemetery.

Rev. Jerald D. Radcliff

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BRACKEN. Mrs. Pauline Bracken passed away on October 7, 1964, at the age of 49. She was a member of the Third Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned and interment was in the Benshoff Hill Cemetery.

Rev. Jerald D. Radcliff

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KELS. Emory J. Kels passed away on November 7, 1964, at the age of 64. He was a member of the Third Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned and interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

Rev. Jerald D. Radcliff

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METCALF. Welcome Metcalf, 59, faithful and beloved member of the Teegarden First Brethren Church, passed away January 14, 1965. He is survived by his wife, Hazel, two brothers and three sisters. Funeral services were held in the church with his pastor, the undersigned, in charge.

Rev. Claude Stogsdill

The man of one book is always formidable; but when that book is the Bible, he is irresistible.

—W. M. Taylor

Daily Devotions

General Theme for the Year: "FULFILLING THE TIME"
Theme for March — "BY HIS SPIRIT DWELLING IN YOU"

Writer for March — Dr. Harold Barnett
March 21 - 27 — "Spiritual Investments"

Sunday, March 21, 1965

Read Scripture: Matt. 6:20

My personal motto is:
"Only one life,
'Twill soon be past;
Only what's done
For Christ will last."

What we do for Christ, being led by the Spirit, is treasure in heaven. If we give or do something for the glory of and in the name of God there will be an heavenly reward. If we seek no personal gain or glory from our acts; if we are motivated by love of God; and if we do these things BECAUSE we are saved and not in order to GET saved, then we are assured of "treasures in heaven."

Spiritual investments with our time, talents and possessions return eternal dividends. Nothing in this world can corrupt, destroy or steal spiritual treasure. There will be a difference of rewards in heaven among the redeemed. Would it not be tragic on that day to have to admit that with us it is, "nothing but leaves for the Master"? Instead of having fruit we offer Him nothing but leaves!

The Day's Thought

Let us work with "eternity's values in view."

Monday, March 22, 1965

Read Scripture: Matt. 19:21

The young man described in Matthew 19 had a definite lack in his life and he asked Jesus to explain the need. Jesus knew that the man was putting his "great possessions" before God. Anyone who has great possessions of the world but does not have God first in his life knows of this "lack" in his soul. He cannot be truly happy. Movie stars, athletes, millionaires and other famous people have been very miserable and some have even taken their lives because of this "lack."

The only remedy is to put Jesus first, absolutely and completely! "Not my will but thine be done in all things" must be our prayerful attitude. We cannot love possessions, family or self more than God and expect to be blessed. We cannot lavish our time, talents and possessions on ourselves and our loved ones and expect God to say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." What about the work of the church in missions, benevolences and education? We can't be selfish with what we have and throw God a "tip" once in a while and expect to make it through. Let's be serious about this!

The Day's Thought

I will let God be FIRST in my life in all things.

Tuesday, March 23, 1965

Read Scripture: I Tim. 6:19

The Bible teaches that the "wood, hay and stubble" of selfish building blocks in our lives will be burned up on the day of the Lord. Only the "precious stones" of deeds performed for the glory of God in our lives will survive that fiery judgment. If judgment begins with the House of God, "what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" We shall be saved, so as by fire. The basic question in life is not WHAT we do but WHY we do what we do. What is our motive behind each act? Why do we go to church, why do we pray, read our Bible and give money into the church?

Is it because we think we have to, or is it a habit, or are we afraid of what people will think if we don't? Why are you a Christian? What does the Christian life REALLY mean to you? May we all be seeking to "lay hold on eternal life."

The Day's Thought

My life will be built upon the only sure foundation: Jesus Christ!

Wednesday, March 24, 1965

Read Scripture: Prov. 23:23

The Scripture text mentions truth, wisdom, instruction and understanding, which we should "buy." Our lives are being invested in the things of God or the things of Satan. The Devil will "sell us out," but with God we may be sure that "He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." The four items mentioned all come from and are centered in God. It is foolish to attempt to "buy" any of these commodities from the world or godless people. Only those who have the "fulness of the Spirit" are able to help us in these areas. All teaching or education divorced from God is utter folly. It is a blasphemous and cursed thing for the church of Jesus Christ to suggest that any of these items can come any other way except from God through men who are filled with the Holy Spirit!

If we or the Church must invest in truth, wisdom, instruction and understanding in any way, let us be *sure* that we are investing in God-centered and Spirit-filled programs, nothing less will do.

The Day's Thought

Jesus is the truth, the way, the life and the resurrection for me.

Thursday, March 25, 1965

Read Scripture: Hebrews 11:26

Moses was willing to put God first, even though it meant losing a life of ease and luxury in Egypt. However, he gained heaven! Is it any sacrifice to lose what we can never keep in order to gain what we can never lose?

If we are going to really come all out for God and attempt total investment in spiritual things we'll be able to go along with this poem:

"You have no enemies you say?
Alas! my friend, the boast is poor—
He who has mingled in the fray
Of duty, that the brave endure,
Must have made foes! If you have none,
Small is the work that you have done;
You've hit no traitor on the hip;
You've dashed no cup from perjured lip;
You've never turned the wrong to right—

You've been a coward in the fight!"
Mackay

The Day's Thought

Let us rejoice when we can suffer reproach for the Cross of Christ.

Friday, March 26, 1965

Read Scripture: Titus 3:8

Since we are born-again, Spirit-filled believers, then our faith must issue forth in good works. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if you *do* whatsoever I have commanded you." That's a big statement! We are not to judge people, but there are a lot of fruit inspectors around. "They're not listening to your talk, they're looking at your walk; they're judging by your actions everyday. What you are speaks so loudly that the world can't hear what you say!"

God can keep us by the power of the Holy Spirit if we continually let Him. "Quench not the Spirit!" Only through His power can we maintain good works. We have great spiritual investments which are eternal. Nothing must endanger these! What would it profit any of us if we gained the whole world and yet lost our soul?

The Day's Thought

A life of good works must back up our profession of faith in Christ.

Saturday, March 27, 1965

Read Scripture: Rev. 3:18

The church at Laodicea thought herself so rich and in need of nothing. Yet she was lukewarm and poor, blind and naked. The former was man's appraisal and the latter was God's. How modern it sounds! The big churches of today are so often rich materially with great building investments, etc. They are so proud of their position in the community. They talk so much about the political power the Church ought to have today. But they are too often thinking on the carnal, fleshly, business world of today's level of operation.

Yet God's appraisal of the situation may be vastly different. God never told us to get big and rich as a Church. He wants holiness in His people. He wants them to have spiritual riches. There are too many self-righteous church members who think they are all right in their own sight. God wants to really help them if they will let Him!

The Day's Thought

The Spirit will show us God's appraisal of us through the Bible if we truly want to know.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from St. Luke

Memory Scripture for the month — Luke 19:10

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

March 21 - 27

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 9:1-6

Telling Others

"We're going now," Mom told Gary and Linda. "We'll try to be back before Betsy wakens. If we're not, I know you can keep her happy until we get here."

"They remind me of the disciples," said Gary as the children watched their parents drive away.

"Why?" wondered Linda.

"Jesus sent them out by twos to tell others of Him," replied Gary. "That's what Mom and Dad are doing this afternoon."

"I hope the people they talk with will come to church tonight," said Linda, "so they can learn more about Him."

"You know," said Gary, "we should be working harder to tell our friends about Jesus."

"Yes," agreed Linda. "Let's make a list of the ones with whom we should talk. Then tomorrow after school we can go to some of them."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that I know Jesus wants to be my Savior. Help me to share this glad news with others. May I tell someone today about You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 9:11-17

Dinner Time

When Linda came home from school Betsy was in the playroom. She had the toy dishes on the table. Her doll was sitting on one of the chairs at the table.

"Dinner time. Linda eat dinner," she said taking her sister by the hand.

"Oh, yes," answered Linda. "I'll eat dinner with you."

Linda sat on one of the small chairs. Betsy sat on another one.

"Bread. 'Tatoes. Meat," she said passing empty dishes to Linda.

Linda pretended to take something from each dish. Betsy remembered to feed her doll.

Soon Linda said, "That was a good dinner, Betsy."

Betsy laughed happily.

Do you know how much food was left on Betsy's table? None, of course, because she didn't have any food to start with.

One day Jesus knew the people were hungry. It was dinner time. He didn't have any food. Someone gave Him five loaves and two fish. He thanked God for the food. He used it to feed over five thousand people. Then there were twelve baskets of food left. Only God's Son could have food left over when there was none to start with!

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my food. May I always be willing to share what I have to help You feed others. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1965
Read Scripture: Luke 9:23-26

The Important Thing

"Some of the boys were wondering," said Gary, "why Uncle Jim went to Nigeria. They said he would make a lot more money here."

"Yes, he would," agreed Dad. "As a doctor here he and Aunt Doris would have much more than they will as missionaries in Nigeria. But you know why he went."

"Because he knew that's what God wanted him to do," replied Gary.

Dad nodded. "Having money and things doesn't make a person happy. It's loving God and serving Him that brings true happiness."

"I guess that's what the Bible means when it asks what good it is to gain the whole world and lose yourself," added Gary.

"Right!" said Dad. "All the money in the whole world would mean nothing if we didn't know we had eternal life with Jesus."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You that I know I will be with You in heaven if I follow Jesus. Help me to always remember that money and things of this world are not really important. The important thing is to serve You as I should. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1965
Read Scripture: Luke 9:28-36

Changed

"Look at Betsy," said Linda as she brought her little sister to the kitchen door.

"Betsy fall down. Fall down in mud," said Betsy.

"Oh my," said Mommy, "you are a mess."

"I'll clean her up while you finish supper," offered Linda.

"That will be a big help," said Mommy. "She will need a bath and then put her pajamas on her."

"Betsy dirty. All dirty," said the little one as she went upstairs with Linda.

A short time later a sparkling clean Betsy came back to the kitchen.

"Linda help Betsy. Bath. Pajamas," she said.

"You look lots better," laughed Mommy. "Call Daddy and Gary. Supper is ready."

Three of Jesus' friends saw Him changed. Not from muddy clothes as Betsy did. Jesus kept Himself neat and clean as His followers should. The change in Jesus showed them what His heavenly glory was like. It also showed them the glory that would be theirs if they followed Him.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I know I will not shine with a heavenly glory until I'm with You in heaven. But help me to talk and act so my family and friends will know I'm following You. May everyone see in me the change that obeying You brings. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1965
Read Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Neighbors

"Here's a letter that came from Aunt Doris today," said Mom. "I'll read it to you. You will enjoy the things she tells about our neighbors."

"Our neighbors!" exclaimed Linda. "How can Aunt Doris know about our neighbors when she's in Africa?"

Mom smiled. "Listen and you will see."

Mom read the letter. It told how the Nigerians dressed. It told about the compounds where they lived. It told of the food they ate and the games they played.

When she finished reading Linda said, "That letter didn't tell about our neighbors. It told about the Nigerians."

"I know what Mom means," laughed Gary. "Jesus taught that anyone we can help should be treated as our neighbor. We can help the Nigerians to learn of Jesus. They are our neighbors."

Have you thought about ways you can help others? Who are your neighbors?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the many ways You have blessed me. Show me ways I can help others. Help me to remember all people are my neighbors. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1965
Read Scripture: Luke 11:9-13

Ask Your Father

"Dad," said Gary, "my bike tire is flat. I've tried to pump it up, but it won't stay. Will you help me, please?"

"Of course," answered Dad. And he walked to the garage with Gary.

Dad turned the wheel slowly to look at the tire. "Here's the trouble," he said. "This large nail."

"Can we fix it?" wondered Gary.

"I'm afraid not," replied Dad.

Gary was disappointed. "I was planning to go bike riding with Steve."

"Hop in the car," said Dad. "We'll see if we can get a new tire."

Our parents want to help us. If we ask them they will give us the things we should have. They will explain why we can't have other things.

Jesus said God is our heavenly Father. He will hear our prayers and answer them in the way that is best for us just as a good father does.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for hearing my prayers. Help me to remember Your answer is always best. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1965
Read Scripture: Luke 12:6-10

I Know Him

The children were playing "Who Am I?"

Gary said, "I'm a man. I carry a black satchel. I have an office downtown. Who am I?"

"The mayor?" asked Linda.

"No," answered Gary.

"Dr. Green?" asked Judy.

"Right!" laughed Gary. "Now it's your turn."

"I'm a woman," said Judy. "I usually have a book or paper when you see me. You see me often in a building near here."

"The librarian?" asked Linda.

"No," answered Judy.

"Our school teacher Miss Everett?" asked Steve.

"Yes," said Judy. "Now you tell us one."

"I have a good one," Steve said.

"I'm a man, but I'm more than man. I lived on earth a long time ago. I'm still living. I'm near you, but you've never seen me."

The children looked puzzled. Then a smile brightened Gary's face. "I know!" he exclaimed. "It's Jesus! I know Him. He's my Savior!"

Jesus said we should let others know we follow Him. We should tell them about Him if we want Him to tell God about us.

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for coming to be my Savior. Help me to tell others about You. Amen.

The CHURCH and KINGDOM AFFAIRS

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XXI

WHAT THEN was the arrangement of blessing the Gentile nations while Israel is set aside? It was through the ministry of His Church.

After the rejection of Jesus as King, He left the Jewish environment and went into Gentile territory—to the city of Caesarea Philippi. Caesarea Philippi was situated near the site of the old northern Israelite city of Dan, and Dan was near to Banias or Paneas at the source of one of the branches of the Jordan River. This right branch of the Jordan flows from the foot of a cliff where the ancient Greeks worshipped their god, Pan. They had hewn niches in the face of the cliff to house the figures representing their deity.

Jesus doubtless led His disciples to the foot of the cliff—the rock of pagan worship. He stood with them among the chips of stone that had fallen from the stone hewer's chisel. There He stood with His disciples on Gentile ground.

Can we picture Jesus pointing to Peter, and saying, thou art PETROS? Simon you are a chip off the PETRA—the foundation or mother cliff. Then when He said "Upon this PETRA I will build my church," He would not have pointed to the cliff of pagan worship but to His own bosom from which the atoning blood would flow.

Here was a new departure for the disciples. No longer Israel—now it is the church, the called out ones, and "from that time" Matthew tells us, "began Jesus to show unto His disciples that He must go unto Jerusalem . . . and be killed, and the third day be raised up." For over two years the Master labored to instruct the little band to take on the *business* o His Kingdom through the institution of the church

How fickle and untrustworthy is man. The littl group of twelve, with the one hundred and twent or the five hundred that saw Jesus at once betwee His resurrection and ascension, started out well. Th church came into being at Pentecost. It grew wit rapid strides. It reached out over the world. But wha of the faithfulness to the teachings of Jesus an fidelity to the way of life? The picture of church his tory is not pretty. Jesus knew what Christendo would do. His parables in Matthew 13 prophesy th facts. Therein the development of the affairs of th kingdom in the hands of men, and the final outcom are made plain.

It is apropos to an understanding of Matthew 1 to consider first the relation of the Kingdom of Go the Kingdom of Heaven, and the church. They are no the same. The Kingdom of God is distinctly a spir itual and heavenly rule. According to Romans 14:1 18—A.S.V., *For the kingdom of God is . . . righteous ness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For h that herein serveth Christ is well-pleasing to Go and approved of men.* The Kingdom of God is th sovereignty of God at work. This is what Jesus tol the Pharisees in Matt. 12:28; Luke 11:20. For th believer, it is that to which Paul pointed when h said to Timothy (II Tim. 4:18—A.S.V.), *The Lor will deliver me from every evil work, and will sav me unto his heavenly kingdom.* To the believer i points into the future. To the Ephesians, Paul wrot of "an inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ an God," something in which they would have a futur part.

The Kingdom of Heaven, the expression used solel by Matthew in the Bible, is an earthly kingdom. I is the re-establishing of the kingdom of David whic was set aside by the curse on the house of Conia (Jer. 22:24-30). The Prince in the house of Davi Jesus the incarnate from heaven, came to set up th throne again and establish the Kingdom of Heaver That is why Jesus said to Pilate (John 18:38), "M Kingdom is not of this world," this KOSMOS, that i this present order. It couldn't be since Israel had re jected it and it was postponed. Therefore he sai "But NOW is my Kingdom not from hence." Th Kingdom of Heaven is future now, for Israel rejecte her Prince, the nation was set aside and their pro phetic history stopped until the Prince should carr out the business of building His Church. But th time will come, because the time decreed upon Is rael as set forth in Daniel 7:13, 14—A.S.V., *Behold there came with the clouds of heaven one like unt a son of man . . .And there was given unto him di minion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peo ples, nations, and languages should serve him.*

Jesus told of it in Matt. 24:30—A.S.V., *They shal see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heave with power and great glory.* And in Matt. 25:31, 32b— A.S.V., *But when the Son of man shall come in hi glory, and all the angels with him, then shall he si on the throne of his glory: and before him shall b gathered all the nations.* Then will God's word t Zechariah be fulfilled, *And I will pour upon the hous of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, th spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shal*

look upon me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him (12:10—A.S.V.).

John saw it on Patmos (Rev. 1:7) adding, "every eye shall see him." Then will the Prince be owned of Israel. Then will He be crowned King, then will He set up His Kingdom of Heaven.

Now what of the church. The church is not the Kingdom but is in the midst of the *Kingdom of Heaven affairs* in the hands of men, or Christendom. Christendom includes everything that calls itself Christian from Pentecost to the coming of the Lord. The church is the body of Christ—the believers born again in the regenerative process. It is an organism "builded together for a habitation of God in the Spirit," for Jesus said, "I will build my church." He has been building it since Pentecost.

Now return to Matthew 13, and hear Jesus' prophetic revelation of the Kingdom affairs as handled by men. The Lord answered the disciples' question, "Why speaketh thou unto THEM in parables?" That is, to them the multitude (13:10, 11). The answer, "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it is not given." After Jesus expressly saying, "It is given to you to know," it is amazing how many have failed to know and understand those mysteries. Herein lies the error of so much wrong interpretation of Scripture and false teaching about the Kingdom.

Jesus explained the parable about the *sower,* and the *tares in the field,* after He had told of the many prophets and righteous men having desired to see and hear what He was about to explain. In short, many would hear the word of the Kingdom broadcast by the sower, but only a few would bear fruit (13:18-23). Of the tares sown in the field by the enemy, they are to remain and grow until the harvest. Then said Jesus, "in the time of the harvest, *I will say to the reapers* separate and burn the tares." Who is the sower of good seed? Jesus revealed it. *He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; and the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; and the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in fire; so shall it be in the end of the world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and them that do iniquity, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth* (Matt. 13:37-42—A.S.V.). Does this sound like the world will get better and better until all are righteous and heaven will be on earth? Be careful of error here. Jesus was not speaking of the church as containing the evil and good. Hear His word at the beginning of the parable, "The Kingdom of Heaven is likened (Greek—has become) like . . ." The Kingdom of Heaven with the King on the throne will be a perfect reign, but the Kingdom of Heaven left in the hands of men becomes a sorry sight. Looking at Christendom all through the centuries, with all degrees of good and evil, the evidence is plain.

Spiritual Meditations

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WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH SUFFERING?

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you (I Peter 5:7).

SUFFERING might be called a result of the disturbance of God's plan for the world. When we see the innocent suffer for the evils others have done, we realize that evil is evil for the very reason that it causes innocent people to suffer. It is evident that man, not God, is to blame.

Can man, then, shut himself away from suffering; shut himself away from others; and be spared suffering? Neither deliverance from suffering, nor retreat from it, is the answer to the problem of suffering. God did not deliver Christ from suffering, but delivered Him in suffering. Deliverance from suffering may make us unsympathetic; unfeeling for others in their distresses; indifferent as to any palliative service we may render.

We must learn to take our share of suffering and turn it to a good use. Have we lost a loved one by sickness, accident or old age? We can minister to others who are passing through similar wrenching separations. And in rendering such ministries we lose sight of some of our own sorrow and loss. We become aware of the fact that our personal suffering and sorrow are no more acute and painful than that of others—and perhaps often not as much so. I have had my body operated upon twice, and yet in my numerous visits to hospitals in various cities, I have become aware of the fact that I was graciously spared intense or excruciating pain. I have had less pity and sorrow for my own suffering and more of the same to bestow upon others.

Perhaps not one can tell us how to use our pain, our suffering, our trials. Each must determine that for himself, but we do not need to do it by ourselves. When we can no longer face life alone, then we will find God waiting to share our burdens. He had bidden us "cast all our care upon Him, for He careth for us." And that same assurance is the heritage of every trusting, believing child of God.

"Cast all your care upon Him, for He careth for thee."

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"FULFILLING THE TIME"

The Brethren Layman



Searching the Psalms

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

by CLARENCE KINDLEY

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM is one of the most popular of the Psalms. Perhaps it's popularity is due to the fact that people recognize, though sometimes unconsciously, a need in their lives that the Psalm fulfills. In the hustle and bustle of this life, the pastoral scene depicts a quietness and peace the soul longs for, but very seldom experiences.

When we can fit ourselves into the role of the wandering sheep and recognize full dependency upon the Shepherd, we have come a long way in fulfilling this yearning of the soul.

It is only as we can see God as our own personal Shepherd, not just a shepherd, but as the psalmist says "my Shepherd" do we really know Him as the sheep knew their shepherd; one who could and did supply their every need so they no longer needed to fret and worry.

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures"—if we only would take time off from the rush of things to relax and meditate about God, just to be alone with Him and listen to the still small voice. It is so easy not to have time to do this. With our crowded schedules and the demands of this life, we miss the blessing of being led by the Shepherd; not driven or forced, but led by one who knows the way. We do not have the patience to wait upon the Lord. Jesus spent much time in prayer and communion with His Father in heaven. Can we do less, we who are so finite?

How often through life we need our souls revived. Perhaps nobody realized this more than David. After his terrible sin with Bathsheba, we have his recorded prayer (Psalm 51) asking God to "create a new heart within me." He prayed for a cleansing and renewing that would restore the lost nearness to God; a return to fellowship and communion with Him. Surely we see the answer to this prayer as David writes, "He restoreth my soul." So also we, knowing that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," can be revived and restored to a full fellowship with Him.

Even though we are surrounded by problems, loneliness, dark places in life, disappointments, or death itself, "I will fear no evil for Thou art with me," is the blessed assurance that there is nothing in this life we need fear.

When the enemies of mankind are busy trying to cause our downfall, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;" the Shepherd is leading his sheep and that is sufficient.

"Thou anointest my head with oil." I am told that the shepherd takes each sheep and rubs a healing oil on the scratches received from briars and thistles while grazing. The Shepherd knows his sheep and calls them by name (John 10:3). Somehow it means more to be called by name; it is a personal touch that warms the heart and makes one feel he belongs.

David, who was quite elderly when he wrote this psalm, had experienced many tragedies, but he knew the Shepherd. Although surrounded by the threats of war and "the sword that would never depart from his household" hanging over him, he could say, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

We too are encompassed by threats of war. "A" bombs and hydrogen bombs threaten us with total annihilation, but when we know the Shepherd, we can be just as sure as David was of God's goodness and mercy.

My family and I have taken several extended trips. One of the greatest thrills we experienced was the coming home. There seems to be an urgency that pulls one toward home. Many times we have driven far into the night in order to arrive home a little sooner than originally planned.

Paul experienced this, too, when he wrote in Philippians 1:23, that he had a desire to depart this life and be with Christ; looking to the time when he would be at home with Him in heaven. The tragedy is that so many people are not as sure of Christ, as was the

Apostle Paul, and have no hope of an eternal home with Him.

We are all going to our eternal reward sometime, but if we know the Shepherd and will follow Him, we will have that peace and quietness of mind and soul with full assurance that, "We will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

The scribe for this most famous of Psalms, the Twenty-Third, is Brother Clarence Kindley. A familiar figure at General Conference, he is presently engaged in a refresher course at Ashland Theological Seminary with a view to occupying a Brethren pulpit or other full-time Christian work. Mr. Kindley's home church is North Manchester, Indiana, and he worked for about seventeen years for a wholesale drug firm, which position he has given up to prepare for the more important work. It was a little more than a year ago that he and his wife felt the call to a more definite commitment to the Lord, and took the step. Parents of three daughters all of whom will have graduated from Ashland College by this spring, these two fine Brethren are to be congratulated, and we promise to remember them in prayer.

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CHRISTIAN APPRECIATION

by WAYNE M. HAWKINS

IF I WERE TO STATE one of the greatest omissions of the Christian, it would be the neglect of expressing appreciation to other people who are striving to do their Christian duties. We procrastinate in full measure when it comes to recognizing the efforts of others. Spiritually, we find ourselves forgetting to thank God for the small things that contribute so much to our lives. The fact that we are people makes us eligible to yearn for words of credit which, in turn, gives us a certain amount of stamina to improve our respective jobs.

Reverend H. H. Rowsey, while in the service of our church, delivered a sermon on this subject which I shall never forget. He could find so much to appreciate in such a small amount of time. (The sermon would merit publication in *The Brethren Evangelist.*)

How often do we grasp the hand of our faithful ushers in appreciation of the duties well done? Have you recently expressed your thanks to the choir director or organist for their contribution to a more sacred worship service? Has your custodian ever heard you mention how comfortable it is in your church, or that side-walks, cleared of snow, made it much easier to walk? Has your school or city council done some act that was conducive to a better Christian life, which you remembered with a letter of encouragement?

I remember when I was about nine years old, while walking down a street, I met an elderly man whom I greeted with a "good morning." He called me back and informed me that I had made his day more pleasant by speaking to an "old man."

A business man in town spends $25 each week for his ad in the local paper. This past Christmas he contributed the whole page to the Christmas story. One person expressed his appreciation, while at least ten persons expressed their gratitude the week before when he advertised Florida grapefruit at the special price of 10 for 49¢. While he was not looking for praise, it was noticeable.

Paul was continually encouraging the early church. Philippians 2:3, 4, *Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.* Christian work should be for the glory of the Lord without solicitation of praise. This reminds me of the two men who were discussing the word "praise." The one said, "praise runs off me like water off a duck's back." The other replied, "but how ducks enjoy water."

Expressions of appreciation should never be said without sincerity because most recipients can readily recognize empty words. A "thank you" with pure intentions is so necessary for a fuller life with Christ.

I'm sure I can say, and have our editor and the ministers of our denomination agree, that a heartfelt word of appreciation is very much in order in this day of criticism and ridicule. Laymen, let us FULFILL THE TIME more completely by recognizing the efforts of others—whether great or small.

from the Woman's Outlook

Bible Study for April

WALK IN THE LIGHT

by REV. PERCY C. MILLER

THE WORD "LIGHT" has many meanings. At this time we want to think of it as meaning, or referring to, Christ, who is our light. Did Christ not say, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world"? We must recognize that without Christ we are in darkness. Christ always had the greatest of compassion for those who needed Him and would give an ear to Him. In His statement that He was the Light of the world, He showed this by restoring sight to a man who had been born blind. In doing this, not only to show His power to help in the most desperate cases, He gave here a specimen of the work of His grace upon the souls of sinners, which gives sight to those that were by nature blind. His compassion toward the sinner is very tender. He sees the great need, and looks upon the individual with concern. When Christ is about to work deliverance, He is said to see the affliction. Others see the sinners but not as HE does. The sinner does not see Christ but Christ sees the sinner. Christ is often found of those that seek Him not, nor see Him. If we know or apprehend anything of Christ, it is because we were first known of Him, and apprehended by Him.

I feel, at this point, that we should take note again of the compassion of Christ, and say that the compassion of Christ for souls should kindle ours. The people present when Christ healed the blind man had not asked Christ to heal him. Isn't this too often true of us? We see ones out in sin having a deep need of Christ, and what do we do about it? Do we really go to God in prayer about that lost soul? Now, be honest, do we?

Another thing to note about the healing of this man is the fact that those standing about were very inquisitive about the man. Are we not too often more inquisitive concerning other people's sins than concerning our own? Whereas, it is more our concern to know wherefore God contends with us than wherefore He contends with others; for to judge ourselves is our duty, but to judge our brother is our sin.

Christ laid down a great doctrine for us, that He is the Light of the world. Note, Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. One of the rabbis saith, "Light is the name of the Messiah, as it is written, (Dan. 2: 22), *And the light dwelleth with him.* God is light, and Christ is the image of the invisible God; God of gods, Light of lights. He was expected to be a light to enlighten the Gentiles (Luke 2:32), and so the light of the world, and not of the Jewish church only. The visible light of the world is the sun, and Christ is the Sun of righteousness. One sun enlightens the whole world; so does one Christ, and there need be no more. Christ in calling Himself the Light of the world expresses, (1) What he is in Himself—most excellent and glorious. (2) What He is to the world—the fountain of light, enlightening every man. What a dungeon would the world be without the sun. So would it be without Christ by whom light came into the world.

The inference from this doctrine is; He that followeth me, as a traveller follows the light in a dark night, shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. If Christ be the light, then, (1) It is our duty to follow Him; to submit to Him; submit ourselves to His guidance, and in everything take directions from Him in the way that leads to happiness. Many follow false lights that lead to destruction, but Christ is the true Light. It is not just enough to look upon this Light and to gaze upon it, but we must follow it, believe in it, and walk in it; for it is a light to our feet, not our eyes only. (2) It is the happiness of those who follow Christ that they shall not walk in darkness. They shall have the light of life; that knowledge and enjoyment of God which will be to them the light of spiritual life in this world and of everlasting life in the other world, where there will be no death nor darkness. Follow Christ, and we shall undoubtedly be happy in both worlds. Follow Christ, and we shall follow Him to heaven.

Now, we want to take a closer look at our text, I John 1:7, and see how it ties in with what we have been saying, and, also, to draw the right conclusion from the message and report of the text. We are all to be ministers and messengers of the Lord Jesus. He has given us a message to take to the whole world; that He is the Light of the world. It is our honor to bring His mind and messages to the world and to the churches. This is the wisdom and present dispensa-

tion of the Lord Jesus; to send His messages to us by persons like ourselves. He that put on human nature will honor human, earthen vessels. It was the ambition of the apostles to be found faithful, and faithfully to deliver the errands and messages they had received. What was communicated to them they were solicitous to impart: *This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you* (I John 1:5a). A message from the Word of life, from the eternal Word, we should gladly receive; and the present one is this THAT GOD IS LIGHT, and in Him is no darkness at all.

There is a just conclusion to be drawn from this message. We may even go so far as to say that there are several, but we are going to be chiefly interested in the one wherein we will say there is conviction and consequent satisfaction for those who are near to God: *But, if we walk in the light, . . . we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin* (I John 1: 7). As the blessed God is the eternal boundless Light, and the Mediator is, from Him, the Light of the world; so the Christian institution is the great luminary that appears in our sphere and shines here below. A conformity to this in spirit and practice demonstrates fellowship or communion with God. Those that so walk show that they know God; that they have received of the Spirit of God; and that the divine imprint or image is stamped upon their souls. Then we have fellowship one with another—they with us and we with them—and both with God in His blessed or beatific communications to us. This is one of those beatific communications to us—that His Son's blood or death is applied or imputed to us; the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. The eternal Life, the eternal Son, hath put on flesh and blood and so became Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ hath shed His blood for us, or died to wash us from our sins in His own blood. His blood applied to us discharges us from the guilt of all sin—both original and actual, inherent and committed—and so we stand righteous in His sight. Also, His blood procures for us those sacred influences by which sin is to be subdued more and more, until it is quite abolished.

Now, we have fellowship one with another. Let us so cherish Christian fellowship that we will be found faithful to our calling as Christians. When the door of the church swings open let us be found in our place. Can you think of anything that can take the place of Christian fellowship? I'm quite sure you can't. Can you now see why Christ instituted the church? He knew the blessings of Christian fellowship. So what excuse have we for staying away from church? Christ instituted the church. He expects us to be found faithful. No excuses can be offered; none will be accepted. What about you? Do you answer the call? When Jesus comes to reward His faithful, will He find us waiting and faithful?

Special Study
Brethren Missions in Review

THE HISTORY OF BRETHREN MISSIONS
1939 — 1965

AS WE HAVE SEEN from our previous study, mission work in the Brethren Church flourished until the year 1939. Many men and women answered the call of the Lord to serve as missionaries in Africa and Argentina. At this point, it is to be noted —with regret—that Brethren missionary work suffered serious reversal by reason of the division within the denomination. We will not attempt to rationalize or explain the cause but it will suffice for us to say that when Christians allow discord to invade their ranks; Christ's program will suffer loss.

So it was that following the division of the Brethren Church in 1939, most of the missionary program and personnel were claimed by the Grace Brethren group. In fact, the only missionaries remaining to our group were Dr. C. F. Yoder in Cordoba, Argentina, and his family. Here Dr. Yoder rallied the remaining workers, salvaging the churches at Cordoba and Rosario, together with a few outlying points, for our missionary program. Within a few years new stations were opened at Gerli, Villi Constitucion, and Buenos Aires. Then, a short time later, Dr. Yoder, wishing to spend more time writing requested that the Board allow him to retire from active duty. The Board, however, prevailed upon him to postpone his retirement for a year, enabling them to establish the reorganized program more firmly.

In 1947, Rev. and Mrs. Rob Byler expressed their desire to serve in Argentina, and were sent by the Board to this field. They were followed at later dates by Miss June Byler, Mr. and Mrs. John Rowsey, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Solomon, Rev. and Mrs. Ray Aspinall, and Rev. and Mrs. William Curtis. (The Argentine mission will be covered in more detail at a later date.)

After the loss of our African mission work in the division of 1939, we had nothing on that continent until 1948, when Miss Veda Liskey became our representative on this field. Having no established work in Nigeria at that time, our Board was invited to send

Miss Liskey out under the General Brotherhood Board (Church of the Brethren) with our Board assuming her support. This arrangement was carried out with complete satisfaction to all.

On April 23, 1952, at Elgin, a statement of policy regarding joint missionary effort and methods of co-operative activity was set up by representatives of our Brethren Missionary Board and the Foreign Mission Commission of the Church of the Brethren. This statement has enabled our Boards to work cooperatively on the field while maintaining our denominational identity at home, and the relationship has been most helpful.

After Miss Liskey, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Bischof were next sent to Nigeria as our missionaries. They were followed by Miss Janet King, Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Shank and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Kraft. (This field will also be considered in more detail at a later time.)

In spite of losses and reversals in our missionary program—by reason of health, limitations, death, government restrictions, economic and language barriers—our ministry of missions is once more growing. The Lord is blessing our efforts and will continue to do so as long as we are busy doing the *first* business of the church—going into all the world and teaching all nations.

For the next couple of months we will take a look at the organization which administers this important work—The Missionary Board of the Brethren Church

Topic for Apri

TAKE TIME TO THINK

by MRS. HERBERT JOHNSON

I HADN'T REALIZED how short life was until I turned the average seventy-year span into seconds one day while waiting for a telephone call. It figures out roughly at about two billion two hundred and fifty million seconds, of which the average person is likely to be awake, or at least partially awake, for one billion five million seconds.

I thought, how foolish of any of us to spend those precious seconds—those eye winks in eternity—quarreling, worrying, or being just plain bored. Most of us who will be reading this article are housewives, and we all know that the routine housework can become most boring. Many women have learned the secret of rising above the monotony of housework. One person I know has memorized many chapters of the Bible. While she vacuums, she repeats the chapters from memory, and they warm her heart. Another friend keeps a poem in a plastic form over her sink, and as she washes dishes she memorizes the poem. Beds do have to be made. Dishes have to be washed. There is no way to avoid housework; while your hands do automatic tasks, your thoughts can be on God and your life filled with joy.

We must take time to think about all of the many blessings God has given us. We take so many things for granted, as though we deserved them, but stop and think. Our families and companions are surely great blessings to us; to be needed, loved and depended upon is real satisfaction for any woman. Our homes, warm and comfortable, the handy appliances, these things we perhaps remember to think of and to thank the Lord for, but have you thought of the blessings of dirty dishes? Thank God for dirty dishes; they have a tale to tell. While others may go hungry, we are eating well. With home, health and happiness, I shouldn't want to fuss—by the stack of evidence, God's been very good to us.

Have you thought to thank Him for His "extras" He didn't have to make the sun rise with such beauty He could have made fruit without its bright colo which is so pleasant to see. He didn't have to ad perfume to the bloom of the apple tree. Birds coul all have sung the same song—or no song at all. Kit tens didn't have to be so soft and fuzzy, nor did baby need dimples and rosy cheeks to make it swee —but I'm glad God did make all these "extra" things Let's take time to think of all of our blessings an thank Him "from whom all blessings flow."

We need to take time to think of those still outsid the fold of spiritual safety. Whether they be frien or loved one, they are precious to God. In Proverb 31:21, we read a verse often heard in the Mother' Day service, *She is not afraid of the snow for he household; for all her household are clothed wit scarlet.* We usually think of this as the woman pre pared to meet the chill winds of circumstance. W could add that the ideal woman is not afraid of he family's being "left out in the cold." She does not fea that her loved ones will not enter into the warmt of God's eternal home; because by faith they are al covered with the blood of Jesus Christ. Let's tak time to think and to pray for those on our own praye lists, our coffee-time friends, our minister, our church If God is not first in our thought in the morning He will be last in our thoughts all day.

Have you thought of your own future? I don't mean this day by day future; for Christ warns us in Matthew 6:25, *Take no thought for your life, what ye shal eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body what ye shall put on.* Actually, worrying about thing as quickly passing as the things of this life are, doesn' really help. We, as Christians, should "touch lightly the things of this world for our thoughts should b above. We easily remember the verse, "Take you

burdens to the Lord" but we forget the most precious part of the promise—"and leave them there." So many of us load our cares and worries on the Lord, only to pick them up again and burden ourselves with them. When we find ourselves all wrinkled up with care and worry, it's a good time to get our faith lifted.

This life, as long as it may seem some days, is merely a wink in eternity. It is the eternal life we need to prepare for. Both the saved person and the unsaved have an eternity to think about; eternity to share forever with Christ for the believer, and eternity away from Him for the unbeliever.

How long is eternity? How can we describe something that has no beginning nor ending? It can't be "spent" for it is exhaustless. I heard this explanation. If a bird were to take a grain of sand from the earth and fly to the sun with it, depositing it there, and returning for another grain, when all of the earth had been deposited on the sun, eternity would have just begun. Let's think of eternity. Prepare now for eternal life with Christ.

One fault common to us all is to speak without thinking. It is easy to give another "a piece of your mind," but when you are through you have lost your own peace of mind. We must be careful of our thoughts for they may break into words at any time. We actually are what we think. Proverbs 23:7 says, *As he thinketh in his heart, so is he.* Our thoughts put into words or actions can do much harm, and can actually spoil our Christian testimony. All too often we needlessly hurt one another by a thoughtless word. A woman who is thoughtless enough to make unkind remarks builds a wall between herself and her friends, gradually losing them. A wound from the tongue is worse than a wound from a sword; for the latter effects only the body, the former the spirit.

We are inclined to excuse ourselves by saying that it is more natural for some to be kind and thoughtful than others. But actually, kindness is governed by a law, *In her tongue is the law of kindness* (Proverbs 31:26). Take time to think before you speak. This habit will keep you from much grief.

Our lives would be joy-filled, Christ-centered and a blessing to those about us if we would think the lovely thoughts of Christ as expressed by Paul in Philippians 4:8, *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. U. J. SHIVELY

Delivered at the funeral service in Nappanee, Indiana

by DR. GLENN L. CLAYTON



FROM TIME TO TIME there live certain persons who rise above the ordinary and catch a vision of what might be. To some of these is imparted the gift of leadership and the ability to inspire others to reach out and up as well. Thanks to these few, humanity is better than it would otherwise be and man's limited service to God and man is greater.

Such a person was Mrs. U. J. Shively. A devoted servant of the Lord, she saw various avenues of witnessing for Him. Because she caught a vision of what might be, the women of the Brethren Church joined in new loyalty and devotion and turned their eyes toward horizons hitherto untouched. Because she was blessed with the ability to lead, the Woman's Missionary Society of the church reached toward new goals and achieved them. Through this ministry, her example glowed to touch and inspire the entire laity and related services of the church.

I speak today of these general and specific radiations of this devoted and faithful life, but more particularly for her many friends at Ashland College. As a leader of the church and friend of the College and as the wife of a faithful trustee of that institution, her example of untiring service was an inspiration to the writer and to his many associates in the earlier stages of the recent development of Ashland College.

At a time when the work was particularly difficult and even the strong were tempted to falter, the faith and zeal of Mrs. U. J. Shively remained firm.

Beautiful Memorial Chapel stands today proclaiming the truth of that faith for all to see. The dream of a place for meetings and a center for worship on the Ash-

land College campus was more than two decades old but still seemed a remote possibility until fired by the vision and leadership of Mrs. Shively. Then it grew rapidly and was approved by the Board of Trustees of the College in August, 1950. The planning, construction, and completion of the financing is a story of faith and leadership in which the example of this fine devoted life stands high. She was present for the breaking of the ground, attended many of the tedious meetings of the building committee, and finally rejoiced with all at the dedication services two years later. No greater memorial to faith and devotion to her Lord could be found than Memorial Chapel which stands today daily ministering to the needs of more than a thousand young people, and annually opening its doors to the sessions of the General Conference of the Brethren Church.

I speak for the Board of Trustees of Ashland College, for the Administration, the Faculty and the Students when I express our sincere gratitude for her exemplary life and service. In expressing our deep sense of loss and sympathy to the members of the family, I can only repeat what they already know: she lived her faith and, in so doing, strengthened our own love and devotion to the Savior in whose arms she now resides:

I saw two clouds at morning,
Tinged with the rising sun,
And in the dawn, they floated on,
And mingled into one.
I thought that morning cloud was blest,
It moved so sweetly to the west.
I saw two summer currents
Flow smoothly to their meeting,
And join their course, with silent force,
In peace each other greeting.
Calm was their course through banks of green,
While dimpling eddies played between.

Such be your gentle motion,
Till life's last pulse shall beat,
Like summer's beam, and summer's stream,
Float on, in joy, to meet
A calmer sea, where storms shall cease —
A purer sky, where all is peace.

(John Gardiner Brainard)

by MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

FOR TWENTY-SIX YEARS it was my privilege to know and work with our beloved Mrs. U. J. Shively. I met her when I became president of the Indiana district. During these early years of my association with the Woman's Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, I had access to her experience and leadership. When I became national vice president, I found strength and inspiration working along beside her. Even after I became your national president, I felt the need for this same strength and inspiration, and always found it most satisfying and encouraging to stop by her home to visit and talk "shop" with Mrs. Shively.

Now as I think back over the years of my association with this dedicated woman there are two words that come to my mind. To me Mrs. Shively meant wisdom and strength. The Lord blessed her with the gift of wisdom which she used not only to further the growth of the W.M.S. work but also for the entire denomination. I was always amazed at her ability to immediately discern the right or the wrong way to do a thing.

Her strength was noted in the manner in which she spoke always commanding attention. I visited her frequently after she became housebound, and it was not until the last few years that I noted her physical strength waning—but not her spiritual strength. Always she was enthusastic about our W. M.S. work and continued to radiate the strength I needed. All members of the Woman's Missionary Society owe much to this devoted leader who was our national president for thirty-one years.

On Monday afternoon January 4, 1965, as a winter sun shone on the Union Cemetery near Nappanee, Indiana, I watched the final rites for our beloved Mrs. Shively. As I stood there I prayed that the strength, energy and enthusiasm of this dear leader might be evidenced in the Brethren women of today and tomorrow. In other words I was praying for the Lord to raise up more Mrs. Shivelys.

In reverence, we pause and tribute pay
To a lovely soul who has passed our way.
One whose willing hand and kindly deed
Was always attune to some cry of need.
Another star shines in our sky
For a lovely soul has just passed by.
We bow our hearts in grateful prayer
That we have been blessed by this saint so rare,
Who has known the touch of the Master's hand
And has served so well at His command.
It somehow seems that heaven comes nigh
When these saintly souls are passing by.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for March 21, 1965
DANGERS OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS
Text: Matthew 23:13-24, 37-39

THIS LESSON is about strict religious people who by their extreme legalism and hypocrisy kep themselves and others out of the Kingdom.

No Man Your Father

Here it is understood that Jesus was not speaking of physical offspring, but spiritual. No man has the power to impart spiritual life, or to give spiritual re

birth to any other man. Only God can do this to a man. So often protestants use this verse to oppose the idea of calling priests of the Roman denomination, "father." Paul called Timothy "son" indicating a father and son relationship in the faith—Phil. 2:22; I Tim. 1:2; and II Tim. 1:2. Careful study reveals that this is used to express a very close, personal love between these two men more intimate than that which existed between Paul and other men. Paul was old and Timothy young. It is not established that Timothy ever called Paul "father." Such intimacy is not felt to this extent between priests and all of their parishioners. To make such address mandatory is in itself to destroy the beauty and the intimacy of the meaning of the relationship which Paul expressed. To use the term "father" as a means of getting the respect of the parishioners is to step into Pharisaical legalism when it is demanded.

Jesus pointed out several ways in which the Pharisees were illogical, self-righteous, hypocritical and bigoted.

1. (v. 13) By their fanatical legalism and traditionalism they blocked off all personal and heartfelt relation with God. They sidetracked every convert they made, down the road to self-righteousness and perdition.

2. (v. 14 cf. Mark 12:40) Jesus accused these men of actually robbing widows of their inheritances. By pretending to help them settle their affairs, they consumed the widows inheritance by legal fraud. Who would suspect that such pious people rendering wonderful sounding prayers were so heartless and vile?

3. (vs. 16-22) The Pharisees made attempts to take the binding power out of an oath by saying that the thing by which a man swears determines the validity of his word or intentions. Then these men dictated what was more sacred to God than something else. They in fact made a farce of the sacred things of religion. Jesus taught that our word should be good no matter when or where it is given. Swearing is unessential and carries the assumption that a man is otherwise a liar and not to be trusted (Matt. 5:33-37).

4. (v. 23) Jesus here points out to hypocrites that the letter of the law may be important, but they miss the whole intention and meaning of the law which is that it teaches men to be fair in their attitude toward one another, merciful in their dealings and with faith in each other and a saving faith in God.

God is concerned about what we do, but He is more concerned about what inspires our actions; what is our attitude and our intentions.

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

SUNDAY SCHOOL EVANGELISM

"Leaders, teachers, and pupils seeking to win others to Christ."

(Standard of Excellence for Brethren Sunday Schools, Section I, Goal I.)

The Importance of Sunday School Evangelism

The importance of Sunday school evangelism grows out of the importance of evangelism itself. Evangelism—that is, the proclaiming of the "good news" of salvation in Jesus Christ with the goal of winning people to Him—is important for two very good reasons:

1. Every person is accountable to God. . . . **it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment** (Hebrews 9:27). **He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth in him** (John 3:36). Earl Paulk in a book on Sunday school evangelism has said, "No one can be a successful soul-winner until he believes that every soul to whom he ministers must be saved or they will be doomed for eternity."

2. Every Christian has been given the responsibility of being a witness to Jesus Christ before the unsaved. "And ye shall be my witnesses," said Jesus to His followers, and we believe this applies to us as well as to them. We have a responsibility to be "evangelists" and we are held accountable for this responsibility.

Evangelism IS important. The Sunday school, as an integral part of the church, has a responsibility in this important task. It is not enough just to teach in Sunday school. We must teach with a view toward the conversion of those who are taught.

But the importance of Sunday school evangelism is seen even more clearly when we consider:

The Opportunities of the Sunday School in Evangelism

The Sunday school has tremendous opportunities for evangelism. This is true for several reasons.

1. The Sunday school reaches children. Children are most easily won to Jesus Christ. In fact the ages of six to sixteen are the peak ages of conversion. Sunday school is the only church service many children attend. Those that do attend church often do not comprehend the service and its message. The Sunday school can reach these children.

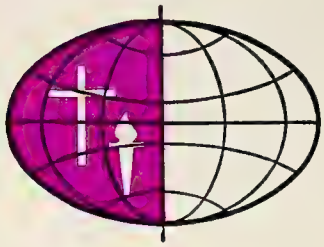
2. The Sunday school reaches children on their own level. This point is related to the previous one. While the church service is aimed at adults, the Sunday school class is conducted on the child's level of understanding. The gospel is presented to him in a way he can understand.

3. The Sunday school class provides greater opportunity for personal evangelistic effort. Evangelism is most successful when it is on a personal level. The smaller groupings in Sunday school provide this opportunity for the teacher to work personally with students.

Evangelism is Important

Evangelism can be carried out most effectively in the home. Many homes are not Christian, however, and even many of those which are Christian have failed in their evangelist responsibility. Next to the home the Sunday school is one of the most effective means of evangelism. Therefore, the responsibility of the Sunday school in evangelism is very great.

MISSIONARY NEWS



HAROLD AND SHIRLEY BOWERS IN NIGERIA

Harold and Shirley Bowers arrived in Nigeria in January to begin their short term service in teaching the Nigerian students at Waka Schools. A great enthusiasm is shown in their letters and they express much joy in working with the Nigerian students. From time to time it will be our pleasure to share with you some of their letters.

There is great opportunity for many others to contribute their talents to the work at Waka Schools as well as in various areas. Recruitment of further personnel may be possible through presenting this information from their letters to Brethren whom you feel would fit into the situation.

If the Missionary Board could be of further service in providing information relative to service abroad, we should be pleased to assist you.

Waka Schools

The Waka institution is made up of over 100 buildings and in the past thirteen years many advancements have been noted with the addition of electricity, running water and convenient dorm facilities. It incorporates other schools in addition to the Teacher Training College where Harold and Shirley are teaching.

The Secondary School had its first leaving class in 1964 (see January 16, 1965, issue *The Brethren Evangelist.*) Secondary School classes now follow a five-year course and students are able to select eight subjects from the following; English, literature, Bible Knowledge, geography, history, biology, chemistry, physics, agriculture, science, mathematics and for the girls, needlework and dressmaking or housecraft.

The boys work very hard in sports and some have competed in the Northern Regional Finals in track as well as the Nationals at Lagos.

In the days following Nigeria's becoming a Republic and becoming more independent, young minds are struggling with many problems before them which is a great challenge to Waka Schools. They strive to meet the Nigerians' needs in order to further the growth of His Kingdom.

Bowers' Arrival to the Field

I should like to bring you up to the time when we arrived in Waka. We had a most enjoyable trip to London where it was quite chilly the last hours of the old year and we didn't get to see too much. Mark and I went on an "underground" ride to Charing Cross to buy English books. We are already looking forward to our return trip via London to do some sightseeing and secure some scenic pictures.

We departed from London at 10 P. M. on New Year's Day. We touched down over Frankfort for about thirty minutes, then headed south across the Sahara. At Kano, Nigeria, we rushed through customs and dashed to a plane about ready to take off for Jos. When we arrived at Jos, we called Jean Shank on the phone and she wasted no time in coming for us.

It was a pleasure to be with the Shank family; we tried to fill them in on all the Ashland news and they did their best to get us oriented and outfitted in Jos.

We stayed at the Church of the Brethren Mission compound for five days eating our meals at the S. I. M. dining hall. Doc and Jean made separate trips down into the market with us to get curtain material, "Tilly" kerosene iron and provision items. Shirley and the children enjoyed the Jos Zoo and Museum and I enjoyed roving with my camera, taking pictures. We all went on a picnic with the Hillcrest School staff to a rocky area overlooking a dam. It was so very nice to be able to meet some of their staff and know in whose hands we were entrusting Mark. Hillcrest School is certainly nice. I must admit that I almost had wishes of staying there to teach but know now the greater joy in working with the Nigerian students here at Waka. We were so very pleased to have the opportunity of meeting Roger Ingold, Field Secretary, at Jos. He had at one time been a teacher to my sister-in law in the Akron, Ohio, vicinity.

Our drive out to Waka began early on the 7th of January. It is 360 miles from Jos and the road is paved about two-thirds of the way and then is quite rough. It was exciting, especially when we left the tarmac, baboons, monkeys, bushfires and strangely clad natives. We saw two lorries that had been involved in accidents along the way.

It was just getting dark when we arrived at Waka and we were put up at the guest house the first night. It seems so very strange to have to have a flashlight with one after dark to see where one is going. It is the custom for the staff to entertain the newcomers the first week. I can just imagine Shirley trying to fix meals our first week without provisions and under strange conditions. In addition to the convenience to us, it was an ideal way to also become well acquainted with the people with whom we will be working. We will be on the other end ourselves when the next new family arrives at Waka. The people here have really lived up to the idea of Christian brotherhood and we look forward to our association with them.

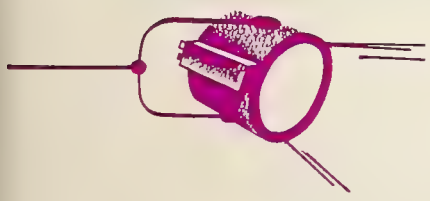
There are many new and strange things such as bargaining at our door for firewood, selling tin cans, and learning how to function with a woodburning cook stove. We are most fortunate to have an experienced cook who is renown by his baking ability. He is also a good Christian and often goes out to the villages to preach. The food is served with very hot seasoned sauces and when Mark was here with us attending a gala wedding with very special dishes, the seasoning brought tears to his eyes, and made us all gasp. We do not have a need for a gardener right now because of the dry season, but around April when the rains come, we hope to begin our planting.

Our house is very lovely as we had been led to anticipate. It is all newly painted inside and when our household goods arrive it should really be like home. Right now we are borrowing equipment and getting along quite nicely. (The dock strikes here in the United States will no doubt delay the shipment of their personal effects.)

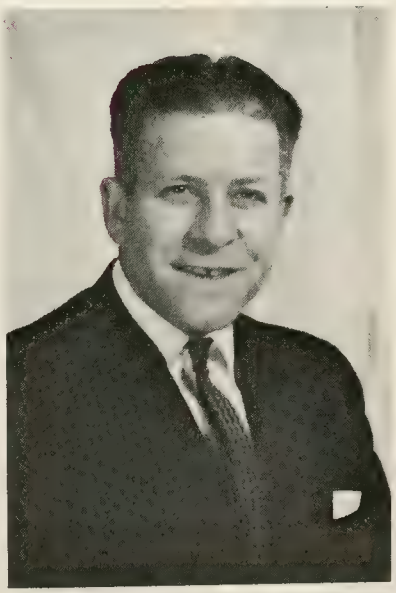
We are very pleased to have been assigned to the Teacher Training College. Shirley is teaching 20 classes a week of Class One English. This means that she meets twice a day with two groups. I have 28 classes of English with four groups of students from Classes III and IV. There are five classes at T. T. C. and classes are double-streamed except for Class V.

Our first classes begin at 6:30 in the morning, and this has its reward when we realize that Shirley's teaching day is over by lunch time. Mr. Hess was very considerate when he scheduled the majority of our classes so that one of us could be with Marla most of the time. We have only 12 conflicts during the week. Now that Marla is used to the swing of things she enjoys the company of the Nigerian girl we have to baby-sit with her during these hours.

Already we are aware of the need for more short-term and career workers here at Waka Schools. Continue to pray for workers for this program.



EARL CLYBURN



THE NEWEST member to be elected to the Missionary Board by the General Conference of 1964 is Mr. Earl Clyburn of the Fort Scott, Kansas, Brethren Church.

He was born and reared in the vicinity of Deerfield, Missouri, and now makes his home in Fort Scott, Kansas, with his wife, Ruth, and two daughters—Joyce, 9, and Janice, 7 years of age.

Mr. Clyburn is most active in his district and within the local church at Fort Scott. At the present time he is serving as the Moderator of the Fort Scott Church, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, on the Board of Trustees, as a Sunday School teacher of the High School class and as Secretary-Treasurer of the Laymen's Organization of his church. His duties in the district work include being President of the Midwest District Laymen's Organization and a member on the Midwest District Camp Board.

It will be a privilege to have him further serve his Lord on the Missionary Board.

Brethren Youth Crusaders

Oak Hill Christmas

Our Christmas program was presented Sunday evening, December 20, under the direction of Mrs. Bob Buskus. Mr. Paul Fox served as pianist.

The program "Gifts" was presented by the combined youth and children's departments. Characters were: Spirit of Thankfulness, Nancy Warden; Spirit of Love, Alice Alexander; Spirit of Truth, Suzanne Hall; Spirit of Selfishness, Catherine Ritondo; and the Spirit of Indifference, Joyce Woods. The wise men were Greg Bowling, John Bishop and Eddie Simmons. Shepherds were Bobby Buskus, Frankie Ball and Freddie Webb. The Bethlehem girls were played by Janice Nuckles, Caroline Mills and Beverly Hill. Mary Richards, Debbie and Sherry Bowling, Iris and Allen Nuckles, Billy Buskus, Eleanor Pennock, and Vicky Goff played the Bethlehem children. Rabbi Samuel was portrayed by Michael Richards and the intermediate girl was Kathy Walton. The choir was composed of members of the youth and children's dpartments.

Following the program, the congregation was invited downstairs for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

Pray for our youth that they will continue to serve the Lord in His work as faithfully in the future as they have in the past.

—Mrs. Bob Buskus

Vinco Programs

We Vinco intermediates completed an attendance contest entitled "God's Rainbow." Points were given for attendance at all church activities and for bringing friends and Bibles to the meetings. After we went caroling, the losers treated the winners to a Christmas party.

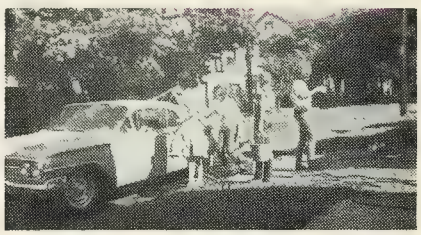
The second Sunday night of each month is Mission Sunday. The offering goes to National Brethren Youth. Eight of our members have written to our eight missionaries and will read replies on Mission Sunday nights.

The third Sunday night of each month is devoted to Christian Guidance filmstrips and discussion.

More interesting activities are planned for the future.

Craig Leidy, ass't. secretary

Johnstown II



At our meeting on September 21, the following youth officers were elected:

President—Carolyn Miller
Vice President—Barry Yingling
Secretary—Sue Ann Sefick
Ass't. secretary—Sandy Boyer
Treasurer—Kathy Miller
Ass't. treasurer—Barry Markley

Our advisors this year are Rev. Charles Lowmaster and Mr. and Mrs. James Miller.

Our activities so far this year have included a Halloween party, bowling party, skating party, fun night and caroling at one of our local hospitals.

We also had a car wash as you can see in the picture.

The Johnstown III Brethren Youth joined with us to see three films entitled "Teenage Loyalty," "Teenage Christmas," and "Teenage Conflict."

Our regular BYC meetings are held every first and third Monday of the month. On the fourth Monday we have our Bible Quiz on Acts. Every Sunday evening we meet to study the book of Acts.

Sandy Boyer, ass't. secretary

"fill the DERBY hat" — $10,000

Meyersdale Juniors

Our Jr. BYC elected officers on September 29, 1964, as follows:

President—Robert Hoffman
Vice president—Joe Fisher
Secretary—Ginger Folk
Ass't. secretary—Thomas Courtney
Treasurer—Susan Shuck
Ass't. treasurer—Thomas Hoffman

Tuesday evening before Christmas, our minister's wife took the group caroling. They returned to the church later for refreshments—weiners, potato chips, candy and koolaid. Everyone had a good time.

We are now working hard on the Bible Quiz.

Sydney Lenhart, counselor

County Line Turtles



Our Jr. and Jr. Hi elected officers in December:

President—Jean Donahue
Vice president—Keith Isemburg
Secretary—Kathleen Burger
Treasurer—Karen Isemburg

We went caroling in December and enjoyed hot chili and chocolate furnished by the W.M.S. ladies upon our return to the church.

We made soap turtles as our money making project. We plan to visit other youth groups in the near future.

We are behind on the Bible Quiz but are learning from it and enjoying it very much.

The picture shows nine of our members.

Kathleen Burger

Meyersdale Soup

The Sr. BYC began the fall season with the election of the following officers:

President—Danny Burt
Vice president—Laura Walker
Treasurer—Donald Kimmel
Ass't. treasurer—George Fisher, Jr.
Secretary—Gary Martin
Ass't. secretary—Jo Ann Martin

Early in the fall while the vegetables were still plentiful, we were busy making vegetable soup to sell. Of course, our mothers did most of the work while we were busy in school. Rev. Hoffman served as "chief sampler." We delivered the soup and helped clean the kitchen after school. We were able to sell all of the soup made, and this proved to be a very successful venture for us.

On Christmas eve we went caroling. Since the evening was not too cold, we had a very nice time. Later we met at the church for refreshments.

We are now busy studying the book of Acts, preparing for the Bible Quiz.

Jo Ann Martin

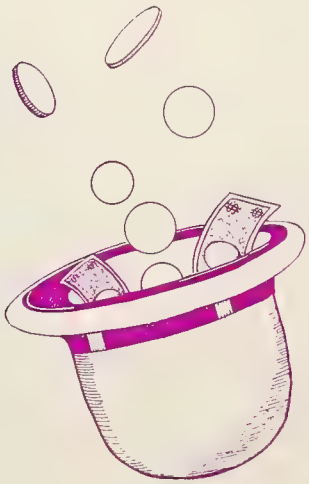
SPOTLIGHT ON SCRIPTURE

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Identify this scripture then check to see if your answer is right in next week's Evangelist.

Answer to last week's Spotlight on Scripture . . .

Romans 10:9, 10



How is your fund for **"Fill the DERBY hat"** coming? We hear that most of our youth groups are working hard to make **$10,000** a reality for Derby. Let's keep up the work —everyone will have to pull together!

SISTERHOOD

SILENT CHRISTMAS

by MISS PAULA LANDERS

CAN A CHRISTIAN be a Christian when he does not stand up for his beliefs? Or does being a Christian require any action on his part?

At a party not long ago I found myself engaged in a discussion on a subject that a majority of Christians believe to be harmful to a pure and wholesome temple. The party consisted of Christians who didn't necessarily differ on the subject, but yet a few were defending it for the sake of enjoyment. These few persons brought up questionable points that needed some clarification. I was alone in giving them facts and opinions to justify my stand against the issue. The others, who were considered to be the leading Christian teens of the church, sat still. They looked at me as if to say that discussing such an issue was out of place. Yet, one of the girls who was getting so much enjoyment out of defending the subject, is the very one who would stand up and tell about the sin and indecency of such a thing during a youth meeting.

Can a Christian be justified in preaching one thing and when the crowd says the opposite, go along just to be "one of the gang?" Does a Christian do the right thing when he puts his beliefs down at a time when he should be standing up for those beliefs? Is being a Christian just a job to work at on Sundays and at youth meetings?

Somehow I've developed the impression that when you're in a crowd you should do what is right no matter what those around you may say! I have been taught that it isn't right to not say anything when you have a chance to testify for the Lord.

If we as Christians are afraid and feel out of place telling fellow Christians our beliefs and convictions, will we be able to "go into all the world" or to school, "and preach the gospel" or invite someone to church, "to every creature" or even our close friends? It is doubtful. How can we be examples to those outside of Christ when we refuse to be examples to our own Christian brothers and sisters? It just isn't possible! If we are to be Christians in deed as well as word, we must act upon our beliefs.

Fellow Christians, don't deny Christ by denying your beliefs. Whenever you have a chance to do so, tell others your beliefs. Show them your love for the Lord by proclaiming Him as such. Do not be ashamed of Him! Why not begin right now by kneeling at your bedside and praying to Jesus that you might not be silent, but with His help you will witness to those around you! Too many persons delay their Christian witness, but the time to begin is now. The Lord will bless every effort you make to win souls for Him, and you will be a much happier Christian.

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Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

DEDICATION SERVICE THIRD BRETHREN CHURCH JOHNSTOWN, PA.

THE THIRD BRETHREN CHURCH of Johnstown, Penna., dedicated its new Sunday school annex on Sunday, January 17. The service was held in the church sanctuary with Rev. Jerald Radcliff, pastor, leading devotions. For the actual dedication, the congregation and participants moved to the new structure. There the keys to the annex were presented to Merle Stutzman, Sr., chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Speaker for the dedication service was Dr. Paul D. Walter, dean of Johnstown College, University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Walter is a well-known EUB layman who has spoken at many churches of various denominations throughout this area.

Construction of the annex, which is a 40- by 58-foot brick structure, began June 22, 1964, and was completed at a cost of approximately $40,000. The main part of the annex is a large combination fellowship hall and six classrooms. The classrooms will be formed by using movable partitions. There are also a modern kitchen, an ample stage, and restroom facilities. In addition to the annex proper, there is an attached garage measuring 14- by 24-feet.

Order of Dedication Service

The Prelude
The Hymn of Praise
The Call to Worship
The Doxology

Male Quartet Floyd Benshoff, Norman Grumbling, Jr., Glenn Benshoff, Merle Stutzman, Jr.
The Responsive Reading Psalm 122
Piano Duet Miriam and Mina Stutzman
The Hymn of Prayer
The Prayer
The Offertory
The Scripture Lesson
Organ-Piano Duet David and Janis Dysert
The Dedicatory Sermon Dr. Paul D. Walter Dean, Johnstown College
The Anthem
The Act of Dedication
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A NEW GROUP APPEARS AT BRYAN, OHIO

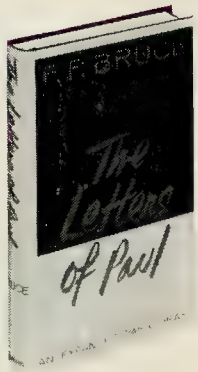
A NEW GROUP appeared in the Bryan (Ohio) First Brethren Sunday school in 1964. It was called the 1964 Fifty-two Club. It had a membership of thirty-two (including the photographer). Membership required perfect attendance for the entire year. Each member received the entire course of Bible training offered through the regular class sessions. A picture of the group was given to each member as a memento of this achievement. A larger framed picture will be placed in the church. Another group began to form on January 3, which will be called the 1965 Fifty-two Club, of course.

Rev. Smith F. Rose, Pastor

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by F. F. BRUCE



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CONFERENCE AUTHORIZED HISTORIC RESEARCH

HAVE ALL of the delegates of the 1964 General Conference remembered the resolution passed by Conference relative to a book of Brethren History? The minute reads, "The Conference of Brethren Churches authorize the Book and Pamphlet Commission to do research on the historic material of the Brethren Church for the years 1880-1920 and prepare and publish a book containing such history."

The Central Council, to which the implementation of the work was referred, has acted and the writer began the research January first here at Ashland. Mrs. Ronk and I have locked our house in Iowa and are occupying the Missionary Home this winter. The study is being carried on here at the Seminary Building to be near the Library and the church archives.

Progress is made in gathering and filing data. We catalog sources as we go and list authors in a cross-filing index that will be useful for further research than necessary in this present project of the Historic Mind of the Brethren.

It has been considered impractical to begin this work with the year 1880 or to end it at 1920. Necessity drives us back to the original mind of the Brethren and beyond to the Mind of Christ as found in the New Testament Revelation.

We feel that we owe to the Church this progress report. We ask for your sustaining prayers.

Albert Ronk

SUBSCRIPTIONS to THE BRETHREN EVANGELIST

AGAIN, we would like to urge you to subscribe to *The Brethren Evangelist*. Our subscriptions have taken a "nose-dive" in the past two or three weeks. This is due mainly to the fact that two churches withdrew from the one hundred per cent category, thus over one hundred names were removed from the list.

The Brethren Evangelist is the official printed organ of *The Brethren Church* and should be in every Brethren home.

We urge Subscription Chairmans and Pastors of the local churches to put forth a special effort to increase the number of subscriptions for the church.



the editor's editorial

Sin and God's Word

IN A RECENT Midweek service at our church we discussed our stewardship in relation to life, body, mind and time. At one point, discussion centered around an assignment which was given that the front page of the newspaper should be studied each day for a week and a list made of events which were caused by sin. This was a most revealing study!

Some of the events listed were as follows: war and the threat of war brought on by the sin of pride and hate. The stoning of United States embassy buildings around the world because of the sin of hate. Automobile accidents caused by the sin of drunkenness. The beating of American citizens in Alabama by law officers under direct order of the governor of that state, again because of the sin of hate. (What is wrong about a citizen wanting his right to vote?) The beating of three ministers by thugs because these men dared to eat in a restaurant operated by Negroes—motive? Sin of hate. A little girl was molested and beaten by a sex maniac; sin of carnality. A gang of young thugs attacked a fifteen year old girl in a subway in one of our large cities while many watched, and because they did not want to get "involved," they did nothing. The sin of neglect. A bank was robbed —the sin of theft. A report was made during the week that serious crime was on the increase across these United States. The list could have been much longer.

What can the Christian do in face of all this? The new trend in theology today does not give us much room to do anything about it. If we dare condemn the sin that is around us, we are pegged as being "self-righteous" and the condemning of sin is worse than the sin itself, they say, so we are prone to keep still.

The question was asked, but why don't we Christians band together and do something about the evil that is around us? Someone answered immediately, "because it is easier and less dangerous to not get involved." This is exactly the attitude many of us have. We say, "let them take care of their own problems, it's really none of my business." Our Lord was willing to become involved on certain occasions!

Someone said recently, "if those people (meaning those who were injured in the recent Alabama beatings) did not have any more sense than to become involved, then they got what they deserved." How can Christians feel this way when such injustices are done?

Where is the theology of past generations which condemned sin as sin? We hear very little preaching today against the sin of sex, for instance. We condone it as long as no one gets caught. Very few of us preach against alcohol and the curse of drink; or the sin of stealing; or the sin of lying; or the sin of adultery; or any of the other sins that are so prevalent around us. We seem to be afraid to speak out against it. Again, if we do we are immediately called "self-righteous" and condemned for being so brave as to even mention the word "sin."

It is high time that we Christians go back to the unadulterated Word of our God and see what He has to say about sin. We have spent too much time already watering it down to the extent that many of us have talked ourselves into believing that we can get away with anything as long as we aren't caught! God hates sin, He cannot allow it in the lives of His people, we must be willing to recognize it and let others know the doom that accompanies it.

One of Billy Graham's many themes is "return to God!" Let us take heed to these words! We cannot sit idly by and let sin ruin our lives, our families and our nation! Remember **the wages of sin is death** (Romans 6:23).

Brethren, think upon these things! S.G.

The Kingdom of HEAVEN PARABLES

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XXII

IT MUST NOT BE forgotten that these parables are revelations of the mysteries of the Kingdom. Note the mustard seed and the leaven. They foretell the outward growth of the Kingdom in the hands of men.

The mustard seed was the smallest of the field seeds. The plant produced from the seed is an herb. It produces no woody fibre, yet the parable states that in the likeness of the Kingdom of Heaven, it becomes *greater than the herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof* (13:32—A.S.V.). That which was meant to be a simple herb, the fruit of which was to give tang and relish and seasoning, becomes a tree—a great monstrosity of many branches, sheltering birds. It roots deeper and deeper into the earth gathering its nourishment from the earth. Fowls of the heaven here picture the soaring birds of the heights—vultures—birds of prey, that lodge in the branches. John's vision on Patmos saw it (Rev. 18:2—A.S.V.), *fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, and is become a habitation of demons, and a hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.* This is the picture Jesus gave of the outward growth of the Kingdom business when committed to men. This is the picture of Christendom to the end of the age.

Now a look at the internal development of the Kingdom affairs. It is likened unto leaven hidden in the meal. Is leaven good? Never in the Bible. Leaven was scrupulously purged from every house before the feasts. It stands for evil. Jesus said to His disciples, *Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Then understood they that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees* (Matt. 16:11, 12—A.S.V.). Paul used the same figure in reference to the church at Corinth glorying over the case of incest in the church. He said, *Purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, even as ye are unleavened. For our passover also hath been sacrificed, even Christ: wherefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth* (I Cor. 5:7, 8—A.S.V.). The leaven hidden in the meal is false doctrine and resulting wickedness. The leaven of the Pharisees was hypocritical ritualism; that of the Sadducees was rationalism; of Herod it was worldliness. How typical of a great part of Christendom today. Then note that the leaven was hidden in something good—the meal. Meal is wheat prepared for food. Wheat was the good seed, darnel the false. The SONG OF MOSES extols the providence of Jehovah, saying of Israel, "And he made him to suck honey out of the rock . . . butter of the herd and milk of the flock. With fat of lambs, and the FINEST OF THE WHEAT." The meal is the true doctrine of Christ prepared to feed hungry souls. The errors of false teaching is the leaven that corrupts the good. This is the inward development of the business of the Kingdom that Jesus saw and foretold. Men have injected idolatrous ritualism, rational theology and worldliness into the FINEST OF THE WHEAT.

But let the parables speak further. *The kingdom of heaven* (remember now in man's control) *is like unto a treasure hidden in a field; which a man found and hid; and in his joy he goeth and selleth all that he had, and buyeth that field* (Matt. 13:44). Short is the parable but Oh so portentous. The field is the world said Jesus. The man is the Son of man when He became incarnate. He found Israel hidden in the field and He hid it away among the nations. The Son of man purchased the field by His death on Calvary, and with it purchased the treasure, but He does not yet possess it. He left the field for a while to be in His Father's house and prepare for Himself a bride. He is coming again to claim the treasure, His Israel for Himself. This is a "mystery of the kingdom given the believer to know" (Matt. 13:11). Paul refreshes the memory, "For I do not wish you to be ignorant, brethren, of this mystery, that ye be not wise in your own conceits, that blindness in part has happened to Israel, until the fulness of the nations be come in; And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and he shall turn away godliness from Jacob."

Is that time drawing nigh? Some two million sons of Jacob have already returned to Palestine according to promise. The fig tree buds. Signs do appear. We wait the hour of destiny—the hour known only to God.

Has the Church been forgotten among all of the mysteries of the Kingdom? Aye, verily not. *The kingdom of heaven* (under man's control) *is like unto a man that is a merchant seeking goodly pearls: and having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it* (Matt. 13:45, 46—A.S.V.). The merchant came from heaven and paid for the pearl. "He sold all that he had." Paul tells it, ". . . Christ Jesus: who existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself . . . being made in the likeness of man . . . he became obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross." With His blood He purchased the pearl. The pearl is His Church. As the pearl forms in the oyster, so the Church is forming through the blood of His side. As the oyster is found in the sea, the Church is largely found in the sea of the nations. There is only one goodly pearl among all the oysters of the sea, the Church—"That he might present the Church to himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle,

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Daily Devotions

General Theme for the Year: "FULFILLING THE TIME"
Theme for March — "BY HIS SPIRIT DWELLING IN YOU"

Writer for March — Dr. Harold Barnett
March 28 - April 3 — "Spiritual Truth"

Sunday, March 28, 1965
Read Scripture: John 14:17

The Devil is the Father of lies and therefore his followers in the world are deceived by his lies about everything, especially God. An unsaved person is filled with the spirit of the Devil (or evil spirits). The world will not receive God's Spirit of Truth.

However, we have the Truth dwelling within us and we know Him personally. It is inconceivable why some people would believe a lie that they might be damned. Some will listen to the Gospel and will come out of their darkness to the light; therefore, we must be faithful in its proclamation. Zwingli wrote in another day: "The business of the truth is not to be deserted even to the sacrifice of our lives, for we live not for this age of ours, nor for the princes, but for the Lord."

The Day's Thought

Only the truth of the Bible can free people and KEEP them free.

Monday, March 29, 1965
Read Scripture: John 15:26

The Nicene Creed, formulated by the Church centuries ago, pays tribute to the Holy Spirit as being God and equal with the Father and Son in the following words:

"I believe in the Holy Spirit
The Lord and giver of life,
Which proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and Son together
Is worshipped and glorified."

There is mystery concerning the Triune Godhead which we can never fully fathom this side of Heaven. However, we know that no one person of the Trinity is completely absent one from the other. In our text Christ promised the Disciples that He would send the Comforter to them after His ascension back into Heaven. The Three are inseparable in the absolute sense; however, each has His particular office and function. The Spirit testifies of Jesus and the finished atonement. This is why the Spirit is termed the Comforter. The Holy Spirit does not work apart from the finished work of Jesus Christ.

The Day's Thought

The Comforter of God abides with me in all the trials and sorrows of this life and through the atonement of Christ I'm headed for Heaven.

Tuesday, March 30, 1965
Read Scripture: John 14:26

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter of God, is our Teacher. ONLY those who have the Holy Spirit are capable of teaching the truth about God and His universe. It is a shame that otherwise Christian people so often will praise some so-called scholarly teacher or professor, even though he may be godless in beliefs and living. This is wrong. A "big" preacher in the pulpit who is puffed up with his importance and is without the Holy Spirit may sway some people with his oratory, but he is an abomination in the sight of God. Samuel Chadwick had this in mind when he wrote: "The church that is man-managed instead of God-governed is doomed to failure. A ministry that is college-trained but not Spirit-filled works no miracles."

The Day's Thought

God's truth is taught by His Spirit to and through true Christians.

Wednesday, March 31, 1965
Read Scripture: John 16:8

This is a precious verse on the ministry of the Spirit. The Spirit does reprove us of our sins. If we own up to them and repent of them, then the Spirit applies the blood of Christ and with this spiritual cleansing our sins are gone. Praise God! The Spirit teaches the way of righteousness to us and, if we are willing, will continue to lead us into paths of His righteousness.

When we confess our sins, repent and turn from them, and have faith in Christ, we know that our sins are taken away since they were judged on Calvary's Cross and which becomes effective when we meet God's conditions. This is our judgement here and now. There will be a "judgment of rewards," however.

The Spirit surely warns of the impending judgment of God against this evil and unbelieving world. Of course, the Spirit uses the Scriptures for His work since they constitute His "sword."

The Day's Thought

I must read my Bible often and constantly so that the Spirit will be able to accomplish His ministry in my life and, through me, in others.

Thursday, April 1, 1965
Read Scripture: I John 4:6

It is wonderful to have fellowship with those who share common things of the Spirit! Those who truly love the Lord will recognize this love in others also. When we testify and speak of spiritual things we find that those who have the Holy Spirit will hear and receive our message.

With all the "isms" in the world deceiving people with all their smooth lies and half-truths, it is double important that we have the Spirit of truth within us in order to detect and oppose the spirit of error in others.

God's group of true believers will no doubt be relatively small when He comes. Yet, great hordes flock after strange and false religions. Our church's concern must not be to grow big in numbers. We must seek to reach as many souls as possible for the Lord. However, we cannot change the nature of the true message in order to entice them in with some attractive doctrine that appeals to the flesh. Salvation means repenting, dying, being crucified, made a spectacle, cross-bearing, denying self, utter submission and obedience, and spiritual separation from the world

of sin. This is not appealing to proud, arrogant, pleasure-mad flesh.

The Day's Thought

The people of God enjoy a spiritual fellowship which needs no artificial ecumenical movement to bring about.

Friday, April 2, 1965

Read Scripture: Romans 1:18

When God says His wrath is against ALL ungodliness and ALL unrighteousness, He means just what He says. Let us not think we can condone, approve of and practice any known ungodliness and unrighteousness and still expect God to bless and prosper us.

But this text goes deeper. It is especially directed to those who actually have the truth of God but are guilty of handling it in an unrighteous way. Woe be to any of us who profess to know Christ and have the Spirit of truth within us and yet are deliberately and knowingly, by word, life or influence, leading others astray by our handling of the truth. God will bless a sanctified, holy people, but those who will not let the Spirit of God burn sin out of their lives are only deceiving themselves. When the roll is called up yonder they will NOT be there. Let us be sure we are walking honestly and humbly before our God. This is a life and death matter.

The Day's Thought

By God's help I will not let any unrighteousness of this world keep me from eternal life with my Savior.

Saturday, April 3, 1965

Read Scripture: James 5:19, 20

It is possible for a "Brethren" to err from the truth. Our text says so. When this happens our every desire should be to convert him back to the truth of the Scriptures, not to castigate him in any way. Ours is a loving concern for him and for the truth. Letting things go just because it might hurt his feelings is foolish. Hell will hurt a lot worse. Not correcting a naughty child because it might hurt his feelings is criminal negligence. This kind of child will probably rebel against the laws of men and God when older.

Yes, we must be zealous for the truth. Loving chastisement may hurt for the moment, but it may produce eternal life. Our love may prompt us to "hurt" in order to truly help. Just going around talking smoothly and sweetly all the time and compromising on every issue may not mean we are showing the "Spirit of Christ." We may be sweetly, nicely and lovingly betraying Him and His cause all the while.

The Day's Thought

When we truly exercise the love of God we may often have to "hurt" temporarily in order to help eternally.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from St. Luke

Verse of Scripture for the month — Luke 19:10

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

March 28 - April 3

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 12:22-31

Why Jane Was Cross

The family had just come home from church. Linda was helping Mom set the table.

"Jane was cross with her mother today," remarked Linda.

"Did she tell you why?" wondered Mom.

"Yes," replied Linda. "She wants a new spring coat and dress. She wanted to go to Chicago shopping next Saturday. Her mother told her they couldn't. Jane said if they didn't soon go all the prettiest clothes would be bought by someone else."

"Jane worries about clothes a lot. Doesn't she?" asked Mom.

"Oh, yes," answered Linda. "She thinks it's important to have every new fad as soon as she sees it. She's always wanting a new dress for something."

"Jane has a lot to learn," said Mom.

"Yes," agreed Linda. "I hope there are ways I can show her new clothes are not nearly as important as helping to make your family happy. I want her to know, too, that using money to help others learn of Jesus is lots more fun than spending it all for clothes."

"When she knows God better she will understand He provides for all our needs," said Mom.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my nice clothes. Thank You for my parents who buy and make them for me. Help me to remember that You will alway see that I have what I need if I follow You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 13:11-13

Help For The Crippled

"What's this on the back of this envelope?" wondered Gary.

Dad looked at it. "That's an Easter seal," he said.

"What's it for?" asked Gary.

"The money people send to buy those seals is used to help crippled children," answered Dad. "Then people put the seals on their letters to show they have helped."

"Our story yesterday in Sunday school was about a cripple," remembered Gary. "She asked Jesus to help her. As soon as He touched her she was well."

"What did the woman do then?" asked Dad.

"She praised God," said Gary.

Dad nodded. "Too often after we've been sick or hurt we forget to thank God for making us well. God heals today just as He did long ago. Often He works

through the doctors and nurses. We should always praise Him for making us well."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my strong body. Thank You for the many times You have made me well when I was sick. Help me to remember that all healing comes from You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 15:3-7

Lost Mittens

"Where's Mittens?" asked Gary.

"Outside," answered Mom.

Gary went out calling, "Mittens! Come, Mittens."

A short time later he came back. "I can't find her," he explained. "Is Linda here? Will she help me?"

"Yes, she's here," answered Mom.

"I'll help," said Linda coming into the kitchen.

The children were gone a long time. Suddenly Mom heard Gary shouting, "We've found her! We've found Mittens!"

Mom looked out the window.

The neighborhood children came to look at the ball of black fur Gary was carrying.

"Don't touch her," cautioned Linda. "She's hurt."

Gary brought Mittens into the house. He put her on the rug by the stove.

Linda got a pan of warm water and bathed her cuts.

The children petted Mittens and told her how glad they were she was home again. They gave her a dish of milk.

Mittens purred happily. She was glad to be home, too.

"The Bible tells us," said Mom, "that Jesus is like a person looking for a lost pet. If we stop following Him, He looks for us until He finds us. He is pleased when we are back again."

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, that I know You love me. Help me to stay close to You. May I do my part to bring the lost ones to You. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 15:8-10

The Lost Necklace

"I can't find my necklace," said Linda as she was getting ready for school.

"Where did you put it?" asked Mom.

"Here on the dresser," Linda answered.

"Look again," advised Mom. "It must be there somewhere."

Linda lifted each thing on the dresser. The necklace wasn't there. She got down on her hands and knees and looked on the floor around the dresser. The necklace wasn't there.

Then Linda got the dustmop. She swished it around under the dresser. She heard a little jingle. When she pulled out the dustmop her necklace came with it.

"I've found it!" she shouted. "I've found my necklace!"

"I'm glad," called Mom from the kitchen.

"Good for you!" said Dad sticking his head out the bathroom door.

"That's great," said Gary as he came to his sister's room.

"Necklace! Necklace!" laughed Betsy as she looked at the shiny jewelry.

Our family and friends are happy with us when we find something we've lost.

The Bible tells us that's the way it is in heaven. The angels rejoice with God when a lost person comes to Him.

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I know Jesus. Help me to follow Him every day. In His name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 15:11-24

Lost Betsy

"Where's Betsy?" asked Linda as she placed her books on the desk.

"She's playing in her sandbox," answered Mom.

"No, I didn't see her," replied Linda.

Mom looked out the window. "She was there just a minute ago."

Mom hurried to the door. Linda followed her.

"Betsy! Betsy!" called Mom as she and Linda walked across the yard.

They looked under bushes and behind the garage. They looked in the garage. They were going back towards the house calling, "Betsy! Betsy!"

"Betsy here," her voice answered them.

They looked around. At first they didn't see her.

Then Linda said, "Oh, there she is! Behind that big tree!"

Mom and Linda went around the tree. There sat Betsy happily digging a hole with her small shovel.

"Well, Little One," said Mom picking her up, "we're glad you're all right. I think the sandbox is a better place for you to dig."

"I'll play with you," offered Linda.

The Bible tells us our Heavenly Father is as happy when we decide to follow Him as our parents are when they find a lost child.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my parents. Help me to obey them. Help me to obey You and follow You as I should. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 17:12-19

Thank You

It was Linda's birthday. After school ten of her friends came to her house for a party.

Mom served the girls ice cream and birthday cake.

They played games.

Linda opened her presents. She thanked each girl for the gift she had given her.

Soon it was time for the girls to go home. Most of them just hurried out the door, off the porch and home.

Judy went out the door and started across the porch. Then she came back to the door. "Thank You, Linda, for inviting me to your party. It was lots of fun." Then Judy skipped home.

"That was nice of Judy," said Linda. "None of the other girls said thank you."

"Now," said Mom, "you know how Jesus felt when just one leper returned to say thank you for being healed. We need to remember to thank God for His

goodness to us just as we thank our family and friends."

"I'll remember," said Linda smiling at Mom. "Thank you for giving me such a nice party."

Then Linda went with Mom to the kitchen to help fix supper.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for all the good things You have given me. Help me to remember to thank others for the nice things they do for me. Help me to remember to thank You often for all You do for me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 18:35-43

Blind Man

The children were playing Blind Man's Bluff. Gary was it. His eyes were tightly covered with a scarf. He had been turned around three times. Now he was trying to catch someone.

"Here I am," said Steve.

"Over here," laughed Linda.

"Right behind you," teased Judy.

But when Gary put out his arms he caught only empty air. He stumbled over a chair and bumped against the wall.

At last he caught someone's arm. He took off the blindfold. It was Linda.

"Now it's my turn," said Linda.

"No wonder," said Gary thoughtfully, "that the blind man followed Jesus after He healed his eyes. It's hard to get around when you can't see."

"Think of all the things you would miss," added Steve. "The leaves coming out on the trees, the birds and flowers. Why, you couldn't even see the faces of your own family."

"God is good to give us eyes," remarked Judy.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my eyes. May I use them to see the lovely things in this world and to find ways to help others. Like the blind man, may I follow Jesus. In His name I pray. Amen.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for March 28, 1965

PREPARED FOR HIS COMING

Text: Matthew 25:1-13

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN. Just when He IS COMING we cannot tell but we are nearly two thousand years closer to that day. Since every single human being will be effected by His return, it is most important that we be prepared for that time.

The effects of the coming of Jesus is portrayed by this parable of the ten virgins.

The Bridegroom

The bridegroom in this parable refers to Jesus Christ who is absent from us in a bodily fashion.

The Virgins

The virgins are those within the Kingdom of Heaven saved and unsaved. Five of them were smart and fiv were plain stupid.

The Oil

The oil here represents spiritual preparedness for th coming of Jesus. The virgins had lamps which they a expected to light when Jesus came. Five came wit oil which is necessary for the lamp. There was plent of time for all ten of the ladies to know whether or nc they had oil and to get some if they had forgotten. Fiv came with no oil. The mistake is finally one that is ir excusable. Surely one of the five would have noticed, an should have noticed, her lamp was empty—and such long wait. The oil was so essential to this occasion, toc

The Sleeping

"So this sleeping pictures the security and the as surance with which the virgins awaited the bridegroom' coming; they felt that they were perfectly ready, tha they could add nothing more to their preparation. I the case of the wise virgins this security was justified– they had lamps and oil; but in the case of the foolis virgins this security was unjustified—they had onl lamps, and by sleeping securely, they allowed the preciou time to elapse during which they might have remedie their mistake" (R. C. H. Lenski).

He Comes!

The coming of Jesus will be suddenly. There will b no time for sinners to repent and get right with Goc In a twinkling of an eye the rapture will take plac Many people today stand among the ranks of the Chris tians who are not right with God. They have conforme in outward aspects but have never received Christ i their hearts. They are not sorry for the neglect of thei spiritual life. Perhaps they feel that just before thei eyes close in death they will ready themselves. This mc ment of hoped for preparation may never come, denie them by suddenness of death or the coming of Jesus. WATCH THEREFORE, FOR YE KNOW NOT . . .

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

THE PILGRIM MARCHING SONGS

THE PSALMS OF DEGREES or literally of "Ascents, fifteen in number (120-134), remind us of Ja cob's ladder whose foot rested on earth but the to reached the heavenlies (Gen. 28:12). This series o songs, arranged by David, were perhaps first sun when the Ark was brought up to Mount Zion (I Sam. 6:12-17; I Chron. 15:25-28), and afterward chanted by the people of Israel at different stage of their journeys up to Jerusalem three times a yea to celebrate the feasts of the Lord (Duet. 16:16; Kings 12:26-28). Likely these psalms were sung b the people who were returning from Babylonian cap tivity (Ps. 126). "There were fifteen steps by whic the priests ascended into the temple, on each o which they sang one of these fifteen Psalms." Kimchi

Read consecutively, these Psalms express clearly a growth in spiritual life: "My Distress" (120:1); "My Help" (121:1, 2); "The House of the Lord" (122:1); "The Psalm of the Eyes" (123:1, 2); "The Lord Our Ally" (124:1, 2, 8); "They That Trust the Lord" (125: 1); "Deliverance from Captivity" (126:1); "Builder and Keeper" (127:1); "Fearing the Lord and Walking in His Ways" (128:1); "Patience in Affliction" (129:1); "Out of the Depths" (130:1); "A Song of Humility and Submission" (131:1); "Zion's King" (132:1, 11, 13, 14, 17); "Dwelling in Unity" (133:1); "Bless the Lord" (134:1, 2).

Psalm 120: In his distress the Psalmist followed the wisest possible course (v. 1). The deadly instruments from which he prays to be delivered (v. 2) Doeg used against David and Judas against Jesus. The fate of such liars (vs. 3, 4) is in Rev. 21:8. The Psalmist says that the people with whom he dwelt were like unto the people of Mesech and Kedar, savage and warlike (v. 5-7). The first step on the ladder is a desire to be free from sin, the company of sinners, and to have the peace of God (vs. 2, 6, 7).

Psalm 122. All who truly trust in the Lord are glad at the prospect of going to His house (v. 1). Those who accepted the invitation of verse 1 were privileged to enter and observe the holy city (vs. 2, 3), meet with other worshippers and join with them in hearing taught the Word of God and of giving thanks (v. 4). Also they could have settled with justice, matters of controversy (v. 5; Deut. 17:8, 9; II Chron. 19: 8). The concern for the peace of Jerusalem (vs. 6, 7) was for the sake of the brethren, and because the house of the Lord was there (vs. 8, 9).

Psalm 125 can be summed up in the words of Isaiah 3:10, 11. In Psalm 131 David is talking to his Lord with the same spirit as he exhibited in II Sam. 7: 18-20. Psalm 134 teaches that we bless God (vs. 1, 2) by gratitude, love, obedience, prayer and praise. God's blessing comes by way of Zion (v. 3).

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

THE TYPE OF EVANGELISM OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

EVANGELISM—"the pointing of a never-dying soul to a never-failing Christ"—is the most important task of the church. Last week we considered the importance and opportunities of the Sunday school in the task of evangelism. This week we want to consider the *type* of evangelism carried on by the Sunday school. We know that even though the goal of all evangelism is the same—the winning of souls to Jesus Christ—yet is it carried on in different ways. For example, there is "mass evangelism," "radio evangelism," and the familiar "evangelistic campaign" which is conducted in the local church. But what is the Sunday school's approach to this task of evangelism?

1. The Sunday school carries on *"Educational Evangelism."*

The responsibility of the Sunday school is to teach *the holy scriptures, which are able to make . . . wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus* (II Tim. 3:15). Educational evangelism begins with the teaching of the Bible—of the Bible stories and Bible facts with particular emphasis on the life and work of Jesus Christ. It provides head knowledge; but it does not stop there. Head knowledge may be education, but it is not educational evangelism. Evangelism involves personal commitment to Jesus Christ, and educational evangelism must work toward this goal. The Sunday school teacher not only teaches about Jesus Christ; he also seeks to lead his pupils to a personal commitment to Christ their Lord and Savior.

In his book entitled EVANGELISM IN THE SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL, Kenneth L. Cober says that in the normal pattern of experience there are four steps through which a person becomes a Christian. They are (1) *acquaintance,* an acquaintance with the Bible and with the life of Jesus Christ; (2) *appreciation,* an appreciation of Christ and His significance; (3) *commitment,* faith and trust in Jesus Christ or a conversion experience; and (4) *reorganization*—the changed life which results from and follows after the conversion experience. Educational evangelism is involved in the first three of these. The educational part provides acquaintance and should result in appreciation. But educational *evangelism* takes place only when the further step of *commitment* results.

2. The Sunday school carries on "Personal Evangelism."

In last week's article it was pointed out that one of the advantages of the Sunday school in evangelism is that the smaller grouping of the Sunday school provides greater opportunity for the teacher to work personally with students. This personal approach is very important in evangelism, especially the evangelism of children. The teacher, as he gets to know his class and they get to know him, has opportunity to speak with them personally—to answer the student's questions, to clarify things he may not understand, and to confront him as an individual with Jesus Christ.

Personal evangelism in the Sunday school should not be thought of as being separate from educational evangelism. They work together. It is only after the student has been taught the truth of Jesus Christ that he is ready to be dealt with personally.

The Sunday school *does* have an important part in the task of evangelism. This task is carried out mainly through the two pronged method of educational evangelism and personal evangelism.

. . . it is all too easy to defend ourselves against the hard thrusts of the Spirit's Sword by using the cushion of a false spirituality; we keep the Word of God firmly at a distance from our everyday world. And our study of it becomes a mere mental exercise, no more constructive than an athlete's weight-lifting. This is nothing short of spiritual tragedy.

A. Morgan Derham in A CHRISTIAN'S GUIDE TO BIBLE STUDY (Fleming H. Revell Company)

Brethren Youth Crusaders



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PUBLICITY: Make crosses of various colored construction paper and write the theme of the meeting on the crossbeam. These should be handed personally to each Junior or sent to them. A poster might be made with a colored construction paper cross on it and all the vital information of the meeting. The poster should be placed on the bulletin board or some conspicuous place in the church.

SCRIPTURE: John 4:35-38, Matthew 9:35-38

MUSIC: "The Call for Reapers," "Lead Me to Some Soul Today," "I Am Thine, O Lord."



METHODS: Prepare each section of the lesson on separate long pieces of paper, including the Scripture. These pieces should be pasted together to form a paper chain. Then at the meeting the sponsor will allow each B.Y.C.'er to take a "link" out of the chain (being careful not to tear the writing-detach from the next link where you pasted the paper together) and this will be his part in the program. The sponsor should be ready to talk about each section after it is read by the B.Y.C.'er. Be sure to have a chalkboard or large piece of paper or posterboard to write down the question of each section so the Juniors can see as well as hear the parts of the lesson. You could "sum up" by looking over each question and having the members recall what was learned in that section of the lesson.

LESSON:

"What is a Life Work Recruit?"

To understand what a Life Work Recruit is, let us look at the Declaration of Intention which is found on the LWR card:

"Recognizing God's right to a claim on my life-service, I hereby acknowledge that I am willing to be used by Him in a special way-over and above my calling to be a Christian witness.

"I understand that a Life-Work Recruit is a Christian who is seeking to serve God and earn his livelihood through a church-sponsored organization.

"I will do my utmost by prayer, investigation, meditation, study, and service to avoid drifting from my decision. I will constantly seek God's leading to locate the place where my abilites might be used to the fullest for His Kingdom-regardless of distance or cost.

"With God's help, these are my intentions!"

Therefore, we see that a Life Work Recruit is a person seeking God's will in a special way and striving to earn his livelihood through a church-sponsored organization.

"Who Can Be a Life Work Recruit?"

Anyone who fulfills the statement of what a Life Work Recruit is should be considered an LWR until he enters the field to which the Lord calls him.

"How Do You Become a Life Work Recruit?"

You become a Life Work Recruit by stating your intentions. Then your name and address should be sent to the National Youth Office and an information card will be sent to you which must be filled out and returned to the Youth Office before you are officially placed in the Life Work Recruit file. A permanent white card is sent to your pastor who signs it and presents to you.

"Where Do You Become a Life Work Recruit?"

Many decisions to become a Life Work Recruit are made in summer camp. These decisions are recorded along with camp grades and the Youth Office sends you the information card and begins the process of placing you on the Recruit file. However, Life Work Recruits are not limited to summer camp experiences. LWR decisions can be made in the home church or

Life Work Recruit



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in the home and then your name should be sent by the pastor or family to the Youth Office. Wherever you are when the Lord calls you is the place where an LWR decision is made. Be sure you make your decision known to the pastor, the Youth Office and others.

"Why Do We Have Life Work Recruits?"

(Read the suggested Scriptures here) Christ has told us we should tell others about Him. This can be done only if there are people willing to carry the Gospel to the world. As our scriptures state, there is a great harvest of souls in the world but this harvest cannot be gathered in without workers. Just as a field of grain cannot be harvested by itself but needs people and machines to gather it, so a harvest of souls for Christ's Kingdom cannot be done without laborers.

Every year the world's population gets larger and larger, yet we are told the number of Christian laborers does not increase enough to keep up with the growing population.

We need more Christians who will witness effectively every day in their work or play but we also need more ministers, missionaries, church administrators, Christian Education directors, assistant ministers, youth ministers, and many others who would be directly employed by the church for work in Christ's Kingdom. The number of people preparing for such service remains the same each year or is actually less while our population grows constantly.

The Life Work Recruit program was developed to encourage Christians everywhere to commit their lives in a special way to fulfill the needs of carrying the Gospel to the world.

Many times the LWR program has been misunderstood and it has meant nothing more than people saying they will consider the Lord's work. This is fine and it is definitely a part of the Life Work Recruit program but it should mean a diligent search for the place where you can serve the Lord and the church. This should lead a person into a specific area of Christian service and that leads us to the next question.

"But What About Those Who Do Not Fit into the Life Work Recruit Program?"

That is an important question and one which the Brethren Church is trying to answer. Realizing that many young people and older adults wish to serve the Lord and the church in some way but not in the specific areas of the LWR program, we have begun a new program. Brethren Service Opportunities is designed for those Christians who wish to serve Christ while they work in an occupation which is not sponsored by the church. The purpose of this program will be to place people near a Brethren Church which needs their help or special abilities. While working in the classroom, office, construction, factory or wherever employed, the Christian will dedicate his "extra" hours to the Lord and the church as well as witnessing on the job.

The May first issue of *The Brethren Evangelist* will present the details of this new program and the testimony of a young Brethren school teacher will appear at the same time. This teacher's letter will show you how rewarding the Brethren Service Opportunities program can be.

"Let's Sum Up"

The Life Work Recruit program is vitally important for there is a great need for ministers, ministers' wives, Christian education directors, church administrators, printers, writers, artists and many others.

Our population is growing much faster than we are recruiting Christians for the Lord's full-time service. And unless we tell the world about the Gospel, how will they know?

We would suggest you close the program with a time of decisions to be made. You might ask the pastor to be present to take any first-time confessions, rededications or Life Work Recruit decisions.

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SISTERHOOD

Devotional Program for April

SENIOR

General Theme:
"Building Christian Character"
April Theme: "Patience"

Call to Worship
Song Service
Prayer
Bible Study
Special Music
Topics:
Junior—*"Family"*
Senior—"Patience"*
Hymn: "Spirit of Sisterhood"

JUNIOR

General Theme:
"Appreciation of God's Gifts"
April Theme: "Family"

Business
S. M. M. Benediction

* *This month the senior patronesses are to prepare the topic, "Patience," for their own respective groups, pointing out how and why this should be a part of the Christian's character. You may use any scripture, poem or story which is relevant to the topic. We would appreciate any comments you may have concerning this procedure.*

READ THE SISTERHOOD PAGE IN THE EVANGELIST EVERY WEEK!

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

GOD'S MISSIONARIES

by MRS. PHIL LERSCH

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED about the feelings of a foreign missionary? A good example was Paul, who had been especially set aside by the church in Antioch to go and preach the Gospel to other nations. He certainly experienced many emotions as he worked and traveled for the Lord.

Imagine the awe Paul must have felt when he considered the big task that lay ahead of him, **and the joy** that God would use him, a one-time enemy. After the prophets and teachers "had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them (Barnabas too), they sent them away." God had a job for them to do. **They probably felt humble** at the thought of their responsibility, **yet assured** of God's presence, after the church had commissioned them.

Consider the resistance these ambassadors of God met in their first trip. The jealous Jews were constantly provoking and chasing Paul and Barnabas from town to town. And in Lystra the crowd actually stoned Paul. The custom among the Jews was to throw rocks at an offender until he was dead. So this was not just a matter of having a few pebbles tossed his way. Some scholars believe that Paul actually died during this stoning, and God raised him to life. Experiences like this one must have brought **reassurance and an awareness of God's power** after the humiliation by the Jews.

Think about the sorrow Paul faced when on the second missionary journey he and Barnabas split up because of a disagreement. Barnabas took John with him and went one way; Paul took Silas and went the other way. This must have been emotionally hard on both men.

But then Timothy brought **unexpected pleasure** into he life of Paul when this "new son" joined the mission- ry in Galatia. This new friendship certainly helped fill he emptiness left by a lost companion.

Imagine Paul's frustration when the door to Asia was losed. He had wanted to carry the Gospel there, but God aid, "No." Then when Paul responded to the vision of he man from Macedonia by going to Philippi, he was ut in jail and asked to leave the city. Again in the next vo cities he visited—Thessalonica and Berea—the Jews hased him out. Following these humiliations, Paul went o Athens **alone.**

How would you have felt if this had been you? Lone- ? Depressed? Sorry for yourself? There Paul was in strange city where no one else believed as he did, where ll around him were evidences of wickedness. No friends o talk to. Everywhere he looked there were idols to alse gods, and talking men. Sophisticated intellectuals ossing up ideas and then batting them back and forth. o one seemed to have any real purpose in life; just alking and arguing and debating; disagreeing for the ake of argument. This was the city's sport.

Now Paul could have become disgusted with everyone nd stayed in his hotel room. It would have been easier nd avoided unpleasant criticism. He could have kept his outh shut and just observed the debates, but he didn't. e went to the synagogue to talk with the Jews and orshippers; every day he talked in the city square with ll he met.

When he spoke of his beliefs he left himself open to riticism by these "intellectuals" of the day. Some said, What would this gutter sparrow of a man be saying?" What's with this hay-seed anyway, talking about a esurrection?"

There are men today, preachers in our denomination, ho risk the same kind of contempt by studying in uni- ersities where the majority do not agree in their ideas f God, Jesus Christ and the place of the Bible. Yet our en do not lose their convictions, nor are they afraid o admit them. It takes courage to face unbelief and oubt and risk being considered a "square."

After arousing the curiosity of the big city boys by alking freely of Christian claims, Paul was invited to peak before the city council of Athens, the Areopagus. o he preached to them on Mars' Hill, setting forth hese observations:

1. God was not made; He was the Maker. (The Athen- ans must have thought they could make God with their wn hands because of all of their idols.)
2. God has guided history. He has the whole world in His hands.
3. God has made man to long for Him, just like a child ongs for his parents.
4. Ignorance can no longer be excused; Christ the ruth has come.
5. Judgment is coming.
6. The resurrection is the proof of Christ's pre-emi- nence.

After Paul's sermon to this critical crowd in the Uni- versity town there were three types of results: **belief, nockery,** and **delay of decision.** A prominent judge (Areopagite) and a woman (Damaris) believed. Scholars differ as to who she was. Some say she was a socially prominent woman of the city. Others think not, that no acceptable woman would have been seen in public. Of course, some of the "cool cats" listening merely made fun of Paul's sermon. Their type will always be around. As will the ones who said, "We'll hear you again some time," and then promptly forgot about it—the polite liars.

After these trying times in Athens, Paul moved on to Corinth where his times of discouragement contin- ued. Here again, we can see in Paul's experience an ex- ample of the hardships all of our missionaries must face, and how God supplies all of their needs.

First of all, **Paul was lonely** when he went to Corinth. He missed the companionship of Timothy and Silas and found himself in another big city known for its wicked- ness. A common expression of the day, "To play the Corinthian," meant to live a life of drunkenness and immorality.

But God met his loneliness with new friends—Aquila and Priscilla — who shared his occupation, tentmaking. How good these new friends must have been for each other. Aquila and Priscilla were refugees from Rome who surely thrilled to learn from Paul firsthand about the Christian life. And Paul needed their friendship after his lonely days of frustration. So God gave them to each other.

Another hardship Paul had to face was his lack of funds. All of us like to be debt-free; Paul had run out of money. So he had to work. This too was good for him. Good hard work is always helpful, not only to earn mon- ey, but to get a person out of the dumps. **Thank God for work to do.** It gives a sense of worth and accomplishment when one is depressed or discouraged.

Silas and Timothy's arrival from Macedonia boosted Paul's spirits and his pocket book, since they probably brought him a gift of money from the churches they had left. This encouragement sent Paul back to preach- ing full time and relieved him of the need to work at tent-making.

The pattern of rejection by the Jews repeated itself in this city called "The Bridge of Greece" where not only north and south, but also east and west traffic had to pass. When the Jews turned down the invitation to be- come Christians, Paul went to the Gentiles with the "good news." A picture in the visual aids file of our church school shows Paul preaching in Corinth. In the background stand scowling Jewish leaders, scratching their beards; but in the foreground are the Corinthian Gentiles listening eagerly to Paul preach. The artist has shown in this picture the contrast between the re- ceptivity of the Gentiles and the disbelief of the Jews.

Besides the reward of many converts in Corinth, Paul had another vision when God appeared and promised the missionary protection and guidance. This is a prom- ise that all missionaries enjoy, for Jesus has said, "Lo, I am with you alway." So Paul stayed in Corinth 18 months in spite of the Jews trying to get rid of him. As we read about Paul's life and work we can catch a glimpse of the feelings that he had and all missionaries must experience. Awe, joy, humility, assurance, resist- ance, reassurance, awareness of God's power, sorrow, unexpected pleasure, frustration, loneliness, depression. We can also see from Paul's life how God meets the needs of those who have gone out away from their families and friends to spread the Gospel.

JUNIOR BIBLE STUDY

GUIDE FOR DAILY LIVING

(Romans 12:9, 10)

by MRS. MILTON BOWMAN

LAST MONTH we learned how we can give ourselves and our talents or gifts to God in our daily living. He is so happy when we serve Him faithfully every day. We only go through life once and so we should make every day count in helping others and God.

Genuine Love

This month we will discuss our love and how we can show it to others. In Romans 12:9a we read, **Let love be genuine** (R.S.V.). The word genuine means **real** or true. The verse might say "Don't just pretend that you like people, but really love them." How then do we show our love? Real love for God and others is shown when we put our feelings into action. It is not enough for us to talk about love. We must show it in our good deeds. Some boy scouts do a good deed a day. This should be done not just to gain an award but because of a desire to help others—because we love people. The other day I saw a little girl wearing a button badge on her dress. It showed that she was a member of a girl's club. The Lord Jesus wants all His followers to wear the badge of love. When people see how we love others, then they will **know** that we love Jesus and follow His commandments. Let's not pretend!

The Choices of Life

Romans 12:9b (R.S.V.) says, **Hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.** This lets us know that we need a set of rules with which to live. First we need to decide what is evil and what is good. Then we should make up our minds to live by the **good** rules. Perhaps we might ask, "What is evil?" The dictionary tells us that anything that is contrary to God's law, that is harmful or brings injury to one's character is EVIL. David tells us in Psalm 97:10 (R.S.V.), **You that love the Lord hate evil.** God's rules for living include kindness, peace, love, joy, sympathy, etc. Anything that would destroy these things is bad, and as His helpers we should hate it.

All of life is made up of choices. One might ask, "Which way are you going?" Two trains used to leave the LaSalle station in Chicago at the same time. For seven miles they ran side by side. Then their tracks turned and went in opposite directions. One train went west to the Pacific coast. The other went east to New York City. They started together but ended with a continent between them.

Two little girls began life side by side. They lived next door to each other; they played together; they went to school together; and they joined the same Scout troop. After a few years, one became a Christian; the other did not. One followed the pathway of Christ leading to heaven; the other followed the pathway of sin leading to hell. How careful we should be to choose the RIGHT way. Today let us make sure that we hold fast to the good and right and hate the evil and wrong. May you each be able to say,

I have made my choice forever,
I will walk with Christ my Lord,
Nought from Him my soul shall sever,
While I'm trusting in His Word.

Love One Another

Romans 12:10a says, **Love one another with brotherly affection.** This means that we should love others as we love our own families. Jesus said in I John 4:11 (R.S.V.), **If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.** Then in the twenty-first verse we read, **This commandment we have from Him, that he who loves God loves his brother also.** One way to love others is to forget ourselves and try to do things that will help other people. This little verse I learned as a child, and it has always helped me:

Are you weary and tired with play, little girl,
Downhearted, discouraged or sick?
I will tell you the loveliest game in the world—
Do something for somebody, QUICK.

True joy in life comes as we help others. A man visiting a light house asked the keeper, "Are you not afraid to live here? This is such a lonely place!" "Oh, no," replied the keeper, "I am not afraid. We never think of ourselves here. We only think of keeping our lamps burning brightly, and our reflectors clear so that those in danger may be **saved**." How wonderful it is to forget self, and to think only of Christ and others. Really the proper order of things to bring real **joy** and happiness in life is:

J—Jesus First
O—Others Second
Y—Yourself Third

Let us remember to always love one another as Christ has loved us. He set the perfect example and we are His followers.

Honor One Another

Romans 12:10b says, **Give pride of place to one another in esteem** (N.E.B.). This means that we should be happy to honor one another. The word honor means to show regard or respect for the other person. In Sisterhood we give an honor certificate to the societies that reach certain goals. It is a token of respect awarded to them because they have been faithful and worked hard during the year. This verse tells us to give place to the other person when honor is to be given. We should not covet or wish for the first place always. Be happy when someone else gets the prize. I guess that it would mean to be a good loser. Even though we try hard there are

times when we cannot get first place. How do you feel about the person who makes it? We should rejoice with her.

Jesus tells in Luke 14:8-11 about a man who gave a wedding feast. Someone came and sat down at the highest place. When the host came in he had to tell this person to go to a lower place. This place was meant for someone else. The person was surely ashamed to have to go lower. How much better if he had taken the lowly place to begin with, then the host might come in and say, "My friend, come up to a better place." He would be honored in the presence of his friends. Jesus closes by saying, "He that exalteth himself shall be humbled, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

So we have learned this month in these two verses from Romans 12 that we should have true love for one another. This love will show forth in our daily actions. A native Korean was told to memorize the entire Sermon on the Mount and did so very quickly. When he was asked how he did it he answered, "My teacher told me to learn it with my heart as well as my memory, so I hit on a plan. I would memorize a verse, and then find a neighbor and practice it on him. I found the verse would stick after I had done that and I couldn't forget a word of it." Why not try it!

On January 1, 1908, General William Booth, head of the Salvation Army, was asked to send a message to all the Salvation Army Posts around the world. He sent a cable saying, "OTHERS." This happening caused Mr. C. D. Meigs to write the following poem,

God help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetting way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayer will be for—Others.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true.
And know that all I do for you
Must needs be done for—Others.

Let "Self" be crucified and slain
And buried deep; and all in vain
May efforts be to rise again
Unless to live for—Others.

And when my work on earth is done
And my work in Heaven is begun
May I forget the crown I've won,
While thinking still of—Others.

Others, Lord, yes, others.
Let this my motto be—
Help me to live for others
That I may live for Thee.

TOPIC:

FAMILY

by MISS NANCY DeWALT

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED why you were born? Usually that question comes to our minds when we are sad, or when we don't get our own way. However, instead of moaning because we are here, we should be rejoicing that God has given us the opportunity of life! He has placed a burden on each of us: a soul to win, a goal to meet, or a problem to solve. In our efforts to accomplish these tasks, we often meet failure, disappointment, and discouragement. But the Lord is always there to help us, as are our families and friends. Many young people do not realize the help that their families can give them in solving even daily, routine problems. Everyone has to make decisions for himself sometimes, but that doesn't mean that he should shun all parental advice.

An article in the March, 1965 *Reader's Digest* says that communications have broken down somewhat between parent and child. Clark W. Blackburn, general director of the Family Service Association of America, said, "The young person's world is far different from the one his parents knew. Changes in science, manners, and customs are occurring so rapidly that parents become increasingly bewildered by their own children and move farther and farther away from them."

How are communications in your family? Do you talk things over with your parents, or do you keep your thoughts bottled up inside of you? God has given families to us as well as we to them. They are there to share our likes, our dislikes, our achievements, and our disappointments. Our parents go through much to make us happy, and we should indeed be thankful. Our thanks and praise should be offered to God daily for our families, and for the privilege of knowing His Word.

The first stanza of a familiar hymn, *Now Thank We All Our God,* tells us of our Christian duties and privileges in the area of thanks. Martin Rinkart said,

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

Family devotions are an important part of leading a Christian life. It has been said that "the family that prays together, stays together." This is so true, because we can share our problems with each other

and bring them before God. Matthew says in chapter 18, verse 20, that, *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

Our Heavenly Father has "blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love." One of these gifts is our family, and each day we should learn to appreciate them more.

When something nice happens to us in school, in church, or maybe at a friend's house, we are eager to share the good news with someone. Usually, our families are the first to hear about it, and they are happy because we are happy. If our feelings are hurt, our families are apt to soothe us or tell us how to overcome our disappointment.

Sometimes it's hard to accept our parents' advice and what they say as being good for us. But most of the time they are right. We are always to obey and honor our fathers and mothers. This is one of the ten commandments as recorded in Exodus 20:12. We are reminded again of this responsibility in Ephesians 6:1-4, *Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.* The last part of this passage is directed to fathers who are to exercise care in dealing with the children.

God gave us life, and He would that we would pro long it by living in peace and in harmony with eac other.

Sometimes we may feel that the only way to sho real appreciation to our families is to present the with fine gifts. Everyone likes to give and receiv presents. But a hug, a kiss, or a kind word is generall more appreciated than the finest or most expensiv gift in the whole world.

A story is told of a ten-month old orphan name Freddie. He was very bright, affectionate, and in goo health, but he was born without arms. A man and hi wife, to whom God had given no children, went t the orphanage one day in hopes of finding a chil they could adopt. They saw little Freddie and im mediately decided to accept him into their home. Thi was a family who loved first, then became occupie about little things.

May we always thank God everyday for our familie and ask Him to help us appreciate them more an more.

The Apostle Paul says in Romans 8:28, *And we kno that all things work together for good to them tha love God, to them who are the called according t His purpose.*

Signal Lights Program for Apri

Prepared by Mrs. Alberta Holsinge

Bible Theme: "STORIES JESUS TOLD"

Project: A TRACTOR FOR EDEN

Call to Worship:

Jesus our Savior wants to be.
He came to earth for you and me.
He lived and died to show His love
That we might live with Him above.

Sing:

"Isn't He Wonderful"
"Oh, How I Love Jesus"

Bible Story:

THE LOST SHEEP

(*If possible display Soord's picture of the shepherd rescuing the lost sheep.*)

In Palestine, the country where Jesus lived, there were many sheep. Shepherds took care of the sheep. The shepherds knew each one of their sheep and often gave them names. They loved their sheep, just as you love your dog or cat if you have one. They would take the sheep to green pastures where they could eat good food. The shepherd would make sure his sheep had water to drink, too.

At night he would bring them all into a sheepfold, a part of the field with a stone fence around it and only one opening. As each sheep entered the sheepfold the shepherd would call its name and pet it. Sometimes the sheep had been scratched on some brambles, and the shepherd would pour soothing oil over the scratch.

When the sheep were all safe in the fold, the shepherd would lie down across the opening so the sheep would not get out and no wild animals would get in to hur them.

Jesus must have been thinkin of those shepherds and the lov and care they gave their shee when He told this story:

"All day the shepherd had bee watching his sheep as they ate th green grass at the top of the hil Very soon it would be dark, an the shepherd began to call th sheep to him. There were one hun dred of them, and the shepher counted each one as it wen through the door of the sheepfol He petted each one and talked i low, loving tones to it. Finally the were all in, but there were onl ninety-nine! One was missing. Th shepherd looked about him, tryin to see its furry coat on the gree

grass, but he could not see it anywhere. He must return over the rough path in the dark and try to find his sheep.

"He asked a friend to stay at the fold. Then, taking a dry branch, he made a torch and started out. Many times he stumbled over rough stones. Once he fell to his knees as he tried to cross a very rough spot, but still he went on, calling the name of his sheep. Finally he came to the very edge of a steep cliff. This time when he called he heard the answering 'baa' of the sheep. Climbing over rocks, he saw the little sheep far below on a grassy ledge. Somehow it got down the hillside to eat the grass that was there, but it could not get back again.

"Very carefully the shepherd climbed over the rocks. Slowly he lowered his staff with the round end and placed it about the sheep's body. Very gently he pulled the sheep up over the rocks to the place where he was. Then he lifted the tired sheep in his arms and carried it home. How glad the sheep was to hear the shepherd's voice and feel his strong arms! And how glad the shepherd was to find the little sheep unharmed!"

Jesus is like that shepherd. He loves each one of us. He wants us to follow Him and obey Him. Then He will care for us and lead us safely to our heavenly home.

Sing:

"My Shepherd Is Jesus"
"The Straying Sheep"

Hymn of the Month:

"Sing Me a Song of Jesus"

Sing me a song of Jesus,
He is the One I love,
No song of earth is sweeter,
No song of heav'n above.

Chorus:
Sing of how He died for men,
Died for me, and rose again;
Sing me a song of Jesus,
He is the One I love.

Sing me a song of Jesus,
Eternal life He brings;
I'll worship Him forever,
He is the King of Kings!

This happy song tells of Jesus' great love. Read it over together until the children know the words. Listen to the music and then sing joyfully "Sing Me a Song of Jesus."

Mission Story:

MR. JEEP TRUCK

Mr. Jeep Truck is new. He has been with the Rowsey's less than a year, but already he has learned much about missionary work.

One day last fall (it was spring in Buenos Aires) Mr. Rowsey said, "Today, Mr. Jeep Truck, we are leaving to help with the United Evangelistic Campaigns."

Then he began loading Jeep. There were microphones, speakers, recorders, and other equipment. These would be used to help the people who attended the services to hear everything more plainly. Mr. Rowsey, who is a radio technician, would set them up and see that they worked properly.

Rev. Byler went, too. He was song director for the campaign. His music was loaded into Mr. Jeep Truck. Oh, yes, there were suitcases with the clothes the two men would need.

At last Mr. Truck was ready. His sides were almost bulging. Down the road he went carrying his load and the two missionaries. His motor seemed to be singing, "We'll tell the people of Jesus. We'll tell the people of Jesus."

They were gone six weeks. When they came back to Buenos Aires he must have been singing, "The people heard. The people heard." Over seven hundred people accepted Jesus during those six weeks of services.

You might think Mr. Jeep Truck would get a rest then, but he didn't. He helped the Rowsey's move to a different house. Have you ever moved? Then you know what a big job it is!

Still there was no time to rest. Next Mr. Jeep Truck took the Rowsey's and the Billy Graham film "Lucia" (and, of course, all the equipment to show it) to the Brethren Churches in that area.

Then it was time for camp. Can't you just see Mr. Jeep Truck when they were ready to go? Recorders, cameras, suitcases, books, boxes, and many other things. Where do you suppose there was room to put the Rowsey's in the truck?

At last they were all in and the door shut. As they were headed down the road for camp, Mr. Jeep Truck was probably thinking, "A missionary's life is a busy one, but it's a happy one. We are helping the people learn of Jesus and to follow Him."

That's the story of Mr. Jeep Truck in Buenos Aires. Our missionaries at the Eden Bible Institute need a Mr. Tractor to help with their work. Let's do our part to get him there soon.

Friendship Circle of Prayer:

Let us thank God for Jesus our Savior, for our parents, ministers, and Sunday school teachers who teach us of Him. Let us thank God for the missionaries who have gone to other countries to tell the people of Jesus.

Let us ask God to help us to do our part in telling those about us of Him. Let us ask Him to help us to be willing to share our spending money so others can better learn of Him.

Business:

1. Roll Call. Tell what you did without this month.
2. Plan to visit a shut-in after the meeting. Practice the songs you will sing for this person.
3. A birthday to remember: Susan Rowsey will be ten years old on May 11.

Handwork:

AN EASTER FLOWER

You will need yellow, purple, and green paper, straws, paste and scissors. You will also need a pattern for the petals. Cut these from a six inch square of cardboard. From this cardboard cut four petals all in one piece. They will remind you of a Grecian cross.

Each child will cut one set of petals from yellow paper and one from purple paper.

Put the yellow on top of the purple with petals between the purple petals. Paste them together at the center.

Bring two opposite purple petals up and together. Paste them. Paste the other two purple ones together on top of the first ones. Curl the yellow petals down.

Slit a straw at the end and paste it to the bottom of the flower. Cut green leaves. Paste them to the straw.

Since pretty flowers in the spring often remind us of how Jesus rose from the dead, suggest the Signal Lights show the flowers to someone and tell him about Easter.

Signal Lights Benediction:

(Note to Patroness: Use your picture of the Rowsey's as you tell the mission story.)

The Brethren Layman

The Laymen's Meeting

James E. Norris

Program for April, 1965

Topic: FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD

Scripture Reading: James 2:14-26

Prayer: (Pray for a revival of laymen interest in the church.)

For the leader: (Have a layman read Brother Benshoff's editorial in the February 6 issue of **The Brethren Evangelist** titled, "Unfinished Business," and continue with the following.)

I was talking to our pastor, Rev. Jim Rowsey, the other day and I said to him, "Brother Jim, tell me a good subject to write about for the Laymen, I am at the bottom of the barrel." At first he said, "Jim, I'll leave that to you." Then after some moments of hesitation, he said something like this, "I would like to see a series on Laymen work in the church." This is a broad subject, but it does point out one thing; that we were both thinking about the same thing. Of course, I feel inadequate when it comes to a big order like that, so each of you laymen must help. This is the challenge: How can I do a greater work for my Lord in my church? Let us label it the number one question.

1. What each one of us has to get into his head is this—**"Personal work."** There is the story of Andrew. We do not know of Andrew ever preaching a sermon, but he brought his brother, Peter, to Christ. Peter preached a sermon causing 3,000 souls to be led to Christ. Where would they be had it not been for Andrew? Dr. Edward Kimball, a Boston businessman, led D. L. Moody, a young Boston shoe clerk, to the Savior, and Moody became a great preacher. But preachers will never be able to reach all the people. Some people will not come to hear the preacher. That is where you as a layman can help. Every layman must become a **"personal worker,"** then evangelism will be close at hand. Among our laymen we have many professions: factory workers, steel workers, office workers, executives, doctors, dentists, dealers and store owners, window washers and ditch diggers. There is no profession too modest.

2. **What is the first condition of success?** Answer: "It is a personal experimental knowledge of Jesus Christ as a Savior" (Torrey). It was because the Apostle Paul could say, **This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief** (I Tim. 1:15). It is the man who knows Jesus as his own Savior who will have the longing to bring others to this wonderful Savior whom he has found, and he will bring them.

3. **The second condition of success is a clean life. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity** (II Tim. 2:19). "If a man is to be used of God, his life must be clean—not only his outward life as the world sees it, but his inward secret life as it is known only to God and himself" (Torrey).

4. **The third condition of success is: a surrendered life.** A life wholly given up to God. **For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain** (Phil. 1:21).

5. **We must have a deep realization that men out of Christ are lost.** Jesus said, **For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost** (Luke 19:10).

Summary:

We have tried to show by our discussion tonight how we can do a greater work for our Lord in our church, but do not forget that we must, also, reach out into the walks of every day life. We have made some notes on the conditions of success in personal work which we will continue next month. Do not forget our conference theme, "Fulfilling the Time," nor our Scripture from James 2 which definitely shows that one cannot be saved by faith alone (Read James 2:14-17). Even so we cannot expect our church to be filled by wishful thinking.

(Continued in May)

Sometimes I wonder if congregations know out of what anguish sermons are sometimes preached. They are mostly the record of a man's spiritual growth and understanding, his personal fears and doubts, just as much as moments of truth and breakthrough.

Henry C. Whitney in LAUGHTER IN HEAVEN (Fleming H. Revell Co.)

Boys' Brotherhood Study Article —

JOY, THE SECOND QUALITY of the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

(Galatians 5:22)

by REV. JAMES BLACK

JOY IS GIVEN to us as the second quality in a group of nine graces which is the fruit (singular) of the (Holy) Spirit. Sin is called the work of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21), and our corrupt nature moves and excites men to it. But Christian character, through grace, proceeds from the Spirit just as fruit does from the root of the tree. My task is to say something about this second fruit, "Joy."

Joy is a beautiful word, and it can be easily understood why it becomes an essential part of Christian character. Perhaps it could as easily be called "gladness" for it is that which causes true happiness. The Christian is not a droopy and sad "square" tied to a long list of "do's" and "don'ts," although we should certainly refrain from doing that which dishonors Christ (Col. 3:17). After all, the Holy Spirit produces this state of being—this Christian character—and it does not come about by our own efforts.

This joy is apparent in our constant delight in God, and in our cheerful conversation with our friends, and in our willing attitude in accomplishing His desire. This joy is "within" us and is not the superficial happiness dependent upon outer circumstances. C. Norman Bartlett said "the difference may be illustrated by a river that flows steadily and continuously onward, as compared with the transient hillside torrents produced by cloudbursts. There is no joy to compare with that which flows from a deep, rich, and sweet communion with Jesus Christ."

If we find no joy in our Christian experience, no gladness as we serve Him, no true happiness as we turn our thoughts toward Him, has the Holy Spirit been permitted to dwell in us? After all, these "graces," or virtues, of which joy is second mentioned, come from God—they have their source in Him and are not mere qualities of our own achievements. One writer has said that "good cheer is the hallmark of a brave and healthy soul . . ." We know there are times when things don't quite go our way, don't always suit us exactly, but remember:

"When things don't go to suit you,
And the world seems upside down,
Don't waste your time in fretting,
But drive away that frown;
Since life is oft perplexing,
'Tis much the wisest plan
To bear all trials bravely,
And smile whene'er you can."

Selected

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

WHAT? Boys' Brotherhood Bible Sword Drill Contest

WHERE? General Conference Ashland, Ohio

WHEN? August, 1965

THIS announcement is given now so you boys can start at once to acquaint yourselves with the various books of the Bible. It is felt that a contest like this will promote interest in the Boys' Brotherhood Organization, and also make national conference boy's meetings interesting and lively. If you are planning on competing in this Bible sword drill contest, then you should begin planning now to attend National Conference, August 16-22, 1965.

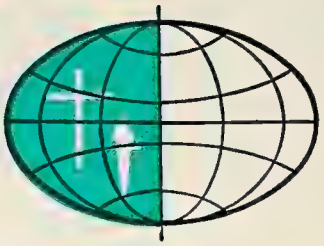
The Executive Committee will be meeting this spring to make rules and further plans for this contest. Any suggestions or questions concerning this should be sent to the Secretary of the Boys' Brotherhood Board, Rev. Richard Allison, 213 West Clinton, Goshen, Indiana.

As soon as the rules and plans are completely formulated they will be printed in *The Brethren Evangelist*. Ministers and Boys' Brotherhood advisors can then see that boys are notified, drilled, and led accordingly.

1964 - 65 Theme — Ephesians 5:15-20

"FULFILLING THE TIME"

MISSIONARY NEWS



HOME MISSIONS

Budget — 1964 - 65 — $46,000

IN ORDER to carry out the Home Mission program for 1964-65 it was necessary to increase the budget by $2,100. Our Home Mission income thus far is proportionately the same as last year's at this date, and yet we still have to receive $22,000 to support the full budget.

Here is a brief report of contributions made to date:

20 churches — no contribution
56 churches — gave less than $100
7 churches — gave more than $1,000

As of the December financial report, 31 churches exceeded last year's giving. Some of this increase is accounted for by designated gifts contributed through the Missionary Board office instead of being sent directly to the mission point.

LET US NOT forget that the Church is the Body of Christ and as such it has a singleness of mission. That mission is to proclaim the Gospel to the world, whether it be to the hungry, the educated or the affluent. Therefore, let us not give to our likes and dislikes, but let us give generously to the whole mission of the Church of Jesus Christ.

MISSION EQUATIONS

VISION — WORK = VISIONARY

WORK — VISION = MERCENARY

VISION + WORK = MISSIONARY

Which formula expresses your thoughts & actions?

ATTENTION — Church Treasurers

Your continued support of **Home Missions** by sending all your contributions regularly will be appreciated.

We trust it is only a temporary oversight if yours is one of the churches that has not yet sent in a **Home Mission** offering.

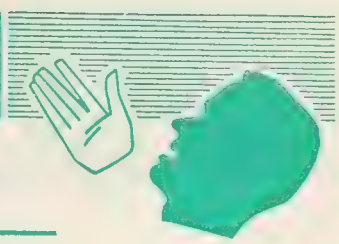
Church treasurers who remit quarterly are encouraged to send their gifts each quarter on schedule to relieve the burden of the **Home Mission** budget.

May we be faithful in our support of **Home Missions!**

Why not join the TEN DOLLAR CLUB?



ITEMS FOR Prayer and Praise



Praise God

that Ray and Marilyn Aspinall have located a suitable house to rent in Rosario. They have been searching for these accommodations for a year. Continue to pray that the closing transactions may be favorable.

that Ray Aspinall got his car, a new DiTella 1500 in time for attending camping at Campamento Diquecito in the sierras of Cordoba.

that the recent malaria treatments for Bea Bischof have been more encouraging and that she is making some progress toward better health.

Pray

for the Bischofs as they carry heavy burdens of work in their next three months before furlough to the United States.

for the NEW LIFE FOR ALL campaign in Nigeria (see July 18, 1964, issue of **The Brethren Evangelist**) to reach every person in Plateau and Zari provinces with the Gospel of Christ. Jean Shank's plea was that we pray daily to add fire to their effort. A news item in the **Sudan Witness** indicates that a door-to-door visitation in the campaign has been resumed by thousands of believers in these two provinces since the federal elections are over. The visitation was suspended during political campaigning preceding the election, to avoid misinterpretation of motives. Pray! — the time is urgent.

that plans may progress towards the construction of a residence at Eden for a missionary family so their present accommodations will be available to the Bible Institute functions.

that the Solomons might soon have their automobile delivered to them. They are experiencing many hardships with transportation limitation.

for spiritual strength and wisdom for our South American workers as they increase their program. Continue to pray for an advancement in the national churches and for greater spiritual depth and dedication of souls among the South American Brethren.

In a February ice and snow blizzard, Virgil Ingraham, General Secretary of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church and his wife, Alice, were victims of an automobile accident. We thank God for their not suffering severe injuries, but Alice has great leg pain from a sprain and Virgil has bruise discomforts. It takes a strong, healthy team to keep our General Secretary always ready and refreshed for this demanding work load. Pray for their renewed strength and stronger physical condition in their very trying schedule. Your continued prayers for travel mercies will be deeply appreciated by Mr. Ingraham.

CALL UNTO ME, AND I WILL ANSWER THEE AND SHOW THEE GREAT AND MIGHTY THINGS . . . (Jeremiah 33:3).

from the Woman's Outlook

A Letter from - - -

MRS. RAY ASPINALL

Missionary in South America

January 26, 1965
Soldini, Santa Fe
Argentina

Dear W.M.S. Members,

Perhaps some are still confused as to the whereabouts of the Aspinalls. We are located in Eden as yet with the Solomons. Since the plans for immediate construction of the residence for both families cannot be realized at this time, we are now in search of a suitable home in Rosario which will be rented until we are able to build here at the Institute. Finding an adequate home has presented some problems, also. It seems that two bedroom homes are available, but with the three children we feel the need for three bedrooms. Another feature which many of the city homes do not have is a place for children to play. Many of them have a small patio either of mosaic flooring or cement and that is the only area for children except the street. After having lived here in this lovely farm with so much room for the children, we would find it almost impossible to restrict them to such a small area for play in the city where the temperatures are practically unbearable in the summer. We have been suffering a little here (100 degrees in the shade) where we have an abundance of shade, etc. Please pray that we might find adequate housing soon.

We have not been lacking in activities in spite of the fact that we live out here on the farm. The men travel to the pueblos for week-end services. We also have mid-week services here for the people of Soldini. Pray for these folks as this little pueblo does not have an Evangelical work at all. We are trying to establish a location within the pueblo itself. I was elected President of the National Women's Organization here and would also covet your prayers on my behalf. With the responsibilities at home and the problems of traveling alone on public transportation, I have not found it possible to get out and visit many of the churches. I have been to perhaps six of them. The idea of W.M.S. work is relatively new to these women, and to try to establish a work of this type in one visit is, of course, impossible. We just received our new car last week (thanks to the Transportation Fund Offering), and therefore, I have felt somewhat encouraged and hope now to be able to travel to visit more of the women of the churches. Please remember that I am also reaching people in another language, which, at times is still a little difficult.

We have many reasons for rejoicing and would not want to write a letter without sharing some of these things too. The building projects here which will enable us to realize the opening of the Institute have been moving along nicely. With the facilites we now have, we have been able to invite church groups for picnics and camps during this summer season. This week we have a camp group of about 35 or 40 persons. We enjoy their fellowship and trust that it will help with the development and establishment of the Institute. We are also happy to welcome the Curtis family within our family of missionaries. The Solomon family have brought a new member into this family, also, as you have heard by now. Margaret Marie arrived safely and is doing well. We give thanks for this.

Our family will be traveling to Cordoba to the camp there next week. Ray will be teaching a class and I will be acting as camp treasurer. We had seen the camp last winter when it was rather brown and forsaken and yet were enthused by the beauty of the location. We are looking forward to this experience.

May I take this opportunity in closing this letter to thank each of you sincerely for the many lovely letters, greetings, and most of all for your prayers and offerings on behalf of the work here. We are happy to be serving the Lord here and representing the Brethren Church in Argentina. We have appreciated every letter and have wanted so much to answer each one of them, but time just does not allow this and we do regret it so much. We will try to keep you informed through *The Brethren Evangelist* or some other means, and trust you will continue to keep us informed, as we often think about and pray about the people and the work there in the churches.

It seems impossible that almost a year has gone by since we left the United States. It has been a wonderful year, and we feel we have been richly blessed here in this lovely country. We look forward to even greater things in the New Year in which we find ourselves. May the Lord bless each of you for your prayers, interest, and offerings in behalf of missions.

Sincerely
In Christ
Mrs. Ray Aspinall

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or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." The Church now awaits her call. The call will come when the Church He builds is complete. And then, "the Lord himself, will descend from heaven, with a shout." What will He shout? Revelation 4:1 says, "Come up hither" the dead and the living "caught up to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Another parable in Matthew 13? Ah, yes, the dragnet. Remember, the Kingdom of Heaven controlled by man; and it is likened to "a dragnet, that was cast into the sea, 'the nations,' and gathered of every kind:" This is not the gathering into the Church by faith. The parable distinctly says, "So shall it be in the end of the age." What age? Why the Jewish age? Israel's age had seventy weeks decreed for it. Sixty-nine weeks elapsed from the "command to restore and to build Jerusalem" (Dan. 9:25, 26) to the formal rejection of the Prince at His triumphal entry. The act when "the anointed one was cut off and had nothing," began the suspension of Israel's decreed time, until the Church is built. As long as the Church is abuilding Israel's prophetic history stands still. The moment the Church is caught away the seventieth week of Israel will begin. That will be the closing period of Israel's decreed time and THE END OF THE AGE.

The dragnet therefore will be "cast into the sea" during that time. It is then the "gospel of the Kingdom" will be preached (Matt. 24:14), and the dragnet will gather the fruits. Be it remembered here, that the gospel of the Kingdom and the gospel of grace are two different things. The gospel of the Kingdom is, *repent, for the Kingdom is at hand.* The gospel of grace is, *believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.* The latter is preached by the Church in the Church age; the former was preached by John and Jesus before the rejection and will again be preached by the faithful remnant of Israel (Rev. 6:9; 20:4) during the end of the age. Out from the net will be separated two elements, the wicked to be cast away, and the righteous who shall go into the millennial Kingdom.

There is one more element here, and most important, The Tribulation Saints. Who are they? They are *them that had been slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held* (Rev. 6:9); those that *had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus . . . such as worshipped not the beast* (Rev. 20:4); the witness slain, lying unburied in the streets, resurrected, and ascended into heaven (Rev. 11:3-12).

news ... from the Brethren

Levittown, Pa. Rev. Robert Keplinger reports that on Sunday, February 28, the Sunday School reached a new attendance record of 170. Also, there were four decisions for Christ during the worship service. In March, the worship services were broadcast over radio station WBCB.

St. James, Md. Rev. Jim Rowsey reports that three were brought into fellowship of the church by transfer of letter.

Johnstown III, Pa. Rev. Jerald Radcliff reports that Rev. Virgil Ingraham, General Secretary of the Missionary Board, was the guest speaker over the weekend of March 12. His theme was "The Gospel for All the World."

Ashland, Ohio (Garber). Rev. H. H. Rowsey, pastor, was the speaker over radio station WNCO during the Morning Chapel period for the week of March 8.

Newark, Ohio. Rev. Thomas Shannon reports that two persons were brought into membership of the church recently.

COMING EVENTS

Maurertown, Va.
Inspirational services
March 14-21
Dr. Bruce C. Stark, Guest speaker
Dr. John F. Locke, Pastor

Woodstock, Va. (St. Luke).
Revival Services
April 25-30
Rev. Wilbur L. Thomas, Evangelist
Fells Lam, Pastor

Waynesboro, Pa.
Pre-Easter Services
April 14-18
Rev. Virgil Ingraham,
Guest Speaker
Rev. Marlin McCann, Pastor

South Bend, Ind. (Ardmore)
Evangelistic Meetings
April 1-11
Rev. Harold Barnett, Evangelist
Rev. C. Wm. Cole, Pastor

Memorials

HUMBARGER. Fred Humbarger, 75, a member of the First Brethren Church of Flora, Indiana, died February 12. Final rites were held at the church with Rev. Livingston officiating and burial was in Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Lee Voorhees

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SPARO. Mrs. Rose E. Sparo, 87, of 3613 40th Place, Colmar Manor, Md., died at Prince Georges General Hospital, February 23, 1965. Her husband, Willis Sparo, died in 1953. Services were held in the Washington Brethren Church, Branch Ave. and Q Street, with burial in Washington National Cemetery.

Mrs. Ona Lee Sams

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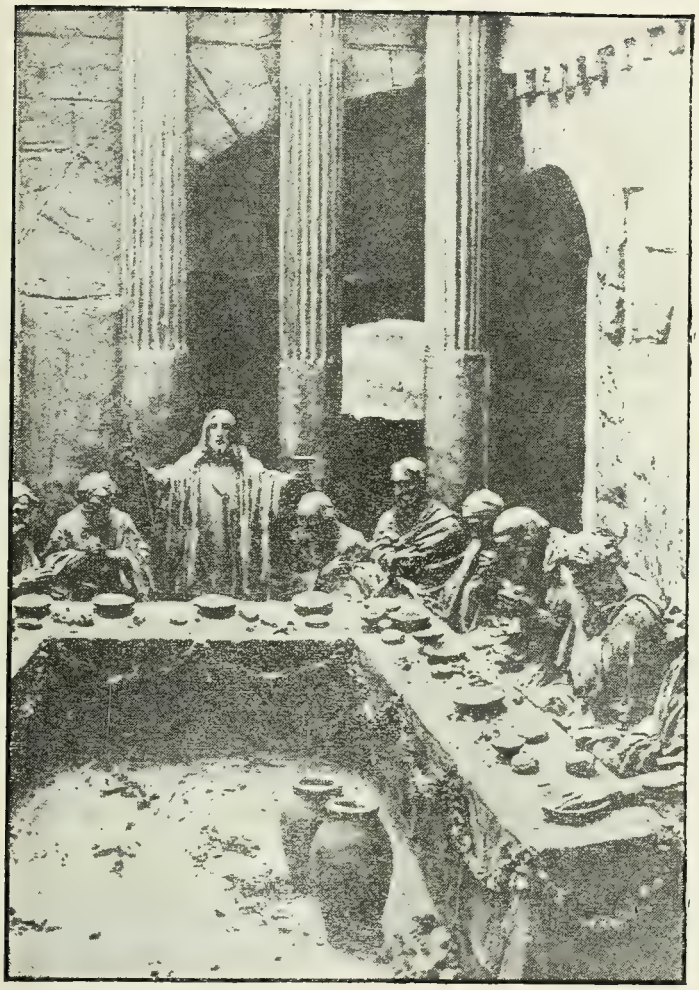
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"THE LOVE FEAST"

ON PAGE 12 of this issue of *The Brethren Evangelist* you will find the second article in a series on Brethren beliefs. This article is entitled: "The Love Feast" and is written by Rev. Charles Lowmaster.

Rev. Lowmaster is now pastor of the Johnstown II, Pennsylvania, Church, but has accepted the call to the First Brethren Church of Elkhart, Indiana, effective July 1.

Be sure to read this article.

The article next month will be "The Eucharist" by Rev. Smith F. Rose of Bryan, Ohio.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

THE LAST of the Daily Devotions column appears in this issue of the magazine. At the last Central Council meeting it was voted to discontinue this column for the following reasons: (1) Since the Children's Devotions have been appearing in the magazine, there has not been enough room for other materials. (2) More families are using the Children's Devotions than they were the Daily Devotions. (3) Many of our people are using devotional booklets instead of making use of the Daily Devotions as they appeared in our own magazine.

Your Editor wishes to thank Mrs. J. Milton Bowman and Mrs. Roxie Stahl for the time they spent in securing writers and furnishing outlines for the writers. Also, each writer is to be thanked for the work done. All is truly appreciated.

BOYS' BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM

THERE IS NO program for the Boys' Brotherhood in this issue of *The Brethren Evangelist*. A copy of the program was received too late to be included in the magazine.

If space permits, it will appear in the next issue.

SORRY, ANOTHER ERROR

ON THE SISTERHOOD pages of the March 13 issue of *The Brethren Evangelist* (page 22) the title of the article should be *"Silent Christians"* instead of "Silent Christmas."

Our apologies to Miss DeAnn Benshoff, editor of these pages; and to Miss Paula Landers, the writer of the article.



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The American Problem

MOST OF US heard our President's speech on Monday evening, March 15, relative to the bill which he presented to Congress on the following Wednesday making provision for ALL Americans to be given the right to vote regardless of color or position in life. This was truly a great speech! Every Christian in America recognizes the truth which was presented in that speech.

The beatings and inhuman treatment meted out to American citizens in Selma the past few weeks are certainly blots upon the American way of life, therefore making it an American problem. Those in authority in Alabama place the blame on "outsiders." Since when are American citizens "outsiders" when they decide to assist others in any State in this great union? As American citizens we have the right to go any place in our nation, at any time, without permits from any authorities in any particular area.

Back to the President's speech which was enthusiastically received by the Congress which gave standing ovation to that which was spoken, except, of course, a few "diehards" who will do all they can to keep this injustice alive in our nation. There are a few things that need to be said about the President and his speech.

First of all, the President recognizes the wrong. When American citizens are denied their right to vote because of color, this is morally wrong and certainly is against the Constitution of the United States. When American citizens are denied the privilege of peaceful demonstration, their rights as stated in the Constitution are denied. When they are beaten, clubbed and are refused protection from the city police or the state police, the laws of the state and union are broken. Mr. Johnson recognizes all this as being wrong. He is right!

In the second place, our President is determined to do something about it; furthermore, the Congress of the United States is in agreement with him. The President stated in essence that as long as he was President of the United States, he was determined to see that such injustices were abolished. As you listened to him, you could hear the determination. As you watched him, you could see this determination in his face. Every American, regardless of political strains, should rally around this man in this great effort.

Third, we find that even in this determination there was sincerity and concern. Our President was sincere in his concerns relative to this "American problem." He was concerned about its far-reaching effect upon our nation and upon our influence in other nations of this world. The Communist nations have taken hold of the events in Selma and are using them as propaganda against our way of life. Every American should be concerned as well! Sincerity was evident in this speech.

But fourth, and perhaps this should have been first in this list, was the dependence of President Johnson upon God. He is seeking God's help in this crisis; he is seeking His wisdom. The President referred to various portions of the Scripture in a sincere way. He was not quoting Scripture just to make the speech appeal to certain groups, but it was quoted to substantiate his belief in that which he was asking. Our President recognizes that he is human and that God alone can help him in decisions which have to be made in the issues at hand.

Many of us do not want to get involved in this problem—but, as Americans, we are involved already! Let's get more involved by being in much prayer for our President, for our Congress, for these American citizens who are willing to risk life itself for the right to vote. Let us also pray for those who would obstruct justice.

St. Paul tells us that God **hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth.** As Americans, our responsibilities are great! S.G.

COMING EVENTS

Woodstock, Va. (St. Luke).
Revival Services
April 25-30
Rev. Wilbur L. Thomas, Evangelist
Fells Lam, Pastor

Waynesboro, Pa.
Pre-Easter Services
April 14-18
Rev. Virgil Ingraham,
Guest Speaker
Rev. Marlin McCann, Pastor

Ashland, Ohio (Garber).
Bible Expositions
April 4-11
Dr. Bruce Stark, Guest Speaker
Rev. H. H. Rowsey, Pastor

Dayton, Ohio
Revival Services
March 29-April 4
Rev. Richard Allison, Evangelist
Rev. W. Clayton Berkshire, Pastor

Gratis, Ohio
Evangelistic Services
March 28-April 4
Rev. Herbert Gilmer, Evangelist
Rev. Thomas Schultz, Pastor

Kokomo, Ind.
Evangelistic Services
April 18-25
Rev. Floyd Sibert, Evangelist
Rev. Austin Gable, Pastor

North Liberty, Ind.
Revival Meetings
April 4-10
Rev. Geo. Phillips, Evangelist
Rev. Jack McDaniel, Pastor

South Bend, Ind. (Ardmore).
Evangelistic Meetings
April 1-11
Rev. Harold Barnett, Evangelist
Rev. C. Wm. Cole, Pastor

Udell, Iowa.
Revival Services
April 19-25
Rev. Phil Lersch, Evangelist
Rev. Amos Mast, Pastor

Weddings

RIFFEE-POE — RIFFEE-WHITTINGTON. St. Luke Brethren Church near Woodstock, Virginia, was the scene of a double wedding on Sunday, February 14, when the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Riffee of Woodstock were married. Miss Berniece Ruth Riffee became the bride of Mr. Kenneth Alvin Poe of Front Royal, Virginia, and Miss Barbara Ann Riffee became the bride of Mr. John Wayne Whittington of Conicville, Virginia. The undersigned assisted by the pastor, Rev. Fells Lam, officiated in the double ring ceremonies.

Rev. Wilbur L. Thomas

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FRITZ-DAHLSTROM. Miss Marjorie Fritz became the bride of Frank L. Dahlstrom of Lincoln, Nebraska, on January 3, 1965. The Rev. Robert Holsinger performed the ceremony in the First Brethren Church. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fritz of Falls City, and a member of the First Brethren Church. The newlyweds will reside in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mrs. F. P. Schroedl

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BLOSSER-McINTURFF. Miss Jane Elaine Blosser became the bride of Mr. Daniel Vernon McInturff in a beautiful wedding service at the Mt. Olive Brethren Church, February 6, 1965. The bride is the daughter of our late brother Harold P. Blosser and Mrs. Jane Blosser. The vows were read by the bride's pastor, the undersigned.

Rev. John F. Locke

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HUMBARGER-COIL. This is to announce the marriage of Marjorie Ann Humbarger to Richard Coil, February 14, 1965. She is the daughter of Mrs. Fred Humbarger and the late Mr. Fred Humbarger.

Rev. William Livingston

Memorials

LEMON. Dell G. Lemon, 76, passed away on February 23, 1965, at Osburn Memorial Hospital following a short illness. Funeral services were conducted in the First Brethren Church of Portis, Kansas, on February 28, with Rev. George Merkey officiating. Burial was in Garret Cemetery, Portis.

My gypsy tent, if Jesus be in it, is as grand as St. Paul's Cathedral, and St. Paul's Cathedral is nothing but a glorified quarry without Jesus! Christ makes the temple.

—Gypsy Smith.

It was hard to come by,
but it was something I had to have . . .

Thirty Minutes of My Own

I WAS so busy I didn't have time to do half the things I ought to do, much less the things I wanted to do. I always seemed to be running and I was tired. Yesterday I made up my mind to take a break. It wasn't easy, but I took thirty minutes out of my day to use as I pleased. How much did I accomplish in thirty minutes? A lot more than I expected!

This is what I did with my thirty minutes yesterday:

One Minute. I read a Psalm, something other than my regular Bible reading, for an extra blessing.

Ten Minutes. I wrote a long past due letter to an old friend. I made sure it was a cheerful letter.

Five Minutes. I made a phone call to a lonely shut-in.

One Minute. I looked out of my window and contemplated what I saw there. Does it need changing or do I?

Five Minutes. I telephoned the grouchiest person I know and told her a funny story. How wonderful to hear her laughing!

Five Minutes. I read some of my favorite poetry. Another day I'll sample some new poetry.

Three Minutes. I counted my blessings.

Today I'll do other things. One day soon I'll use the whole thirty minutes to call on the shut-in. My morning flew and my work was easy because I was planning a week of half hours. Seven times thirty minutes is three and a half hours. What wonders I can accomplish with thirty minutes of my own!

by Edna L. Floyd
(Reprint from The Christian)

Daily Devotions

General Theme for the Year: "FULFILLING THE TIME"
Theme for March — "BY HIS SPIRIT DWELLING IN YOU"

Writer for March — Dr. Harold Barnett

April 4 - 10 — "Spirit Filled Men"

Sunday, April 4, 1965

Read Scripture: Judges 6:34

In the Old Testament we find many evidences of the working of the Holy Spirit, although His ministry was to be somewhat different after Pentecost. The Spirit came upon the leaders of God in special ways for special service. Gideon was a great man of God because the Spirit anointed him with power and wisdom. When Gideon blew the trumpet we may be sure there was no uncertain sound to it. He led God's people aright because he was Spirit-led first of all. Church leaders who are politicians and not unctionized by the Spirit are wolves in sheep's clothing. They kill and destroy spiritually.

If a pastor or church leader is spiritually minded and knows the power, glory and guidance of God's Spirit, it will follow as day follows night that he will lead the people to do great battle for God and obtain victory.

The Day's Thought

As water can rise no higher than its source, neither can the people of God grow spiritually higher than their church leader(s).

Monday, April 5, 1965

Read Scripture: Judges 15:14

Samson was mighty strong physically because of God's unusual gift to this unusual judge of Israel. He certainly seemed to lead a very inconsistent life. Yet, God in His mysterious will, deigned to use this man for His glory. What a lesson for us. If God could use Samson He can surely use us.

You might say, "The Holy Spirit came upon Samson and used him in a different way than He does us of the New Testament era subsequent to Pentecost." We don't believe that the Spirit "comes and goes" in a life of a child of God, even though there may be times when we "quench" the Spirit somewhat. However, all of us can attest to the fact that the Spirit has greater control of us or "comes upon us" in special ways at special times.

Things happened when the Spirit came upon Samson and the wicked Philistines soon learned it. Things happen today when the Spirit truly fills and works in the life of a believer.

The Day's Thought

The question is not how good we are or how much we can do, but rather how surrendered are we to God's Holy Spirit within us to do His sweet will?

Tuesday, April 6, 1965

Read Scripture: I Samuel 10:10

King Saul of Israel was a tragic figure. Tragic in that, for one who began so gloriously, he died so ignominiously! Tragic in that he fell so far below what he might have been had he let God fully possess and use him throughout all his life.

In the Scripture for the day we find that Saul prophesies by the Spirit of God while in the company of the prophets. Saul was in good company and he went all the way with the Lord. But later he rejected the will of God and the Spirit left him.

Today we who are surrendered to the Divine Presence in our lives know what joy and power we possess in the Spirit. We can preach, witness, teach, sing, pray, visit, persevere, and throw ourselves fully into the service of the Lord.

Then, tragically, there are some times when the Spirit does not have our full cooperation and His work is hindered and our joy dampened and our witness weak. Saul, who could prophesy among the prophets, could not be faithful in the daily administration of the program of God. May this not be true of us.

The Day's Thought

The ministry of the Holy Spirit within and through us is always dependent upon our cooperation.

Wednesday, April 7, 1965

Read Scripture: I Samuel 16:13

Samuel was a Holy Ghost-filled man who ruled and judged Israel well all his days. God used Samuel to anoint David, upon whom the Spirit of God came from that day forward, as says our text. God uses Spirit-filled men today to bring His blessings to others. A spiritually dead person cannot be used of God to bless another unless God works in a special providence.

Oil was used then, as it is now according to the Anointing Service in James 5, to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit. The experience is described in Psalm 23 in the words of David: *Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.* When the oil of gladness is present we know of that "running over" experience since it is too good to keep to ourselves.

The life of David, although not free from sin, is truly a study in what God can do with a life that's yielded to Him. He was a man after "God's own heart." If David could make it after all his terrible sins, then there is hope for us if we want it!

The Day's Thought

God needs Spirit-filled people today to witness to a materially-centered world.

Thursday, April 8, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 1:15

God chose John the Baptist for a special mission and filled him with His Spirit even from birth. He was to have the blessed privilege of heralding the coming of the Savior. He was to prepare the way.

This is our task today. Those who have God's Spirit are constantly heralding the good news to others and preparing the way of the Lord into the hearts of those who will receive the message we bring. The Spirit fills us from the moment when we are truly and fully born again — this is our greatest birth.

John was yielded to the Spirit for the whole of his life and at death he gave his life on earth in order to enter an even fuller life in and

of the Spirit in Heaven. As our text implies, people like John are the truly "great" ones in the sight of God. After all, isn't that all that really counts?

The Day's Thought

When the Holy Spirit fills us we live the greatest life, die the greatest death and enter into the greatness of that life in Heaven which is eternal.

Friday, April 9, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 7:55

What a glorious text! Stephen is a terrific inspiration to all of us. Here was a man who died the terrible death of stoning because he was so filled with the Spirit he could not and would not stop preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Nothing man could do would keep his mouth shut except death. And even as they killed him Stephen received his greatest Holy Ghost-filled blessing to date — a vision of God's glory and Jesus himself in Heaven. Say, that was worth dying for.

Death does not deter us from our heavenly calling when we have that heavenly vision. We are not living in fear of death. We are too busy participating in our life-giving ministry to dying souls since we are workers together with God. This and Heaven, too. What glory.

The Day's Thought

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of life and when He lives within us we never die, regardless of what happens to these bodies until the resurrection.

Saturday, April 10, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 13:52

And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost. Joy and the Holy Ghost always go together. You can't have one without the other, or, inversely, if you don't have one you don't have the other. Of course, we're talking about that deep, spiritual, abiding joy which is not affected by "fleshly" joy which is dependent upon our feelings, moods and attitudes from day to day.

The setting of the text today was in a time of persecution when, outwardly, there would seem to be little cause for joy. Yet, it is true that if we have the Spirit of Christ we are "blessed" even when we are persecuted and men say all manner of evil against us falsely for His namesake.

Our greatest battle is against surrendering to the wooing of the Holy Spirit, who wants to apply the finished atonement of the blood of Christ to our unsaved and dead hearts. Our greatest victory is when we surrender and let the Spirit fully possess, control and use our lives in a work which not only brings life to its fullest and most joyful meaning, but is used of God to help impart life and joy to other souls in this hopelessly doomed world!

The Day's Thought

Oh Father God, fill our hungry hearts to overflowing with Thy Spirit of joy and gladness which makes us sing in the presence of sorrow, grief, ill health and even death.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Easter Readings

Memory Scripture for month — Matthew 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

April 4 - 10

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

In Need Of A Friend

"I'll see you later, Linda," said Gary. "There's Paul. I'll see if he wants to play. Maybe he'll go to Junior B.Y.C. tonight."

Gary hurried out the door. Linda went out, too.

"Hi, Linda!" called Judy.

Linda smiled at her best friend.

"Where's Gary?" wondered Judy.

"He's playing with Paul," Linda told her. "Let's take a walk."

The girls started down the street. Soon they came to a group of children.

"Hey, Linda," said Scott, "do you know your brother is with Paul Rammy?"

"Yes," answered Linda.

"Why is he with him?" wondered Evelyn. "Gary is such a nice boy, but Paul! Ugh!"

"Don't you think Paul needs good friends?" asked Linda.

"Well, yes," answered Evelyn slowly.

"Jesus taught us," went on Linda, "that we should help all people to learn of God."

"I don't think Paul will listen to him," added Ricky. "He won't listen to anyone."

"Have you ever tried?" asked Linda.

"No, I guess not," admitted Ricky.

Just then the children saw Gary and Paul coming toward them.

"Hi, gang," smiled Gary. "Paul is going to Junior B.Y.C. with us tonight."

"That's great!" said all the children.

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to be a friend to all people. Help me to remember that Jesus came to be a Savior for everyone. May I do my part to tell them of Him. In His name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 19:29-38

Betsy Rides

"Look at Betsy! See her ride!" Mom heard the children shouting. She went to the back porch.

She saw Betsy sitting on Steve's big collie dog, Rex. She was holding tightly to the collar. Queenie was walking on one side of her. Mittens was on the other side. Gary was watching carefully so his little sister didn't fall. All the other children were shouting and running along behind.

Betsy saw Mommy. She smiled. "See Betsy. Betsy ride. Betsy ride doggie."

"I see you," laughed Mommy. "Your friends are crowding about you just as Jesus' friends did when He rode the donkey into Jerusalem. They welcomed Him as a king."

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for coming to be the Savior for all people. I want You to be my Savior and King. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 21:1-4

Betsy's Gift

"Pretty flowers," said Betsy. She handed Mommy a bouquet of dandelions.

Betsy had seen the bright yellow flowers in the backyard. She thought they were pretty. She picked them and took them to Mommy.

"How nice," said Mommy. "We'll put them in this vase of water and set them here on the table. Everyone can see the pretty flowers you gave me."

Mommy knew Betsy gave them to her because she loved her. She knew Betsy was giving her her best gift.

Some people might have thought the dandelions were old weeds. To Mommy they were a lovely bouquet because they were given with love.

Our offering to God may be small, too. Because we love Him we give Him our best. Then our gift will mean more to Him than a large offering given without love.

Prayer:

Help me, God, to show my love for You by giving You my best. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 22:14-20

The Supper

"Where did you say you are going tonight?" asked Linda as she watched Mom get ready.

"To a farewell dinner," answered Mom. "Mr. Jones has worked with Daddy for thirty years. He's retiring now. His friends are having a party for him."

"That's something like the supper Jesus and His friends had," remarked Linda.

"Yes," agreed Mom. "Jesus was leaving them. There were many things He wanted to tell them before He left. He talked with them as they ate supper. That story tells how much Jesus loves us."

"Here's Daddy with Mrs. Randolf," called Gary.

"It's fun to have her stay with us," said Linda.

"Ask her to read to you again the story we were talking about—the Last Supper," suggested Mom. "It is good to hear it often. We never want to forget how much Jesus has done for us."

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for coming to earth. Thank You for loving me and giving Your life for me. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 22:39-43

Gary's Prayer

"Do I still have to have my tonsils out tomorrow?" asked Gary.

Mom looked surprised. "Yes. Why did you think it would be changed?"

"Because I prayed," answered Gary. "That's one prayer God didn't answer. I asked Him to fix it so I wouldn't have to go to the hospital tomorrow."

"God did answer your prayer," said Mom. "He doesn't always answer our prayers by giving us what we want. Sometimes His answer is no. But, Gary, do you think you prayed in the right way?"

"What do you mean?" asked Gary.

"Jesus had something worse—much worse—than a tonsil operation to go through," reminded Mom. "Yet when He prayed He said, 'If it is Your will, Father, let this not happen. Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours be done.' "

"I see what you mean," said Gary slowly. "No, I didn't pray in the right way. I know I'll feel much better after my tonsils are out. God was right to answer my prayer by saying no. From now on I'll remember to pray for His will."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad You hear and answer all my prayers. Help me to remember always to pray as Jesus did for Your will, not mine, to be done. In His name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 23:39-43

Will You Believe?

"How's Gary?" asked Linda when Mom came home.

"He's fine," answered Mom. "Daddy is at the hospital with him now. I'll go back later."

"Why did he have to have his tonsils out?" wondered Linda.

"They were infected," explained Mom, "and made him sick."

"Evelyn is going to church with me Sunday," said Linda.

"Good," replied Mom. "This is the best time of the year to take others to church. They will hear the Easter stories and learn what Jesus really did for us."

"Yes," agreed Linda. "I want Evelyn to learn that Jesus is God's Son and our Savior."

"It's hard for some people to understand," said Mom. "Remember the two men on the crosses with Jesus."

Linda nodded. "One believed Jesus was God's Son and one didn't."

"We want to help our friends to understand and to believe," added Mom. "Then they, too, will have a home in heaven."

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for giving Your life on the cross for my sins. I know You are my Savior and I want to help my friends to learn of You. Amen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Who Is It?

Linda had gone to the store to get a spool of white thread for Mom. She saw one of Mom's friends look-

ing at the pattern book. "Hello, Mrs. Huff," she said pleasantly.

"Hello," answered Mrs. Huff. Then she looked at the girl. "Do I know you?"

"I think so," laughed Linda. "You know my Mom, Alice Keller. I'm her daughter Linda."

"Of course," said Mrs. Huff. "How is your family?"

"Gary just had his tonsils out," Linda told her. "The rest of us are fine."

When Linda got home she told Mom about seeing Mrs. Huff. "She didn't know who I was."

"That's because she wasn't expecting to see you," explained Mom. "If she had known you were going to be in the store, she would have recognized you."

After Jesus arose from the dead two of His friends met Him on the road. They did not recognize Him at first because they thought He was dead. When they knew He was truly alive they hurried to tell others.

Do you tell others that Jesus is alive?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, may I do what I can to help others to know you. May I gladly share this good news. Amen.

The END of the AGE, and the GREAT TRIBULATION

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XXIII

THERE IS GREAT CONFUSION about the expression in Matthew, the end of the world. The cause is easily traced to the translation of the Scripture from the Greek text into English. It should always be the purpose of a translator of one language to another to ascertain and transfer the exact thought of the writer, or speaker, to the reader or hearer. The case in question is a portion of the New Testament as recorded by Matthew under divine inspiration.

Matthew was a very careful writer. He was trained to be a careful man; for he was a tax collector. As such he was commissioned by the governing Roman state to gather the toll exacted of every citizen. He must make no mistakes. He must miss no one. Whom could the Holy Spirit better use to write the gospel for Israel than a careful tax collector? As such he was hated by the Jews because he was a hireling of Rome the oppressor. Although an Israelite, he was considered apostate by his own people. As all tax collectors, he was held as a thief; an exactor of extortions. True, Matthew was a sinner, but one to whom Jesu extended His grace.

How did it occur? One day Matthew, also called b Mark, Levi, the son of Alphaeus, was sitting at th place of toll. Jesus said to him, *Follow Me. And h arose, and followed Him* (Matt. 9:9b—A.S.V.). Jesu knew a man of worth, and the Holy Spirit recognize a man of careful records. Who wrote of his call? Ma thew himself (9:9-13) and with what modesty. N until he came to the ninth chapter of his treatise di he mention himself, then simply stated it and to of entertaining Jesus in his house. Such humilit Luke said of the occasion, *And Levi made a great fea in his house: and there was a great multitude of pub licans* (tax collectors) *and of others that were sittin at meat with them* (Luke 5:29—A.S.V.). Matthew be ing touched with the grace of forgiveness, made a occasion to witness to others of his profession, an noted very carefully every word spoken by the Maste This was the man chosen to write the gospel for I rael. He was a man careful in his choice and use words.

It is commonly accepted that Matthew wrote his go pel in Aramaic, the dialect of the Jews as used i Palestine at the time. Whether he or another made th translation to Greek is not known, but translatio was very carefully made.

Three separate Greek words were used to deno three different ideas and all are translated into Eng lish by the word *world*. One word is Aion, the class meaning of which is *an age*, or *an indefinite period time*. Another is Kosmos, meaning the *world* or *un verse*, as an orderly arrangement of created thing Then there is Oikoumena, from Oikos, a house dwelling. The Oikoumena is the inhabited earth. Jesu as quoted in Matthew never used the words inte changeably. The latter word, Oikoumena is the wo quoted in Matthew 24:14—A.S.V.), *this gospel of th kingdom shall be preached in the whole world*—tha is, the inhabited land. In another place Jesus sai *I will utter things hidden from the foundation of th world* (Matt. 13:35—A.S.V.). The word here is Kosmo —the created order. But when the disciples used th word Aion, they meant something different from th other two. On the Mount of Olives, the disciples aske Jesus, *Tell us, when shall these things be? And wha shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of th Aion* (Matt. 24:3b—A.S.V.). Those disciples were n then interested in the created order, or the inhabite earth, but the Jewish *age* of prophecy. After Jesu had given them the sign, He answered, *and then sha the end come*. The end of what? Of course, the en of the Prophetic Age.

The disciples understood what Jesus meant. H had made it plain to them in the parables of the King dom recorded in Matthew 13—A.S.V. When they aske Him why He spoke in parables (v. 10), Jesus replie *Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of th kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given* (11). Then He interpreted the parables of the *sow* and the *tares*, in answer to their request (v. 36). Sai He, *the field is the world* (v. 38). The Greek word use here is Kosmos—the created order. However in vers 40, speaking of the tares being gathered and burne Jesus said, *so shall it be in the end of the world*. Her the Greek word for world is *Aion*, or *Age*. It is neces

sary to understand these distinctions to "rightly divide the word of truth" spoken by Jesus relative to the final consummation of all things.

The subject treated here is a composite one, *the end of the age, and the great tribulation.* The two great occasions are coexistent and lie yet in the future. The *great tribulation* foretold by Jesus in the Olivet discourse will be a condition of the *end of the age.*

Consider first the *end of the age.* What is the *age* which will come to an end? A full understanding of Jesus' prophecy can only be had by careful scrutiny of Matthew 24 together with other portions of prophecy. Jesus in Matthew 24:15—A.S.V. points to one of great import, *the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet.* Hear Daniel, *and He shall make a firm covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease; and upon the wing* (sheltering authority) *of abominations shall come one that maketh desolate; and even unto the full end, and that determined, shall wrath be poured out upon the desolate* (Dan. 9:27—A.S.V.). The *full end* of Daniel, is the *then cometh the end* of Jesus' Olivet statement. This is the end of the Jewish age.

God does not leave the important matters of His plan for the ages half revealed. The history of the Jews is fully forecast.

Daniel was a prophet of the exile. He was carried away to Babylon from Judah as a young man at the fall of Jerusalem about six hundred years B.C. Throughout the Exile he was God's voice, both to the rulers of the land and to the Jews. Moreover, he never lost his zeal for his people and their homeland.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

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Lesson for April 4, 1965
"WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS?"
Text: Matthew 27:11-26

BECAUSE OF HIS CLAIMS and His influence in the world, those who become acquainted with Jesus are forced to make some decision as to what they will do about Him. Jesus made and sustained His claims of being the Son of God, the Savior of men with the right to be their spiritual leader. If it is true, as millions of Christians sincerely and rightly believe, that the matter of eternal life and death are in His hands, then only the fool will neglect giving Jesus serious consideration. Men may choose to accept, reject or ignore Him but make a decision they must.

An Unfair Trial

The Pharisees, the chief priests and elders brought Jesus to trial on pretense of desiring justice. Those who were sitting in the judges seat had already planned perjury before the trial began (Matt. 26:59). The court must consider a man innocent until proven guilty, but the court began by accusing Jesus of guilt knowing all the while that He was innocent of every charge being brought against Him (Matt. 27:12).

When Pilate sat to judge the case He found no fault in Him (Luke 23:14). It was His business to enforce the decision. At this time the Roman courts were noted for their justice. Here was one judge who through fear of the people, fear for his position, surrendered to mob violence and enforced injustice.

The Way of Wickedness

The Jews and Pilate selected the way of sin to serve their present cause. The Jews were determined to maintain the influence in the people's religion and their public prestige even though they knew they were wrong. Jesus was a threat, Barabbas was not; so they let the wicked go free in order to protect their own racket.

Pilate thought that by giving into the wrong decision of the mob majority he would prevent insurrection and revolution. But tumult and insurrection were never stopped.

This is the problem. Will sin serve to benefit us? Can the public good be served by indulging in wickedness? Shall rejection of Jesus have no ill results for us? The history of the Jews and Rome prove this is not so.

What Shall I Do With Jesus?

For the Jews the acceptance of Jesus as the Redeemer, the Son of God, meant a rise to prominence as a nation; a rise to glory as spiritual leaders of the world. When they rejected Him they wrecked their hopes as a people. They threw aside life eternal in Him.

For us to accept Jesus is to receive all His promises of present spiritual influence in the world, present favor of God and life with God for eternity. His promises are too numerous to mention. So far He has proven himself and His Word to be true. It is for us individually to consider the facts without prejudice and accept the responsibility of our decision.

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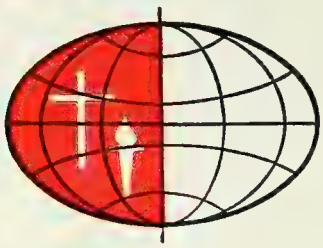
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MISSIONARY NEWS



TODAY IS A DAY OF GOOD TIDINGS

by LOUIS L. KING

At the 1964 *General Conference, Louis L. King, Foreign Secretary of The Christian and Missionary Alliance delivered a challenging missionary message. Recently as his text and his words were again read, it became increasingly vital to share them with Brethren in an emphasis on World Missions. The following is a portion of his address. Receive the plea from the heart of God into your own heart.*

II Kings - - - Chapter 7

THE SEIGE OF THE SYRIANS was very successful, for all the normal supply of food had been completely cut off and now the people within the city walls had consumed all of the food. After that they killed the asses and ate even the heads of the asses. Then they scraped up the dung of dogs in the streets and sold that at exhorbitant rates and ate that. In the preceding chapter of Kings you have a further account of women actually agreeing to kill and boil and eat their own children.

It was in this dire hour of the history of the city of Samaria that four leprous men sat at the entry end of the city gates. They, too, were starving to death for want of food and they began to reason among themselves as to what would be wise. They decided to take a chance and surrender themselves to the Syrians and in the twilight of the evening hour, they made their way to the Syrian camp. When they got to the outermost part of the camp, they discovered that there were no men there. The Lord had caused the army to hear a great sound and in fright they fled away. They left everything behind and these four leprous men went into the camp and ate and drank to their heart's content. They gathered up gold and silver and clothing and then went to their own lodgings. They came again the second time and ate and drank til they were satisfied. They gathered up more gold and silver and clothing and hid that; and when they were satisfied they had provision to last a long time, they came to their senses. They remembered that in the city of Samaria there were brothers and sisters, relatives and fellow citizens who were starving for very want of the things they had enjoyed and of which there was plenty. And then they said, *We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household* (II Kings 7:9). So they reported the news to the porter who kept the city gate and he passed the news to the king. The king sent our heralds announcing that the enemy had fled, and the people arose in haste and secured food and water. Thus it was that the whole city was saved because four leprous men decided to share the good news.

What these four men did in saving an entire city has been done over and over again in the natural affairs of men. We consider no effort too strenuous, costly or perilous to come to the aid of someone in danger that we might save one single life. How base and criminal that man would even consider to refuse to help his fellow man in an hour of need!

Yet there is another side to human life and although less visible, it is infinitely more real. If our eyes were enlightened from high heaven to see and understand, we would behold not a few hundred nor a few thousand people who die in one year who might be called the damned. Oh no, their number is so large it is almost incomprehensible. If we would stand in one spot and have them march by us in military formation—marching continuously, five abreast—it would take 365 days and 365 nights before the last of the damned to die in one single year could pass to their cold hopeless graves.

As we enjoy a Gospel of free grace with all of its bright promises and reality, yonder in India some little girl is given to a life of shame and unchastity as a priestess in the temple of her hideous idol god. In New Guinea some widow who's just lost her husband has cut off the ears of her children with a bamboo knife and then taken a stone ax and cut off two of her own fingers in mourning for the dead. In Laos and Viet Nam men are dragging their shell torn bodies to the side of the road to die. However, all of this would not be so horrible if there were a brighter future beyond. But when these lie down to die, there is naught but blankness and despair. There is no glorious hope at all; there is no kindly Christian pastor to come and read from the precious Word and there are no Christian friends to come and sing the songs of Zion. There are no doctors in the area to alleviate the pain, no Christian nurse to come to help them, and so they pass from a wretched existence into a darker, much darker future beyond.

There are some people who do not believe that the heathen are lost. This may be in ignorance of what the Scriptures say, but it may be because of the inroads of worldliness or it may be because of modernism in your own personal beliefs. If this is so, look into God's most Holy Word, and see what He has to say about these people who are called the heathen.

First of all, we find them described in Ephesians 2 and here St. Paul says that they are dead, absolutely dead while they yet live, they're dead in trespasses and in sins. They walk according to the course of this world, they mind none other than Satan, himself. They're called the children of wrath and disobedience and they are said to be foreigners and aliens to God. They are without hope and they are without Christ. Now what is the ultimate end for people like this? Romans 6:23 gives the answer, *For the wages of sin is death* . . . Is it a mere physical death? Is it a kind of annihilation and nothing beyond? What kind of death is it? Revelation 21:8 tells us that *the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fires and brimstone: which is the second death.* There you have it! They go to an eternal burning forever and forever and forever . . . a conscious eternal Hell.

You say, "If they haven't heard about Jesus Christ and have had no chance to believe and be saved, how can God send them to Hell?" The word of God is clear. Jesus Christ himself has said, *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me* (John 14:6). Again he said *I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved* . . . (John 10:9). Peter speaking under divine inspiration before the Sanhedrin said, *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved* (Acts 4:12). The word is clear, both by Jesus Himself and the Apostles. There is no other Salvation, it is *alone* in *Jesus Christ.*

In the second chapter of Romans the case of the self-righteous Gentile moralist and Jewish legalist is taken up and their guilt is shown to be worse than that of a heathen, due to the added measure of light which they have received. Yet, the absolute fairness of God in dealing with all classes of men is made abundantly clear whether it may be the heathen under conscience, the Jew under Law, or the hearer of the Gospel unto Grace. Therefore, in the third chapter of Romans, the writer brings his argument to a conclusion with a verdict of guilt passed upon the whole world, culminating it with his sweeping sentence *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;* (Romans 3:23). *IF* there were any way for the heathen to be saved, if for instance they could be saved by living up to the life that they have, we better never send them the Gospel at all. It would only increase their condemnation if they rejected it. Better let them live and die in ignorance and go to heaven through God's mercy without Jesus Christ . . . BUT THERE IS NO SUCH WAY. The word of God is clear on that. The only way to heaven is through the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. For by grace are you saved through faith and not of yourself. It is a gift of God.

Bible believing people understand that only Jesus saves — that it is the truth of the Word of God — but WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? If men in all parts of the world are lost, are you rushing out to rescue the perishing and care for the dying? Are you doing EVERYTHING you can to bring them into the fold of the Good Shepherd? Have you exhausted all your potential to rescue them and bring them to Jesus?

All the while we absorb the Gospel — give it to ourselves over and over again and yet let the unsaved go to perdition. Surely we are guilty of self-centeredness. How much have we left undone that we might have done? How much have we spent on things that were useless as far as rescuing the lost are concerned? Does our heart condemn us? Does our spirit witness against us? Are we guilty? I verily believe we are. We're for the most part insensible and unconscious of their horrible need.

Next we are guilty of criminal neglect. Keepers of the lighthouses along the treacherous shores need not lure vessels into danger by false signals. All they need to do is neglect to light the lamp at sundown and the vessel will run itself into ruin with all aboard. Neither do we have to go to Africa or elsewhere to seduce natives into the shameful vices and debouchery of North American life to be guilty of their eternal damnation. All we need to do is *neglect* to send them the Gospel message and they will die — and their blood will be on our hands.

Fellow believers, only YOU can rescue them. Only you can go out and bring them into this fold of the Good Shepherd. Like those leprous men, unless we tell it abroad, we do not well. This day indeed is a day of good tidings, but we hold our peace and if we tarry, some mischief will come. Let us get rid of our self-centeredness. Let us divest ourselves of criminal neglect. Let self-abegnation and self-crucifixion and real dedication to Jesus Christ and real concern for the lost and dying all around us supplant all of our self-centeredness.

We do not well. Let us do some more. Let us get rid of self-centeredness. Let us have more self-sacrifice and let us do this until "the beam that shines from Zion's hill shall light in every land and the King that reigns in Salems' towers shall all the world command."

THE EGYPTIAN MOON shining brightly in the heavens was unable to dispel the shadows or give clear definition to objects below, where the land lying under the proclamation of death was marked by a noticeable division. Sounds of merrymaking, revelry, and carefree laughter could be heard in the streets and issued from the brightly-lit windows of the Egyptian populace.

In contrast was the sombre spell of quietness which pervaded the dried mud hovels of the Egyptian slaves. These foreign immigrants didn't belong in Egypt—they just didn't fit; they couldn't seem to adjust or conform to the ways and life of the Egyptians. They didn't join in the national holy day observances dedicated to Osiris and Ra. Socially, they were too puritanical and "goody goody"—it had something to do with their God whom they called Yahveh. They seemed to think themselves to be something special, and had some delusion about being a "chosen people" for this God, Yahveh. The king of the land had grown afraid of these people because the population explosion among them was so fantastic that, in their multiplication, native Egyptian supremacy was in danger of being overthrown. Therefore he gave orders that all the male children should be destroyed; segregation and interracial marriages were to be strictly enforced; voter registration was to be discouraged; and job opportunities were to be limited to the most menial of tasks with educational opportunities discouraged.

When these foreigners began to complain of their lot and threatened to emigrate to other countries, the economy of the nation and the carefree luxury of the native people was suddenly threatened; so the king took measures to reduce their lot to that of hopeless slavery.

There had been many adverse conditions which had disrupted the prosperity and comfort of the nation this year. Plague after plague had struck the land. First there had been the trouble with water pollution, then invasions by frogs, lice and flies; then disease among the livestock, duststorms, boils, hail, locusts, and three days of strange darkness. It seemed as though the people hardly recovered from one epidemic 'till another catastrophe struck. Those clever Palestine slaves and their leader, Moses, making as if their God were responsible for all this and clamoring all the while for the emigration laws to be relaxed for their benefit! They always timed their threats at the right moment, claiming that it was through intercession to their God that either the plagues, or relief from them, had come. What a laugh!

It was just last week that this guy, Moses, was threatening again; something about a "death angel" coming through to kill the "firstborn," and telling how, through some silly ritual which he claimed this Yahveh had told him about, a family could save their "firstborn" from death by the angel. Those silly, superstitious, slave fools swallowed the whole, screwy story. Most of them went out five days ago and selected the very finest of their sheep and have been giving these sheep the finest treatment until tonight when they had a big ceremony and killed all those fine sheep. Someone said that as they passed through that part of the city there was no one in sight; the streets were deserted and there was fresh blood painted around the door openings of their houses. The people had all gathered in their houses in groups of one or two families, had killed and roasted the lamb and were eating it now with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. They had gone on a borrowing spree and had borrowed all kinds of things from their Egyptian neighbors. Another strange custom in this ceremony: they put all the clothes on that they could wear and had packed everything they could in back packs. Their claim is that this "death angel" is going to effect their deliverance, and Pharaoh is going to let them go to their "promised land" in the morning. There is no evidence that such a thing can possibly be except for the word of this Moses and the ceremonial confidence of these people in the hope of the slain lamb.

THE LOVE FEAST

It was some one thousand four hundred years later that thirteen men were walking the streets of Jerusalem when one asked of another, who seemed to be the leader, "Where would you like us to go and prepare to eat the Passover" (Matt. 26:17); and Jesus, mentioning two by name, Peter and John, said, "Go into the city until you see a man carrying a pitcher of water; follow him; and wherever he goes in say to the master of that place, 'The Master would like to use the guest chamber to eat the Passover with His disciples.' And he will show you a place already prepared" (Mark 14: 14, 15). The disciples did as Jesus had bidden and just as He had predicted, so it was.

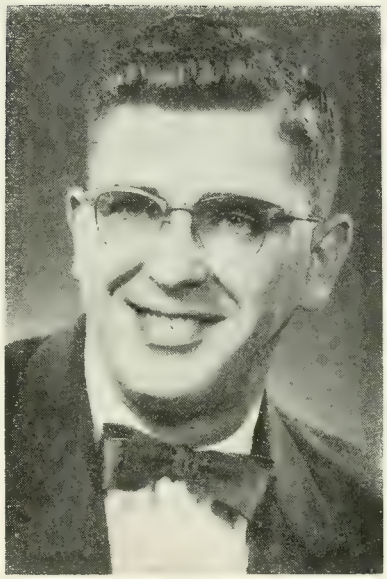
Later as the thirteen men gathered in that Upper Room, they remembered in their observance the events of one thousand four hundred odd years previous when God had promised deliverance to His "chosen people"—slaves in a foreign land—and brought a strange deliverance, true to His Word, through His servant Moses. And despite the unbelief of the mass of Egyptians of that world, deliverance and preservation did come to the "slaves" while weeping and sorrow was the keynote in the camp of the unbelieving. In this observance of the Passover in Jerusalem, a new note was added as "The Master" spoke with eleven of the men after one of the

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"FULFILLING THE TIME"

twelve named Judas had departed. For on this night, after all had made the proper preparations, The Master got up from the table, poured water into a basin, tied on a towel and proceeded to wash the feet of the twelve and to wipe them. They then sat down together and ate a supper in the manner prescribed by their God in remembrance of the Egyptian observance. But The Master concluded the meal by adding to it the suggestion that before the day ended (at 6 p.m. on the morrow), He would be taking the place of the slain Paschal Lamb; so that people of every nation under heaven might find deliverance from their servile condition by His blood which they, by faith in His sacrifice, have sprinkled on the opening of their human abode. And so it was that, after an evening of warmest companionship with those who had accepted Him as the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed Son of God, all happened as He had said.

When we consider these two related events, the Jewish Passover in the slave huts of Egypt and the Love Feast in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, we note a similarity in circumstances which are clues to the mysteries of these events:



by REV. CHARLES LOWMASTER

1. **This was an exclusive gathering.** Only those who had heard the call of God to follow, trust, and obey were included. The preserving quality, whether in the lives of the bondslaves of Pharaoh in Egypt or in the lives of the disciples of Christ, was their trust in the blood of the lamb as a life giving agent in the presence of the death angel and judgment. It was this confidence that bound them together as a family and nation with the atonement for sin in their midst. While their persecutors and tormentors mocked and prepared further exploitation, even to the death, while they reveled in worldly ease, wealth, luxury and atheistic unbelief, the "chosen people gathered quietly together in great confidence that they would be delivered.

2. **They were seeking a country.** This country was one promised exclusively to the people of God. The Jews were confident that what the Lord had promised, He would faithfully perform. They longed for and were in hope of the promised "Kingdom" with all its blessings and freedom with God as Ruler in their midst. This was the hope of the "eleven" in Jerusalem, and the hope of those who share this hope through the Love Feast.

3. **They were involved in a dual life.** Though the Jews were still in their slave environment, or the disciples were in a world antagonistic to Christ and His doctrine, deliverance was imminent and sure. As Yahveh delivered the Jews, physically to a geographical land, and as Christ delivered every believer spiritually from earth's bondage of sin; so we are on our way to the "Kingdom" where He shall receive us not just spiritually but literally into His Kingdom.

4. **They were a waiting people.** This perhaps is one of the most significant characteristics of the Love Feast. Strangers and sojourners in a foreign land upon which a proclamation of death has been prophesied, shackled and oppressed by the enemies of Christ, unable to physically inhabit the "Promised Land" until "The Leader" contests with the "Ruler of this World" to lead us into the Land of Promise, we wait! Strong in hope and faith, confident that God is able, endeavoring to be true by faithful obedience to His command, we wait for the rapture of the Church and the judgment by the "death angel" of those who are not under the blood. We wait together, united by our common hope, faith and love. We wait **for the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry** (forever) (Hab. 2:3).

Thus the Love Feast celebrates the end of bondage, sin and death—the beginning of freedom, forgiveness and new life; the end of despair—the beginning of hope; the end of weary drudgery—the beginning of a new journey and adventure; the end of a foreign sojourn—the beginning of a new nation; the end of a tyrannical domination—the beginning of a new relationship, God in fellowship with His chosen family, His children, Sons of God. It is a time of confident, hopeful waiting.

One day Christ will come again to claim His Kingdom, fulfilling His Word "I will come again." Then again, as in the Upper Room, we will sit with God in our midst as the vast "family of God," with deliverance complete.

As we look forward to the spring "Love Feast," may we be reminded that God is our Father, Christ our Savior Brother and we are children—sons of God, Brethren in the faith, and God is in our midst. May our faith in the "Slain Lamb" of God unite us in family communion and renew our faith in the coming Kingdom which we seek. "Even so come, Lord Jesus."

Brethren Youth Crusaders

PAPAGO'S HEAP BUSY

Greetings from the "Valley of the Sun." As I sit here and look out toward the beautiful, mysterious Superstition Mountains, I am awed by God's great love for His unworthy children. Such beauty could only be created by the "Master Builder" for the benefit of His own children.

Though it is the middle of winter, I have the doors open and the sun falls warm and welcome here in the valley.

I would like to speak as the pastor's wife about the youth of the church. We have been blessed here at Papago Park with a very special group of youth. It is often they who set the true Christian example for some of we older ones, by their cheerful willingness to do even the most humble task and by their faithfulness in attendance. It is not unusual to have as many or more of the high school youth in attendance than adults at prayer meeting or Sunday evening services. One family with three high school youth come fifty miles to church and stay all day in order to be able to attend BYC and evening services. (We feel this is some sort of a record and we are grateful for these young people and their most co-operative parents.)

However, the group also finds time for fun and frolic, such as the volleyball games with the Papago Peaks Baptist Youth. Our youth group won the last tournament and now hold the trophy until they challenge us and win it from us. It is good to see the warm Christian friendship between the two groups.

This past summer was a busy time for our young people. A cook-out at the Verde, closing with an inspiring campfire was attended by sixteen youth and five adults. In July they had an old-fashioned singspiration at the parsonage — it was followed by a "create your own sundae" refreshment hour.

Papago Park had twenty-three young people attending ABC (Arizona Brethren Camp). Three of our high school youth acted as tribe counsellors. Camp here is held high in the mountains beyond Payson, Arizona, where even in July a fire is needed in the mornings. This was a new experience for this writer. As house mother for thirteen little girls I found myself, for the first time, building a wood fire in a little heating stove and was quite pleased at my success. I was also amazed at how readily modern-day youth adapted to using kerosene lamps and drinking water from the spring. It would be hard to deny there is a God in the midst of the beautiful wilderness of our mountain top.

We were unable to have any delegates at General Conference this past year but next year (the Lord willing) we intend to "take Ashland by storm." We plan to have five or six young people attending in August. Papago Park, however, was represented at the conference when Candy Dickson, one of our BYC members, won first place in her division of the Peace Poster Contest.

The youth here are working hard toward meeting all their BYC goals. Our entire church has become involved in our money raising project for the new



New Year's Eve Party

Derby Church. We no longer spend pennies at Papago Park. How many pennies do you think it would take to fill a gallon jug? We will see next summer when we "bust the jug" and count the pennies. This will also determine who the winner of the "guess the pennies in the jug" contest will be.

Our youth group decided it was time we started holding district BYC Rallies like the eastern churches, so in October we invited the Tucson BYC to be our guests at a Halloween Party and the first Arizona District Youth Rally, at the home of the Price family in Casa Grande. Our next rally was held January 29 at Tucson when both groups took part in the evangelistic services being held there.

Our group also finds many ways to be of service in the church. They often help in the Sunday evening services by reading the evening scripture, having prayer, leading singing, etc. Those who are capable are willing to play the organ, others use their talent and voices to sing special numbers, to do chalk drawings, etc. They also hold various offices in the Sunday school and church. Our BYC president is also the assistant Sunday school superintendent.

On Friday after Thanksgiving we left here at 5 a. m. with Carol Berkshire and Rev. and Mrs. Dickson acting as sponsors and Paul Hammer and Lawrence Rhodes as extra drivers. We drove to Casa Grande where Mr. and Mrs. Jap Price served us a good breakfast of sausage and hot cakes. After this we continued on to Tucson and to Mt. Lemmon where thirteen of our youth met with twelve of the Tucson group for Win-

ter Retreat. Winter Retreat was more than just sledding, hiking and snowballs (however, I threw a snowball at our vice president, Steve Thompson, who caught it and threw it back at me hitting the target quite efficiently). We were all very grateful to the Bill Gaymans and Conway Crafts for acting as hosts to the group in the lovely cabin high in the snow.

One evening we sat around the big fireplace singing Christmas carols accompanied by our two "guitar playing" preachers, Rev. Stogsdill and Rev. Dickson. However, a good deal of time was also given to serious discussions on teenage problems of witnessing, dating, knowing the right thing to do and doing it, etc.

Christmas time found the group busy as usual. They



Departure for Winter Retreat

took part in the Christmas program with special numbers, scripture, chalk drawing, etc. The program closed with a devotional talk by Larry Baker. The fact that this boy has been called of God to enter the Christian ministry was quite evident as he gave his talk.

Christmas caroling, even without snow, can be lots of fun. This year our group totaling 17 invited the newly formed Junior BYC group to go along. Both groups returned to the parsonage for a chili supper and time of fellowship.

A New Year's Eve party (shown with this article) was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wright. It was good to see so many popular, active young people preferring Christian fellowship to what is so commonly referred to as having a "blast." The group also sponsored the lovely Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve. This service was very well attended by the families of the church who truly sought to celebrate the birth of our Blessed Savior.

However, I believe the most inspiring time was Tuesday, December 29 when the group met for a work day. We met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Baker at 6:30 a. m. for a Youth Prayer Breakfast. This was a new experience for me and a thrilling inspiration to hear the sincere prayers of the youth asking God's guidance in their daily lives. Mrs. Baker served a delicious breakfast, including fresh Arizona grapefruit. The group returned to the church for a morning of scrubbing floors, washing windows, and varnishing floors. The pastor's study walls also got a new coat of paint. The entire church began to take on a new shiny appearance as the day wore on. After lunch at the parsonage the group went on their very successful paper drive. Two weeks before this they had passed out hand bills informing the neighborhood of the paper drive. At the same time they passed out Christmas greetings from our church to the community, informing people of our church, our beliefs and our activities for the Christmas season.

We are busy here serving our Lord and the Brethren Church. We covet your prayers. We assure you that you will be hearing about the Papago Park BYC because they have taken the message found in Isaiah 40:3 as their personal challenge. *The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

Mrs. Duane Dickson

CAPITAL JR. HI'S

Our Junior High voted to have elections of officers every three months. Our new officers are as follows:

President—Janet Blevins
Vice President—Dale Fields
Secretary—Ginger Blevins
Reporter and Treasurer—Bill Brady
Social Chairman—Nancy Geaslen

On Youth Night in our church, Rev. Flora asked Bill Brady to read the Scripture and Larry Wood to lead in prayer. Nancy Geaslen and Diane Dodd collected the offering.

We had a Valentine party at the home of Nancy Geaslen, February 12.

We had lots of fun and good fellowship.

—Bill Brady, reporter

SPOTLIGHT ON SCRIPTURE

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Answer in next week's Evangelist on these pages.

Answer to last week's Spotlight on Scripture . . .

Luke 19:9, 10

from the Woman's Outlook

GIVING IS NOT ENOUGH

Gleanings from STEWARDSHIP FACTS

by MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

SCRIPTURE never equates stewardship with giving. A STEWARD IS NOT A GIVER: HE IS AN ADMINISTRATOR HANDLING PROPERTY FOR ANOTHER. Read Genesis 43:19; the steward handles payment for grain. Read Matthew 20:8; the steward pays the help. Read Luke 16:1-9; the steward finds himself caught in mishandling his master's property. Thus, stewardship implies trusteeship. A trustee may get paid from a trust fund, but it never belongs to him. The Biblical call to stewardship is not to give generously; rather it is to be a good trustee of the time, talent and money entrusted to our care. To administer these under God so that the greatest possible good may be done is the essence of a Christian's responsibility.

Stewardship involves the way a man gets money. The Christian steward will choose a right occupation — one in which he can "do good and not evil all the days of his life" in daily work. All kinds of talents can be involved in this process. It takes people working in a great variety of occupations to make a good world. The battle against hunger, disease, poverty, filth, ugliness, and immorality calls for farmers, factory workers, miners, clerical workers and managers, as surely as it calls for doctors, nurses, clergymen, and teachers. The good steward chooses the place where he can contribute the most — whatever his talents may be.

Stewardship involves the spending of money. Giving is an aspect of spending. By giving, a man spends that the church may be maintained; that the gospel may be preached; the hungry may be fed; the widows, the orphan and the aged be cared for. By his support of missions he spends that the gospel may be preached, even to the uttermost parts of the earth. By giving to the Community Chest, he spends that others in his city may have a richer and fuller life. Giving to such causes are opportunities for doing good in the world which no Christian will neglect. To give "as the Lord has prospered us" is most certainly a part of good stewardship.

However, to give generously, or even to give sacrificially, does not exhaust the Christian's responsibility in spending. A Christian has an obligation to preserve his own health, and to develop his talents, in order that he continue to be a useful servant of his Lord. Likewise, according to the Scriptures, he is accountable for the well-being of his family. Money spent for the well-being of our children or for the support of aged parents, is spent within the framework of Christian stewardship. But the matter goes deeper, even than this, for the simple reason that the channels through which we spend also effect human destiny. Let's see how this is so.

Few indeed are the issues which are more important for the future than the character of the men who manage and direct our business enterprises. Fortunately, there are many business men who are honest and fair. Some are generous and concerned about the welfare of their employees, and they want the things they sell to give full value to their customers. Some business men seek to promote the welfare of their communities and look on business as a calling through which they can be of service to those about them. These men try to survive in the competitive market place while maintaining high moral standards in all their relations.

Other business men are self-centered and ruthless; money making is their god. They are concerned only with profits, and they will resort to any method, however shady it may be, if it helps to feather their nest.

Whenever we spend money, we help determine which kind of business men shall stay in business. Under our free enterprise system, the consumer's dollar is the very life blood of business enterprise. If we buy from those who have good standards, we help them prosper; if we buy from those whose standards we deplore, we help them grow in power and prestige. Thus, every dollar we spend has its effect for good or evil. All stewardship teaching should help to develop within us a sense of responsibility at this point.

In the practice of Christian Stewardship, giving is not enough. There are many other ways in which we can do good with our possessions besides giving them away. A Christian will seek to use all of them; will acknowledge his trusteeship under God in getting, in giving, in investing and in spending. In all aspects of his use of money, he will, to repeat the phrase, "seek to do good and not evil all the days of his life," by all the means at his disposal.

The Brethren Layman

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

BRYAN, OHIO

A SWISS STEAK DINNER was served to some seventy men and boys of the First Brethren Church of Bryan, Ohio, on Tuesday evening, February 2, by the American Legion Auxiliary in the American Legion Home.

Following the meal devotions were presented by the senior Boys' Brotherhood with Steve Tawney reading the Scripture and John Robarge leading in prayer. At this time our chairman, Robert Bever, presented gifts to the oldest father present, Roy Gaskill, and the youngest father present, William Yahraus. We then were favored with two numbers on the piano by Edwin Jesse.

Mr. Bever then turned the meeting over to Jay Corwin who presented Mr. Reeder Hutchinson and his son of Defiance, Ohio. They entertained us with an enjoyable evening of magic. Mr. Hutchinson is a lawyer in Defiance and does magic tricks on the side.

NAPPANEE, IND.

ON MONDAY NIGHT, February 8, the Laymen and wives held a banquet in the basement of the Methodist Church in Nappanee. The Methodist ladies served a very fine swiss steak dinner.

The opening prayer was given by our local president, Richard Mishler. The toastmaster for the evening was Richard Best. He introduced visitors, District Laymen President John Oberly and wife, also Dale Hollar, District Secretary and Treasurer, and wife. He also introduced from our local group, Max Miller, who is our state treasurer; Charles Stump, who is our state president; and Dave Bowers, our national secretary and local vice-president. We were favored in song by two duets, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Parker and Dr. and Mrs. Dan Schneider.

Brother Charles Stump introduced our speaker for the evening, Rev. Richard Reilly, General Secretary of the Missionary Board of the United Missionary Church, whose headquarters are in Elkhart, Indiana. He and his family have recently spent one year in the country of Lebanon. He told of some of the problems there, and commented on how the many peoples of the world of other religions can be reached for Christ. He ended by saying that we should depend on God more for everyday miracles to help us in our own local churches. The message was very inspiring and enjoyed by each person who attended.

There were forty-eight members, wives, and visitors present for this banquet. Brother John Oberly dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Max Bigler

NEWS NOTES FROM THE BOYS' BROTHERHOOD

GRATIS, OHIO

The Boys' Brotherhood of Gratis, Ohio, went to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, along with other groups and parents (forty-two people). We met in the church on the base, and Chaplain Eugene Beekley told us about the schedule of touring W.P.A.F.B. He explained the different religions held in the chapel. We then toured the Air Force Museum and the Strategic Air Command (not exactly getting close to Sac).

February 3, we completed a goal by having a joint service with the Laymen. Six boys and eleven laymen were present.

February 26, the Brotherhood along with many others are going to visit a Jewish Synagogue. We will attend a service and afterward discuss the religion.

We have a higher average attendance than last year by three.

Dave Barnhart
News Reporter

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT LAYMEN'S SPRING RALLY

Saturday — April 17, 1965
5 P. M.

FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH
Cumberland, Maryland

Books your Editor has read . . .



The following books, along with others, have found their way to the Editor's desk for review purposes. After reading these books, your Editor felt that you should know about them. We hope to continue giving you these reviews from time to time.

All books in this column may be ordered from the Brethren Publishing Company, 524 College Ave., Ashland, Ohio.

Speshock, Phyllis. HELLBENT FOR ELECTION. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan Publishing House, 1964. ($2.95).

Hellbent for Election is fictional. It is the satirical pilgrimage of a man who finds himself very sure that he wants to spend eternity in hell even though he is a believer. Why? Because he finds believers unbearable on earth and he does not want to spend eternity with them. The book is an allegory.

The story will make you mad, happy, sad, and you will be finding yourself renaming the characters in the book by the names of people whom you know. But amid all the involvement in which Hellbent finds himself, there are gems of deep theological truth which will make you think.

For a few hours of fun reading, find this book. As Eugenia Price states on the jacket, "I dare you to read it."

Kauffman, Christmas Carol. SEARCH TO BELONG. Scottdale, Penna.: Herald Press, 1963. ($3.50).

This book is a biographical novel of a foster child named David Grant. The people at the children's home or the foster parents did not know who he really was, or where his real parents were.

The readers of this book will know in a small way what it means for a child who does not know who he is; what his reactions are as he moves in with a family that is strange to him; and how agonizing it is to face up to the possibility of being "illegitimate." The account is heart-warming and realistic in every respect.

You will have a deeper appreciation of foster children after having read this book.

Yoder, Sanford Calvin. HE GAVE SOME PROPHETS. Scottdale, Penna.: Herald Press, 1964. ($4.50).

The first six chapters of this book are devoted to the history of the prophets in the Old Testament. Each of the next sixteen chapters is devoted to a particular prophet, each being presented in their historical setting. The theme of each book is clearly stated.

The author has written the book so that the layman can easily read and understand it; yet the minister can find great use for the book as well.

He Gave Some Prophets could very well be used as a text for midweek services or any study series.

Miller, Paul M. SERVANT OF GOD'S SERVANTS. Scottdale, Penna.: Herald Press, 1964. ($4.50).

Paul M. Miller is the professor of Practical Theology in the Goshen College Theological Seminary, Goshen, Indiana, and has captured in this book the true service of a Christian minister. The chapter headings are: "God Calls Ministers to Serve His Servant People;" "The Minister Preaches God's Living Word;" "The Minister Serves as a Counselor;" "The Minister Leads God's People in Their Worship;" "The Minister Assists God's People in Their Service to Men."

In addition to the above subjects, the appendix contains information on Laying on of Hands in Christian ordination, the historic Episcopate or Apostolic Succession Theory of the Ministry, and other contemporary subjects.

This would be a very good book for the minister to have in his library.

Why not join the
TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

TUCSON, ARIZONA

THE GENERAL SPIRIT of the congregation was high as the week long special evangelistic services which started January 24, closed Sunday evening January 31.

Rev. Clarence A. Stogsdill, who has been pastor of the local church since October 1963, spoke at the services. Emphasis was placed on the call of youth to respond to Christ's invitation while they are still in the prime of life. Special music was provided each evening. Friday evening featured a Youth Rally with the First Brethren Church of Tempe.

An extensive lay visitation program among the area residents preceded the services and continued through the services.

Five persons rededicated their lives to Christian service, and one first-time confession to Christ was received.

Delbert C. Strumb

PARTY AT THE BRETHREN'S HOME

MEMBERS of the Flora Brethren's Home had a surprise and LOVE party for Mr. and Mrs. Kuns in February; the LOVE month. Since February 13 is the birthday of Mrs. Kuns, she is almost a Valentine. We wanted to celebrate in an unusual way because this would be her last birthday here as our matron. The question was, How to make it a surprise? We had wonderful planning and co-operation. At the evening meal a huge angel-food cake with candles, beautifully decorated in valentine style, was by her plate. When the candles were lit, we all sang Happy Birthday. Cake and ice-cream were served. Congratulations and kind expressions of LOVE and gratitude were given to Mrs. Kuns, with happy wishes for many more with health, happiness and friends. All remained seated at the tables for the program. During eleven years of service as superintendent and matron, many birthdays have been made happy.

Year by year we build our lives; year by year we mold our minds. Each year makes us older, and so it is appreciated when folks say "I love you" for being so kind, thoughtful and understanding. To the tune of "Thank You Lord" we sang:

Thank you folks for caring for us,
Thank you folks for your kindness and love,
Thank you for your friendship true
Given to us in all we do.

The service of Mr. and Mrs. Kuns has grown into a strong friendship; a family unit. They gave loving care, loyalty, compassion, sympathy, forgiveness, patience, and long-suffering. In return there has been a spirit of gratitude, co-operation and love by every member. We are grateful for Christian influence and a clean comfortable "home," open and free to us, our friends and loved ones.

Each member expressed by quotation or verse their love, gratitude, friendship and appreciation of every kindness. A duet and two comic readings were given. Mr. and Mrs. Kuns have won a place in our thoughts and hearts, and their friendship will always be cherished. Their days were sometimes so gray and heavy that only prayer could lighten them. As their service here is passed to another, we say God bless both of them in His service.

Rev. Belote gave some very fitting and touching thoughts as he expressed gratitude for the love and kindness he received, and much consideration in his behalf always. He presented the valentine wrapped LOVE package to Mr. and Mrs. Kuns—from "All of Us." We sang the first and last verse of "Blest Be The Tie," with Harold Glick, Mr. Kuns assistant, leading the singing. Rev. Belote dismissed us with prayer.

"The Home Folks"

MAURERTOWN, VA.

WE HERE in the Maurertown Brethren Church wish to report to the Brethren-at-large that we have been seeking to serve the Lord. Our women and men's organizations were all busy around Christmas as they prepared and distributed fruit baskets to the shut-ins, the poor, the elderly and the widows. Our choir planned and presented a very good Christmas program on Sunday evening before Christmas.

Recently we enjoyed seeing a father step out at the invitation of the undersigned at the close of the morning service for rededication. His two daughters also came at the same time and accepted Christ as their Savior. The following Sunday the girls were baptized, the father rebaptized, and I had the privilege of baptizing my daughter-in-law at this time. The three were then partakers in the ordinance of the laying on of hands and were accepted into the church.

We have started a Pastor's Study Class and fourteen youth and adults are taking the course. We are now looking forward to the coming, in March, of Dr. Bruce Stark to bring us a series of Bible lectures, providing of course that the Lord has not come back for us before that time.

Rev. Wilbur L. Thomas

TEEGARDEN, IND.

IT HAS BEEN several months since a report has been sent so I'm sure it is time we listed some of our recent activities.

For several years Moody Monthly magazine has included in its publication a Christmas program in which all departments of the Sunday school are used. It was suggested that we use the program this past year. The program entitled "The Characters of Christ-

mas Speak" was presented and received many favorable comments.

The pastor has been preaching a series of messages titled "Meet the Master" at the morning worship hour. A different portrait of Christ is given to the one bringing the most visitors. Also, at the start of the new year the pastor began a new Bible study at the midweek service. The Analytical Bible and workbooks are being used. Great interest has been shown and attendance has increased.

A tape recorder has been purchased by the Homebuilders Class and will be used in taping services to be taken to shut-ins; also to tape radio programs, etc. The Teegarden Brethren, as well as the County Line and North Liberty Brethren, are sponsoring the "Foundation for Faith" program over a local station.

The church was saddened over the loss of Brother Welcome Metcalf who passed away January 14, but rejoice that he was prepared and ready to meet his Lord. Brother Metcalf truly loved his church and served in various offices, being a deacon at the time of his death. He had made several scrapbooks of articles clipped from *The Brethren Evangelist*; he also had an album of pictures of Brethren ministers of which he had taken while attending National Conference.

We are now looking forward to our revival services which will be held March 22 to April 5. Brother William Skeldon will serve as evangelist and lead in the song service. We pray hearts will be uplifted and souls won for His Kingdom.

Jane Stogsdill

Ohio District

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP HUGE SUCCESS

REV. WAYNE BUCHANAN of Chicago, Illinois, helped make February 20 very worthwhile for the one hundred and sixty Brethren Sunday school teachers and workers who attended the Workshop in Delaware, Ohio. Rev. Buchanan is supervisor of the Audio-visuals Department of Moody Bible Institute and a Curriculum Consultant for Gospel Light Press.

His two addresses, "Techniques for Effective Teaching" and "Why Use Audio-visuals in the Church?," were well illustrated with projected pictures and recordings — in keeping with his theme.

Four of the many helpful ideas expressed by the speaker were

(1) We learn:

1 %	through taste
1½%	through touch
3½%	through smell
11 %	through hearing
83 %	**through sight**

(2) Ninety-nine percent of all the problems in any class center in the TEACHER rather than in the pupil. They result from the fact that the teacher fails to establish a rapport in the class room.

(3) Communication is not what you say, but what your pupils hear you say.

(4)

	Recall after 3 hours	Recall after 3 days
Telling only	70%	10%
Showing only	72%	20%
Use of both	85%	65%

Four discussion groups were led by Ohio District pastors: Records and Absenteeism, Evangelism in the Sunday School, Missionary Emphasis in the Sunday School, and Stewardship Emphasis in the Sunday School.

This year's attendance of one hundred and sixty was the largest yet of these recent state-wide Workshops, topping the one hundred and ten in 1963 and the one hundred and forty last year. Sixteen of the twenty-one Ohio churches were represented. West Alexandria brought the most, twenty-six. Without a doubt, such interest and response will help strengthen the Sunday schools of those churches participating.

Rev. Phil Lersch

MR. & MRS. WM. LIVINGSTON

New Superintendent and Matron at THE BRETHREN'S HOME

THE BRETHREN'S HOME AND BENEVOLENT BOARD is pleased to announce Rev. and Mrs. William Livingston are the new superintendent and matron at The Brethren's Home in Flora, Indiana.

Rev. Livingston has been the pastor of The Brethren Church in Flora for several months, and has become well-acquainted with the work at The Home. He and his wife, June, feel the Lord has called them into this Christian service. They and their daughter, Karen, began their work March 1, 1965. A son, Robert, and a daughter, Donna (Mrs. Kenneth Green), are students at Ashland College.

The Board feels that the Livingstons are well qualified. They were active members in the North Georgetown, Ohio, Brethren Church. Living in this farming community, and then being employed in industry helped to prepare Bill for this new work. In 1961 the Livingstons moved to Ashland where Rev. Livingston entered the orientation program in the Ashland Theological Seminary. Upon completion of this work they moved to Flora.

The Board invites the prayers of the denomination on behalf of this family for their guidance and strength as they care for the senior citizens of our denomination.

The Board expresses sincere appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kuns for serving many years at The Home as superintendent and matron. Their dedication to the task was evident in every way, and we can only say "Well done, good and faithful servants." Truly they were servants in full-time Christian service.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuns have returned to their farm near Flora for semi-retirement. The Board wishes many years of God's blessings for them.

Service of Authorization
REV. HERBERT K. JOHNSON

REV. HERBERT K. JOHNSON was ordained in another denomination. This service of authorization was conducted on January 10, 1965, in the First Brethren Church, West Alexandria, Ohio, with Rev. Virgil E. Meyer and Rev. Charles R. Munson as guest speakers.

SERVICE OF AUTHORIZATION FOR HERBERT K. JOHNSON

Prelude "We Praise the Lord Almighty" A. Geibel
Call to Worship Elder Virgil E. Meyer
The Hymn of Worship Holy, Holy, Holy
The Invocation Elder Meyer
Hymn of Service Our Best
Ladies' Trio"My Prayer" Don Humphreys
Elizabeth Bowser - Jeane Johnson - Dorothy Emerick
Fellowship of Giving
Offertory"Meditation Religieuse" A. Schreiner
The Doxology
Dedication of Offering Tom Jones, Moderator
The Choir .."Go On Thy Way Rejoicing" ..J. Moffatt
Jim Johnson, Soloist
Scripture ..I Timothy 1:1-17 ..Elder Charles R. Munson
Authorization Sermon Elder Munson
"Committed to My Trust"
Charge to the Candidate Elder Meyer
Prayer of Dedication Elder Meyer
Declaration of Authority Elder Meyer
Hymn of Dedication A Charge to Keep
The Benediction Elder Herbert K. Johnson
Moments of Silent Prayer
Postlude .."Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ..F. Maker
Martha Miller, Organist

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

NO, NEVER ALONE

He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee (I Chronicles 28:20b).

IN THE POPULAR NOVEL, Lloyd C. Douglas' "The Robe," there is a scene where one of the characters is talking to another about Jesus. He tells how he feels aware of Christ's very living presence as if He were actually close by. Such awareness leaves him free, he declares, from the temptation to do wrong to anyone.

The listener expresses wonderment at the thought, and feels that such would be an uncomfortable feeling at being watched by such an invisible presence. The speaker replies that it is not uncomfortable if the unseen presence helped to defend yourself against yourself. *"It is a great satisfaction to have someone standing by* to keep you at your best."

Great numbers of men and women far from home and loved ones are faced with new and insidious temptations. The need for the assistance of that invisible presence becomes essential if such would know the power that enables them to overcome the temptations that assail on every hand.

Every individual meets such times of trial and temptation, and all will find help if they will but realize that each time of trial is an opportunity to prove that the Christian need never meet such times alone. There is always someone standing along side us to keep us at our best. What we need do is to realize — and recognize — His presence and appropriate the strength His companionship can, and will, provide. If we meet life's trials alone it is because we are too proud to accept help, or lack faith in Him alone who can help us.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

SPIRITUAL MELODY

We long to hear and sing
The hymns with godly tune,
Without the hurried swing
Of words gone o'er too soon;
The fear of God is out of place
In such a breathless, thoughtless pace.

The psalm of victory,
The hymn of faith and love,
The Spirit's melody —
All have their source above;
Then why should we their form defile
In swing and sway of worldly style?

We know what we do speak,
And muse on truths sublime;
Should then our songs be weak
With thumping giddy time?
Sing then to make the sense appear,
And serve the spirit — not the ear!

Samuel W. Tatnall

WHAT SHOULD WE SING in our churches to the glory of God and the honor of the Lord Jesus (Eph. 5:19)? We are to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Col. 3:16). Our singing is to be characterized by "gladness" (Ps. 100:2). Others need the teaching and strength they should receive through our singing (Ps. 51:8). There should be an inner song of praise which is never stilled (Ps. 4:7). What and how we sing shows what we believe and how we live (I Cor. 14:15). We are to sing "unto God" (Ps. 104:33). Even in sorrow and shadow "His song shall be with me" (Ps. 42:7, 8). Our Savior sang a hymn in the upper room just before Gethsemane (Matt. 26:30). Paul and Silas sang in the night of imprisonment (Acts 16:25).

Lest the singer should forget the thought of what he was singing, the Psalmist used about seventy

times the "Selah," which indicates a thoughtful pause or rest. The "Selah" served to make Psalm 3:2 clearer. When David paused to think ("Selah"), he knew that God had not forsaken him, and he expressed this thought in verse 3. In Psalm 46 there is a lot to pause and consider (vs. 8-11). In Psalm 4:4 David urges us to be still, stop and consider. Selah: "Mark this! Think of this!" in Psalm 63:5, 6; 119:55; 42:8; 41:3. Communion with God brings tranquility and rest; let us then really think on these things (Ps. 68:19). Now think of this in Psalm 55:6, 7, 16. Now mark this in Habakkuk 3:3, 9, 13.

To try to serve the Lord with mere carnal feeling, i.e., fleshly, and impulse in rhyme and rhythmic beat is to delight ourselves in ourselves and not in the Lord (Rom. 8:7). How much more lofty and elevating than swing music is Timothy Dwight's "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" — a free version of Psalm 137, and Isaac Watts' "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," based on Psalm 90!

"The sweetest hymns are those
Which sing themselves within;
Which nurture calm repose,
And strengthen will to win;
When pomp and pride our vision dims
We need the style of martyr hymns."

World Religious News in Review

SCHOLARSHIP FOR SON OF SLAIN MISSIONARY

SPRINGFIELD, MO. (EP)—A medical school scholarship will be available to Johnny Tucker whose father, Joseph W. Tucker, was killed by rebels in Paulis, Congo, Tuesday, November 24, officials of the Assemblies of God have revealed.

The scholarship will be given by an unnamed Arkansan physician who called the denomination's headquarters to make the offer. The doctor learned that Johnny, an 18-year-old high school junior, was interested in being a medical missionary.

Besides the scholarship for the oldest son, calls have been received from numerous sources offering to contribute to a memorial fund established for Mrs. Tucker and the other children, Carol Lynne, 13; and Melvin Paul, 11.

The Assemblies of God missionary family and two lady missionaries, Misses Gail Winters and Lillian Hogan, will remain in Leopoldville until Thursday before flying to New York. Communiques from the missionaries indicate some personal items, including clothing, were saved and would be shipped from Paulis to Leopoldville prior to their departure for the U. S.

Mrs. Tucker, herself a veteran of 25 years of missionary service, is scheduled to go with the three children to North Little Rock, Ark., where the Rev. Mr. Tucker's brother, C. Melvin resides. Plans for the future will be worked out after their arrival in the U. S.

An adopted son of the Tuckers, Johnny was born in Brussels, Belgium. Reared most of his life in Congo and surrounding countries, he speaks four languages, English, French, Lingala, and Swahili. He has received much of his education in the Rethy Academy in the Congo. (Congo developments: at press-time, reports from Congo regarding the fate of missionaries there were still fragmentary and incomplete. It has been definitely reported by the Canadian External Affairs Department in Ottawa that Rev. Hector MacMillan of Unevangelized Fields Mission was slain in Stanleyville. His wife and six sons were reported safe, although two of the boys were wounded by machinegun fire. The next issue of E. P. News will attempt to summarize the situation to date.)

ACADEMY BUILDING DEDICATED TO CHAPLAIN POLING'S MEMORY

WEARE, N. H. (EP)—The academy building in which he conducted his first church service 30 years ago has been dedicated as a museum in memory of Chaplain Clark V. Poling, one of the heroic "Four Chaplains" who gave up life jackets to GI's and went down with the torpedoed troop transport Dorchester during World War II.

Chaplain Poling was 23 years old when he conducted his religious service in the old Clinton Grove Academy building and 32 years old when he, another Protestant minister, a Catholic priest and a rabbi sacrificed their lives on Feb. 3, 1943.

His father, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of *Christian Herald*, declared during the dedication ceremony:

"What did he and the others who died accomplish? A chance to keep on talking. . . . We have not won or lost the peace yet!

"Freedom must be re-won in each generation.

"If other men can die for freedom, the least you and I can do is to vote to preserve our precious freedom. In the last general election, millions of Americans never got out of their easy chairs to vote. And the ballot is the crown of American free sovereignty."

Chaplain Poling's brother, Dr. Daniel K. Poling, II, a former pastor of the South Weare church and now pastor of the First Washington Collegiate Church in New York, led the memorial service which was attended by several hundred persons.

Meanwhile, it was announced that the elder Dr. Poling, who will be 80 on Nov. 30, has given his large colonial farmhouse and acres of surrounding hillside in Deering, N. H., for use by underprivileged teenagers in an extension of the program of the long established Christian Herald Children's Home program. The Christian Herald Association also sponsors New York's famed Bowery Mission.

Strength of character consists of two things; power of will and power of self-restraint. It requires two things therefore, for its existence ...strong feelings and strong command over them.

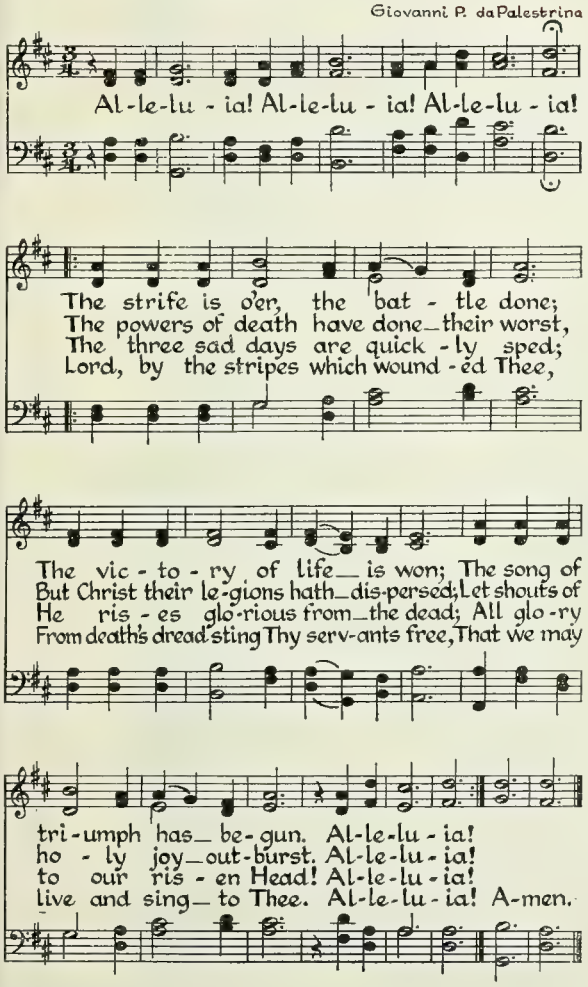
THE HYMN SCHOOL

by Jean Lersch

Hymn of the Month:

The Strife Is O'er

Giovanni P. da Palestrina



AN UNKNOWN AUTHOR has given us the glorious hymn, "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done." Focusing on the special claim of the Christian faith, it reflects the message found in I Cor. 15—Christ's victory over death. When contemplating this gift, what more can be said than "Alleluia!" which means "Praise ye Jehovah!"

Stanza one states the claim, *Jesus Christ has won the battle.* The Scripture declares, *For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death* (I Cor. 15: 25, 26). Alleluia!

Stanza two points up the fierce enemy that confronted our Savior, yet He won. Says the Scripture, *But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ* (I Cor. 15:57). Alleluia!

In spite of the interlude of sadness referred to in stanza three, Christ overcame. He paved the way for us, His followers, as the Bible explains: *And . . . he was buried, and . . . he rose again the third day . . . Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's . . .* (I Cor. 15:4, 23). Alleluia!

Our Lord took the "sting" out of death, and stanza four helps us acknowledge our dependence upon Him. This fact has been written in God's Word, *The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law* (I Cor. 15:56). Since Christ has won the battle, we can ask with Paul, *O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Death is swallowed up in victory* (I Cor. 15:55, 54). Alleluia!

To discover the excitement in the hymn, choir and congregation can sing it antiphonally, one group bringing the stanzas and the other answering with the alleluias. Both should join in the final outburst of joy.

Palestrina, the composer of the music, wrote entirely for the church, from 1547-1594. He has left us pure and beautiful sacred music.

This setting, appropriately called "Victory," is especially good for congregational singing for three reasons:

1. The melody encompasses only an octave in the middle range, hence is easily reached by any voice. The highest note comes in the full climax of the alleluia.

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WORLD MISSIONS

THIS ISSUE of **The Brethren Evangelist** carries the promotional materials of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church for the World Missions Offerings. Be sure to read every page of this material.

Promotional materials have been sent to all pastors to be used in the local churches. Also, individual copies of this material have been mailed to many of you.

Pray much about this work, then give!

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SEVERAL complaints have come to the Editor's desk recently relative to the late delivery of the magazine in certain parts of the nation. In some cases, two or three copies have been received at one time.

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World Missions

WORLD MISSIONS are very important in the spiritual life of the Brethren Church. If our denomination is to go forward, then we must have a vision of lost souls around the world! If a local congregation is to grow, it, too, must have a vision of World Missions! The following passages of Scripture give us impetus for our support of the Easter Offering.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:19, 20.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:15, 16.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:13-15.

"And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." II Corinthians 5:17-21.

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, not handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." II Corinthians 4:1-7.

Let us support the Easter Offering! S.G.



news ... from the Brethren

St. James, Md. Rev. Jim Rowsey reports that two were received into the membership of the church recently.

Masontown, Penna. An Ashland College Gospel Team presented a program of message in word and song on Sunday morning, March 28, according to Rev. James I. Naff, pastor.

South Bend, Ind. (Ardmore). Rev. C. Wm. Cole reports that one person was received into the membership of the church recently.

North Liberty, Ind. A daughter, Cynthia Marie, was recently born to Rev. and Mrs. Jack McDaniel, pastor and wife of the church.

Warsaw, Ind. Rev. Paul D. Tinkel was given another call as pastor of the church for the coming year. This call was accepted by Rev. Tinkel.

COMING EVENTS

Woodstock, Va. (St. Luke).
Revival Services
April 25-30
Rev. Wilbur L. Thomas, Evangelist
Fells Lam, Pastor

Waynesboro, Pa.
Pre-Easter Services
April 14-18
Rev. Virgil Ingraham,
Guest Speaker
Rev. Marlin McCann, Pastor

Kokomo, Ind.
Evangelistic Services
April 18-25
Rev. Floyd Sibert, Evangelist
Rev. Austin Gable, Pastor

Udell, Iowa.
Revival Services
April 19-25
Rev. Phil Lersch, Evangelist
Rev. Amos Mast, Pastor

Ashland, Ohio (Park St.).
Holy Week Services
April 12-15
Monday—Dr. Bruce Stark, speaker
Tuesday—Prof. George Spink, speaker
Wednesday—Rev. J. Ray Klingensmith, speaker
Thursday—Holy Communion
Rev. Phil Lersch, Pastor

Memorials

DOMER. Mrs. Susanna Domer, 83, passed away on February 24. She was a faithful member of the Ardmore Brethren Church, South Bend, Indiana, and a former member of the North Liberty, Indiana, Brethren Church. Services were held in the Ardmore church, March 1, with the pastor, Rev. C. William Cole, officiating. Burial was in the Yellow Creek Cemetery, Wakarusa, Indiana.

Mrs. Reah Harman

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WEDEL. Mrs. Cornelius (Jennie) Wedel, 79, passed away March 3. She was a charter member of the Ardmore Brethren Church and served in many ways. She was a deaconess for many years, serving up to the time of her death. Services were held in the church by the pastor, Rev. C. William Cole, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. Edgar A. Duker.

Mrs. Reah Harman

'TRANSLATOR'S TRANSLATION' OF BIBLE IS PUBLISHED

LONDON (EP)—A "translation for translators" of the New Testament, commissioned by the British and Foreign Bible Society, has been completed here by a group of British scholars.

Carried out under the guidance of Professor W. D. McHardy of Oxford University and Professor William Barclay of the University of Glasgow, the group's translation—in simple, clear English—was designed to help translators in many different parts of the world who are unable to go to the original Greek and Hebrew in preparing translations.

A spokesman for the Bible Society said the translation is to be printed in diglot fashion, with the original New Testament Greek on one page and the English version on the opposite page.

Explaining that there are now more than 300 different Bible translations in various stages of progress and that not all these translations can be done by experienced translators, he said the new Translators' Bible was expressly designed to help them.

SAYS 'BUS AID' UNCONSTITUTIONAL

HARRISBURG, PA. (EP)—Bus transportation for school children is a "direct part" of the educational system and if parochial students are transported at public expense a constitutional violation would occur, the Rev. George Evans, legislative committee chairman of the "Friends of Public Schools" said here.

Legislation authorizing public funds for transportation of parochial pupils on established public school bus routes is pending in the State Legislature.

The Protestant clergyman said: "I do not adhere to the approach that this is a health and safety measure. I think that bus transportation is, pure and simple, a function to get the child from his home to the school. It is a direct part of the education system. Whether it is public or private, the school does not exist without transportation..."

Use of public funds to transport parochial pupils would "be a blow to the public schools," Mr. Evans charged, adding that if a parent "decides of his own free will to reject public education he rejects the services of public education."

PRAYERS IN SCHOOL

CAMP HILL, PA. (EP)—A sign in the lobby of Camp Hill High School, apparently fostered by a student, expressed a strong opinion on the issue of prayers in public schools.

The sign read: "As long as there are mid-year and final exams, there will be prayers in our school."

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Easter Readings

Memory Scripture for month — Matthew 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

April 11 - 17

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Palm Sunday

"Gary! Linda! Are you ready?" called Mom. "It's time to go to church."

"Coming," answered both children.

Soon the family was in the car and on the way to church.

"Do you know what day this is, Betsy?" asked Linda.

"Dunday," quickly replied Betsy with a smile.

"Yes," agreed Linda. "This is Sunday, but it's a very special Sunday. It's Palm Sunday."

"Palm Dunday! Palm Dunday!" laughed Betsy.

"On the first Palm Sunday," explained Gary, "Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a young donkey. The people welcomed Him as a king. They shouted, 'Hosanna!' "

"Hodanna! Hodanna!" said Betsy.

"I wish I could have been there," said Linda. "I would have liked to greet Jesus as King."

"Jesus was pleased with the welcome the people gave Him," Mom said. "It's more important, though, to make Him King of your life."

"Yes," added Dad. "Too many people are like the crowd on the first Palm Sunday. They call Jesus King on Sunday and then later in the week talk and act as though they don't know Him."

"I want to serve Jesus as King every day," said Linda. "I want Him to be pleased with me all the time."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I'm glad You're my Savior and King. Help me to do and to say the things I should. May others know You're my King. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1965

Read Scripture: John 12:12-17

Jesus Said

"Mom," said Linda, "I walked home from school with Susie. She said they had Communion yesterday."

"Yes," said Mom, "some churches have it as part of their worship service."

"But," continued Linda, "they didn't have the Feetwashing. Isn't that supposed to be part of the Communion service?"

"We believe it is," answered Mom. "Jesus washed His Disciples' feet. Then He told them that they should do as He had done. We believe it is an important part of the Communion service. It's true that some churches do not include it."

"If Jesus said we should then it seems to me we should do it," declared Linda.

"That's what Brethren believe," smiled Mom. "That's why the Feetwashing is part of our Communion service. It shows we are willing to obey and follow Jesus."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to follow the teachings of Jesus. Help me to remember the things in the Bible are true and should be obeyed. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 26:17-25

Why Would A Friend?

"I can't figure it out," said Gary as he laid down his schoolbooks.

"What?" asked Mom.

"Jack told the teacher," explained Gary, "that he thought I was the one who shot a BB through one of the school windows."

"Oh, Gary," said Mom, "you didn't?"

"Of course not," replied Gary. "I had to go to the principal's office. Jack was there. When I explained that I didn't even have a BB gun she asked Jack what he knew about it. Then he admitted he didn't know anything."

"Why did he say he thought you did it?" wondered Mom.

"That's what I can't figure out," said Gary. "Jack's one of my friends."

"Judas was one of Jesus' friends," reminded Mom. "Yet he betrayed Jesus. Jesus still loved him."

"I know," said Gary. "I'm going to try to be a better friend to Jack. Maybe he will go to church with us this Sunday."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to be a good friend. Help me to show my love to others no matter what they say or do to me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 26:36-41

Thy Will

"Mom and Dad say God always answers my prayers," said Steve, "but it doesn't seem as though He does."

"That's what I used to think," Gary told him. "Then I found out that sometimes His answer is 'no' or 'wait.' "

"Why does He have to say no?" wondered Steve.

"Because what we ask is not always best," answered Gary. "Do you remember what Jesus prayed in Gethsemane?"

" 'If possible let this pass from Me, but Thy will be done,' " said Steve.

"Right!" declared Gary. "Jesus knew God's plan is best and He was willing to follow it. So should we."

"I'll remember to pray for God's will from now on," said Steve. "Next time He says 'no' I'll remember His way is best."

Prayer:

I'm glad, dear God, that You know what is best for me. Help me to remember this. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1965

Read Matthew 26:46-57

Gary's Fight

Gary's clothes were dirty from having rolled on the ground. His face was scratched, and he looked as though he had been in a fight.

"Why, Gary!" exclaimed Mom. "What happened?"

"Joe said Christians are sissies. I showed him we're not," declared Gary.

"Oh, Son," said Mom. "You remind me of Peter. He wanted to fight to show he was right. That's not what Jesus would have us do."

"I know," replied Gary. "I just lost my temper."

"That's why I said you remind me of Peter," Mom told him. "When the soldiers came to arrest Jesus, Peter wanted to fight. He even cut off the ear of one of the men with his sword. Do you remember what Jesus did?"

"Yes," replied Gary. "He told Peter to put away his sword. Then Jesus healed the man's ear. I'll try to remember that Jesus wants us to be kind and loving even to our enemies. But sometimes it's awfully hard."

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for coming to earth to show me how to live. Help me to follow Your way every day. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 27:35-38; 50-54

Good Friday

"Good Friday," said Linda, "is a strange name for this day."

"Yes," agreed Gary. "I think Bad Friday would be a better name for the day Jesus was crucified."

"Why do we call this Good Friday?" Linda asked Dad.

"What Jesus did for us," replied Dad, "was good. It was the best thing that could ever happen to us. What was it?"

"He died on the cross for our sins." remembered Gary.

"Because He did," added Linda, "we have a home in heaven."

"Can you think of anything better than that?" asked Dad.

"Oh, no," replied Linda. "But didn't it hurt Jesus? Wasn't it bad for Him?"

"Yes, it did hurt Jesus," agreed Dad. "Very, very much. Since He is the Son of God He could have come down from the cross. But He didn't because He loved us. He knew this was the only way to save us."

"Good Friday," said Linda thoughtfully, "means we have a wonderful Savior. He loved us so much He was willing to die for us. It's Good Friday for us all right!"

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross for my sins. Help me to always remember how much You love me. Amen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 27:57-60

A Follower

"Let's play an Easter game," said Linda. "See if you can guess this man. He was one of Jesus' friends. Yet he told the people he didn't know Jesus. Who was he?"

"That's easy," laughed Gary. "Peter."

"Right. Now it's your turn," said Linda.

"The man I'm thinking of," said Gary, "was rich. He was Jesus' friend, too. After Jesus' death the people knew this man loved Jesus."

"I know," Judy said. "And I like to say his name—Joseph of Arimathaea. Jesus was buried in Joseph's new tomb."

Daddy had been listening to the children. Now he said, "There is one way we should all be like Joseph of Arimathaea."

"How's that, Mr. Keller?" asked Steve.

"Some of Jesus' followers were afraid, like Peter, to let others know they loved Jesus," answered Dad. "Joseph of Arimathaea went to Pilate the governor and asked for Jesus' body. By doing this everyone knew he was a follower of Jesus. Joseph was not afraid and not ashamed. Neither should we ever be afraid nor ashamed to say we love and follow Jesus."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I love You and want to be a good follower. May I always gladly tell others You are my Savior. Amen.

DANIEL Deals with the AGE

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XXIV

DANIEL THOUGHT MUCH on the messages God had given him about the nations of the world. He was greatly concerned about the future of Israel and the homeland. As he grew older in years, he sought an answer to his questions.

There had come into his hand the books of the prophecies of Jeremiah (Dan. 9:2). Jeremiah was God's messenger to Judah at the time of Jerusalem's fall. He was in the midst of his prophetic work but had written none of it when Daniel was deported to Babylon in the third year of King Jehoiakim's reign (Dan. 1:1). In the fourth year of Jehoiakim (Jer. 36:1, 2—A.S.V.), God said to Jeremiah, *Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah even unto this day.* How long it was before a copy of Jeremiah's prophecies reached Babylon and Daniel is not known, but Daniel declares (Dan. 9:1, 2—A.S.V.) that, *in the first year of Darius . . . I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years whereof the word of Jehovah came*

o Jeremiah the prophet, for the accomplishing of the lesolation of Jerusalem, even seventy years.

The portion of Jeremiah's prophecy Daniel referred o appears in chapter 25, and was proclaimed after wenty-three years of seeming fruitless work (v. 3). God thundered His judgment by His prophet, (vs. 8-11 —A.S.V.) *and the whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.*

Daniel was greatly disturbed by the revelation. Had he read it previously and failed to recognize the truth; for Jeremiah had written it almost seventy years before, or had the books been seventy years reaching Babylon until God's time was ripe? Even if Jeremiah's books of prophecy were not read previously, the first exiles, of which Daniel was one, had been informed. For following the deportation of Coniah and the first group, Jeremiah wrote a pastoral letter to them (Jer. 29:1-20). In verse 10—A.S.V., he gave them God's word, *For thus saith Jehovah, After seventy years are accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.*

After near seventy years, Daniel understood, and the understanding drove him to his knees in penitential prayer. His supplication was for all Israel as well as Judah. The burden of his cry was for forgiveness of sin, and his plea for the *people and city that are called by thy name,* and God heard him. While he was yet praying, God's messenger Gabriel *touched him* and *instructed him,* saying, *O Daniel, I am now come to give thee wisdom and understanding* (Dan. 9:22—A.S.V.).

In the vision, Daniel was pointed to the timeclock of God and what was *decreed upon thy people, and upon the Holy City.* The full significance of the revelation cannot be given here but is fully treated in the paper, "The Timetable of Daniel," by this writer. Enough must be stated for the development of this theme "The End Of The Age." The text is Daniel 9:24-27—A.S.V. Four hundred and ninety years were decreed on Israel and Jerusalem to *finish transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy.* The four hundred and ninety years are specified as seventy sevens or weeks. These of course are year weeks. Sixty-nine sevens or four hundred and eighty-three years are decreed to pass and end when *the anointed one shall be cut off.* History records that, from the date given for the beginning of the decreed time, ie, the month of Nisan 445 B.C. (Neh. 2:1), at the *command to restore and build Jerusalem,* to the rejection of Jesus formally on the day of His triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, was exactly four hundred and eighty-three years. Sixty-nine prophetic weeks passed before that first Palm Sunday. Where is the seventieth? Verse 27 points it out. *And he* (the prince of the people who destroyed the city and the sanctuary) *shall make a firm covenant with many for one week* (A.S.V.).

But where does the *week* appear? Jesus answered the question for His disciples in the Olivet address. (Matt. 24:15—A.S.V.)—*When therefore ye see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in holy place* . . . The answer points to the prophetic week at its very center.

What age did the disciples ask about that was to approximate the *sign of His coming?* It could be none other than the Jewish Age covered by the decree of four hundred and ninety years. There is therefore one prophetic week of seven years of Jewish history needed to complete the decreed time for Daniel's people, and the city that is called by God's name.

Now the question presents itself, What has happened to the Jewish Age since the *anointed one was cut off and had nothing?* Jesus, the anointed Prince of the house of David, presented Himself to the rulers of Israel to be their King, but they formally rejected Him at His triumphal entry. Note that the entry into Jerusalem was triumphal, not triumphant. His triumphant entry will come when He returns to earth in royal procession in power and great glory.

The triumphal entry and the formal rejection occurred on the day the four hundred and eighty-three years, or the sixty-ninth prophetic week ended, and Israel's decreed prophetic history stopped short. The seventy prophetic year weeks were interrupted by the rejection of the Messianic Prince. Then an indefinite period of time began. This time is often called the *parenthesis.* It is the time in which *the Christ, the Son of the living God* whom Peter confessed (Matt. 16:16-18—A.S.V.) is building His Church. It is the dispensation when the Prince of the house of David leaves the affairs of His Kingdom in the hands of men. In other words the Christendom of the present day. The Jewish Age is suspended and held in obeyance until the Lord has fully made known the mystery of his will—*in the dispensation of the mystery which for ages hath been hid in God . . . to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly places might be made known through the church and the manifold wisdom of God* (Eph. 3: 9, 10).

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

ARE THE WALLS CAVING IN?

From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God (Psalm 90:2b).

A RESIDENT of one of the great cities on the Pacific seaboard tells of an experience which befell him on one occasion. As he glanced into a large mirror on one wall of his room, he got the frightening impression that the walls of his room were caving in. Such a possibility was made more frighteningly possible because of the frequent occurrence of earthquakes in that section. But a second, quick glance gave him the explanation. A breeze had rocked the mirror and not the walls themselves, but only the reflection of the walls had moved.

Sometimes when we glance back over the year so recently passed, we may sometimes be tempted to feel that truth, beauty, goodness and even God's eter-

nal purposes have suffered defeat. We may be sure that God has not wavered, even though our human reflection of His nature may have been imperfect and wavering, like the reflection on the mirror.

God's mercy, his compassion, his righteousness are unshakable and eternal. His love never fails, never forgets, never ceases trying to redeem us from our worst and to place our feet upon the "higher ground."

While we are divinely assured that we are created with the imprint of the Divine upon us, we have to confess that our lives do not always reflect that divine image distinctly. The distortions we see in the breakdown of justice and goodness in our time are only the reflections of the Divine in the human heart. DIVINE GOODNESS ITSELF DOES NOT WAVER.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

MARTHA

Now Jesus loved Martha (John 11:5).

It was not for her SERVING He chided;
The body, He knew, must be fed.
The mothers of men must be busy
With mixing and baking of bread;
And she who looks well to her household
Is far above rubies in price;
The work of her hands is her heart's gift;
Her labor is love's sacrifice.

And so it was not for her serving—
Oft had she loved the dear Lord;
And "Jesus loved Martha"—it shines forth
So tenderly there from His Word.
But Martha grew CUMBERED with serving;
Behold, how the Lord understands,
How, watching her, seeing her spirit
Engrossed by the tasks in her hands.

Then gently He speaks to remind her
That there is a far better part,
That the rest which He gives to the weary
Refreshes the hands and the heart.
So we who are earth's busy women,
Will find that our labor is sweet,
Will never be cumbered with serving
If in spirit we sit at His feet.

—Martha Snell Nicholson

WHEN OUR LORD JESUS comes into a home it is as though a bright light is shining into a dark place to show what is really there (Lu. 10:38). Many have misunderstood Mary's character by missing the word "also" in verse 39. Mary made time for work and worship, for labor and listening to her Lord. Martha made three mistakes: she worried about her serving, implied that the Lord did not care about her and Lazarus, and, perhaps a bit jealous of her sister (v. 40). There was a tenderness in the Lord's reproving in that He made a twofold use of Martha's name (v. 41; Lu. 22:31). "Careful" is the same word translated "take thought" in Matthew 6:25. Mary's sitting at the feet indicates subservience and discipleship (v. 42; Acts 22:3). She put Christ first, even before service for Him.

Mary crowned Christ King in the home (Mk. 3:35). There are only two families in the world—godly and ungodly (I Jn. 3:8-10). The best way to preach Christ is to lift Him up as the standard of our behavior (Jn. 12:32). Unselfishness (Lu. 14:8-11), the Golden Rule (Matt. 7:12), and good manners (Rom. 12:10) are essential materials in the building of a home (Ps. 127:1). Home loyalty includes rejoicing with other members of the family in their joy (Lu. 15:8, 9; 31, 32). Loyalty also embraces sympathy with family members in trouble and adversity (II Cor. 1:3, 4).

Martha lost much because she did not take full advantage of opportunities to sit at Jesus' feet (I Pet. 5:7). We today, to insure the best relationship with our Savior must seek His will by reading His Word (II Tim. 3:15-17). This Word should be our "meat" (Jn. 2:32-34). We seek His will by prayer and communion (Jas. 5:16c). Our family fellowship should be steeped in God's Word (Deut. 6:6-9). Our attitude toward others is enhanced by the proper attitude toward things (Matt. 6:33).

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for April 11, 1965
THE MEANING OF THE CROSS
Text: Matthew 27:33-50

THERE IS very much involved in the crucifixion of Jesus, some of which we will not understand in this present world. These things we do not know about the cross, which are also the most important to us. Here was the expression of the great love of God for the world (John 3:16). Here God was making an atonement for sin—Isa. 53:5; Matt. 20:28; Heb. 10:10-12. Here God made possible our fellowship with Him—I John 1:7; Col. 1:20, 21. Grace is by the cross. Justification, sanctification, life eternal are by the cross.

Reveals the Cruelty of the World

Jesus spoke of the need for the world to be saved from sin. The cross revealed how bad it needed the saving grace of God. How can people be cruel and good people be so wicked? Just the same way the Jews and Romans were to Jesus. Though everyone could plainly see and know that Jesus was perfectly innocent of any wrong, they condemned Him to the most vile kind of death. Their gall to stand and mock Him in His dying hour leaves us without words to describe.

It showed the helplessness of those who did care about sin and wickedness. Some stood afar off unable to help. Jesus and His disciples have turned many to righteous-

ness, but at times we stand afar off, helpless to stop the masses from their pursuit of wickedness. How much we need God.

For Jesus

For Jesus the cross meant suffering. Here He bore the sins of many, though himself sinless, that He might give us life. Bearing the sins meant suffering for those sins; paying the price for all of us. Tasting death for us that we need not taste eternal death for ourselves. This meant being forsaken by the Father who had never through all eternity forsaken Him. Since such suffering is beyond the realm of human experience, it must be left to our darkest imaginations of the the suffering endured.

The cross meant for Jesus the fulfillment of His greatest joy, our redemption and the glory of the Father in heaven. Our greatest joys can not compare to describe His joy.

What does the cross mean to you? If you are a dying thief cursing because you are caught, the cross only mocks you. If you are one of the crowd passing by with the attitude that it is too bad He had to die, then the cross is just another incident of history to talk about. If you stand with the Jews in all your self-righteousness, then the cross keeps prodding you on to explaining away your sin and hypocrisy. If you are among those who believe the whole story of the cross, then it is your joy, your redemption, your hope of eternal salvation.

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

THE TEACHER'S TASK IN EVANGELISM

He that winneth souls is wise (Proverbs 11:30b).

THIS ARTICLE is the third in a series on Sunday School Evangelism. Two articles ago we considered the importance of the Sunday school in evangelism. Last article was on the type of evangelism in the Sunday school; now, this week, we turn to the teacher's task in Sunday school evangelism.

1. Be a faithful teacher.

The first task of the teacher in Sunday school evangelism is that he fulfill his responsibility as a teacher faithfully. The S. S. teacher teaches the Scriptures, "which are able to make thee wise unto salvation," so it only follows that the teacher must do his task well. This requires careful preparation. It also requires good classroom presentations. Sunday after Sunday and week after week, the Sunday school teacher must prepare well and teach well. Sunday school evangelism is educational evangelism, and it requires that the teacher be a **good educator.**

Furthermore, the S. S. teacher must not only teach the lesson, he must also apply the lesson. He must not only present the facts of the lesson, but he must also present the Gospel as it is presented in these facts. This is a big task, but fortunately our **Brethren Imprint Quarterlies** are a big help here.

It should be noted that the task of being a faithful teacher is as important for nursery and kindergarten teachers as for teachers of older students. For even though conversion does not usually take place in these ages, nevertheless, the foundation is here being laid for future evangelism.

2. Make contacts with the students.

The teacher cannot expect to win a child to Christ until he has first won the child to himself. To be a soul-winner, you must first of all be a child-winner. This can best be accomplished through personal contacts with the students. Clarence H. Benson in his book, THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IN ACTION, suggests four such contacts that every teacher should make. They are:

a. Class contacts. This refers not to the class period itself, but to the minutes before and after class when the teacher has opportunity to speak personally with the students.

b. Prayer contacts. In visiting with his pupils individually, particularly in visits in the students home, the teacher should pray with and for the individual. The teacher will probably even want to mention him by name in such prayers, so that he will know that the teacher is concerned for him as a person.

c. Social contacts. The teacher's interest in his pupils must go beyond Sunday morning and the Sunday school class. His interest in the pupils should include sick calls and social activities. The second of these is particularly important. The teacher should, on occasion participate in social gatherings and recreation with his students.

d. Letter contacts. Such includes birthday cards, Christmas messages, personal letters on special occasions. This is one type of contact which is sometimes overlooked.

3. Do the work of a personal evangelist.

Evangelism in the Sunday school is both educational evangelism and **personal evangelism.** Therefore, the Sunday school teacher must also do the task of a personal evangelist. Some of the things involved in being a personal evangelist have already been noted—for example, personal contacts. In our next article we will consider more particularly the steps in personal evangelism.



Brethren Youth Crusaders

GOSHEN JUNIORS

Our junior youth group has had an average attendance of 16 members for their youth meetings the past year.

We have almost finished our worship screens and then we will be working on a play for the adults. We want to present our play during Youth Week in May.

We are all enjoying worshipping together and working together. We believe our sponsors are rather enjoying the job of teaching us, too.

IDEA BOX



Ever hear anyone say, "Money doesn't grow on trees!" Well, it normally does not but you can grow a money tree.

Use any kind of small artificial tree. Make various colored bags of cotton print with a string around the top of them. The money tree can grow as long as you wish it to. For instance, you might use the money tree for a month with participating members receiving a new little bag each week.

Each person who receives a bag is to put his extra change or offering in the bag and bring it to the meeting where it is placed on the tree. You should complete the project before counting the contents of the bags.

Why not try growing a Money Tree?

Answer to last week's Spotlight on Scripture . . .

Joshua 24:15

The Summer Work

Regular positions in the church such as ushering might be delegated to young recruits during the summer months, or a special effort made by experienced ushers to teach young men the art of ushering; for this is a very fine art which can become a very gracious and lovely part of a worship service. The usher can do much to set the tone of the service by his friendly, correct and gracious manner towards members and visitors alike. It is unfortunate that this very important job is taken so lightly and esteemed so slightly. The church visitor for morning worship makes his first contact with the usher as a rule and the first impression is made at this time. All these

MILFORD JUNIORS

In September the Junior Brethren Youth group was organized with fifteen boys and girls of grades four, five and six participating. Ten members in the Junior Hi group and six in the Senior Hi group are also working, each having its own officers and meetings but all with the same goals and national projects.

The Senior B.Y.C. group is getting some valuable experience as leaders for the other groups.

Officers for the Juniors are:

President Michael Mathews
Secretary Jane Mathews
Treasurer Grant Geiger

Their fall and winter social activities have included a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Geiger with their daughter, Connie, as hostess. Softball was played until sundown, followed by songs sung around a campfire and refreshments.

In November the group was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geiger when their children, Donna and Grant, were hosts. Each member was privileged to invite a guest, and all were taken on a hayride, thanks to Don Wolferman who supplied the wagon and tractor, and to Arthur Mabie who drove. Twenty-one children and adults enjoyed the eight-mile drive before returning to the Geiger home. Games and refreshments were provided by the Geigers.

The Christmas party was held in the church basement with Mrs. Gail Gieger and Miss Kathy Leemon, sponsor and junior leader, in charge of group singing, games and a gift exchange.

Attendance has been good at the Sunday evening meetings and a class of eight has been meeting at the parsonage each Sunday evening for the Bible Quiz training course given by Mrs. Frank Barker.

—Jane Mathews, secretary

Life Work Recruit



"little" things and courtesies could be taught to young recruits by regular ushers who would no doubt welcome a vacation from their duties during the summer months.

Again the activities of a church in the summer may limit or expand the possibilities for a young recruit. Perhaps a lovely flower garden could be developed on church grounds by youthful gardeners. A vegetable garden could be cultivated and the vegetables either sold or given away. Any money earned could be used in youth work or contributed to any fund they wish to honor. The janitor would no doubt welcome a day off while some young person takes over. Girls could see that altar vases are kept polished brightly and any light housekeeping affairs kept in order.

Vacation Bible school, of course, has been discussed and is one of the best places to utilize youth help. A regular summer junior church could be carried on by youth workers.

A Youth Bible Study could be instigated for young people during the summer by the pastor who often finds his regular Bible Study program lagging. In fact it might be good practice for the pastor to devote the better part of his time to the young recruits of his church during the summer season. This is a friendly and logical time to carry out youth work specifically. Properly trained youth may relieve regular teachers during the summer. They should be asked to serve on committees at this time; for they are capable of more responsibility than they are often given. The treasurer of the church might explain his duties to the young recruit and just a good over-all picture of the organization of a church body might be given the recruit during the lucrative summer months.

Compatible Youth Advisors

Most important in any youth venture is to find those adults which like and enjoy young people. Young couples are not the only possibilities for youth advisors. Older couples who have been through the mill of child rearing or even couples who have no children but have an understanding of youth are fine possibilities as youth advisors. It would be fatal to select as youth directors adults who do not have a liking for young people, who are critical of them in many respects and feel that they are a "lost" generation. On the other hand adults who will permit "anything," who have no respect for discipline, who are afraid of discipline should not be asked to serve as youth advisors. Unsympathetic youth directors or lazy youth directors can ruin any youth program before it gets off the ground. Legalistic Christians who are more interested in the outward conduct of young people than in inner development are poor risks as youth advisors. A youth director must be someone who is willing to put himself out for the young people; someone who will not feel injured when he is imposed upon —for he will be; someone who has a great flow of energy both within and without; someone who has the presence of the living Lord within his own life and can thereby become an example for the young people he must direct.

The position as youth director should never be put upon the shoulders of the pastor although he should make himself available for help and suggestions. A youth advisor should be one who can enlist the enthusiasm of the entire congregation for the youth group. It takes time, time, time and effort, effort, effort. It takes understanding, understanding and then when that is spent, still more understanding. Patience is a great virtue in dealing with youth. Also firmness in the things which count is necessary or the group will either fall apart or go on in a headlong manner to destruction. Needless to say, a great amount of overwhelming love for God's children must be a part of the Youth Director's character. He must consider them valuable assets in the Kingdom of Heaven.

A youth director need not be an outwardly vivacious person for some of the quietest, most reserved members of the congregation serve very well in this capacity. Most learned men who are experienced in Christian education will tell a congregation that the most valuable asset they can possess is that very hard-to-find person, a qualified Youth Minister. There is enough work in the program of the church to keep a Youth Minister very busy, but since most congregations do not have such a vitally important person as the Youth Minister, some layman must take this responsibility.

One of the greatest concerns in the Christian church today is the falling away of our youthful members. If there is no vital youth program, their interest wanes and soon they have drifted away to more inviting occupations. Therefore, the importance of compatible youth directors cannot be too strongly stressed. They should be chosen with the same care which is given in the selection of the minster of the church. If your church is fortunate in having fine Youth Directors, cherish them as most precious possessions. They are invaluable in the church of tomorrow. Choose wisely and you will have chosen well.

Come acros

by RO

PAUL was on his second missionary journey. He had visited the churches which had been established on his first missionary journey. He had his eyes set to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow him. So Paul and Silas came to Troas and while resting there and during the night Paul received the vision: "A Macedonian stood there appealing to him and saying, Come across to Macedonia and help us" (Acts 16:9). Paul answered the call and because he answered the call we in America heard the Gospel message before the people in Nigeria.

"Come Across and Help Us" is the call of the Eastern District Church of Christ in the Sudan. The Macedonian call came from a place where the Christian message had not been preached. But it came from a land that had the best schools and best medical facilities that could at that time be offered to men.

The Macedonian call comes from the Church in Nigeria. From a church already established, from a church that has good leadership, from a land where missionaries have been working. But from a church that feels now that the mother churches in America are no longer interested in helping them. From a church that feels the mother churches in America feel that no longer is it necessary to send missionaries to help them, that since Nigerians are now in position of leadership, a church established, that the missionary task in northeast Nigeria is finished, that now the Nigerian Church can carry on the mission task.

During the last year a deputation from the Church of the Brethren and the Brethren Church visited Nigeria, and recently Dr. Norman Baugher, General Secretary of the General Brotherhood Board of the Church of the Brethren visited the area. Both visits were to see the work that had been done and to survey the work yet needed to be done.

What has been done:

(1) There are now 30 organized churches.

(2) The Church has been registered and thus now can hold property.

(3) The Church has two training institutions that are training church leaders.

KULP BIBLE SCHOOL where 50 young men are receiving training in Bible as well as in farming. The hope being that they will return to their home areas and teach the people both Bible and better farming methods. Two classes have already graduated from this school. The Mbororo area churches now have 5 graduates helping in the work of the churches.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OF NORTHERN NIGERIA where the Eastern District Church cooperates with other Churches in the training of men for the ministry. This year two young Higi men, graduates of the Kulp Bible School, have begun the 4 years' course.

(4) The Church has 20 ordained Nigerian Ministers. But of this number only 13 are doing full time church work while 7 are teaching or nursing and doing church work in their free time.



Daniel Kwagha, first

(5) The Church has a Nigerian Secretary of the General Council and the Chairman of the Council is also a Nigerian.

Seeing these things you might well ask, Doesn't this then point out that the church is now able to go forward itself, that it no longer needs missionaries? That it **no longer needs missionary churchmen?**

BUT THE NIGERIAN LEADERS SAY: The following still need to be done and we need missionary churchmen for these tasks.

(1) **Adequate Staff at the Kulp Bible School.** For almost three years now there has not been anyone

nd help us!

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ained into the ministry.

on the field that could really be assigned full time to this task of teaching Bible. During this period there has been at least 6 different Bible teachers. John Grimley, the present Bible teacher, has also a Mission Station assignment at Uba, 10 miles from the school.

(2) **A Missionary Churchman** who could be assigned to prepare correspondence courses for the ministers who have never been to a Bible School and want to learn more about the Bible, as well as for ministers who want to further their knowledge of the Bible after leaving a Bible School. One of the "Macedonian Cries" of the Eastern District Church is that nurses and teachers can go on to further training, but nothing has been done to help the minister receive further training.

(3) **Missionary Churchmen** who can do station work of supervising the young churches and help train their evangelists and act as advisor to the Nigerian Ministers, and inspire the church to go forward into areas that haven't as yet been reached by the Gospel.

This appeal for Missionary Churchmen is by far the greatest cry of the Nigerian Church leaders. Since 1960 there have been 14 missionary churchmen lost to the Nigerian Church. Some have retired, some did not return because of health, some went into other areas of mission work, such as education, and are no longer working as missionary churchmen. Since 1960 only three new missionary churchmen have come from the mother churches in America. At present there are only seven missionary churchmen on the field.

In July when I go on furlough, there will be only six. In December another missionary churchman goes on leave and by September, 1966, all but one of the missionary churchmen now on the field will be on furlough. And what is so discouraging to the Nigerian Church leaders is that no churchmen in the States are in preparation to answer the call "Come Over and Help Us."*

At this moment there does not seem to be much hope of having a missionary churchman at Mbororo when I go on furlough. There are just not enough missionary churchmen on the field to do all that should be done.

The Nigerian Christians see many missionaries going home and few returning. They see many missionaries come to the field in positions where they do not need to know a native language and thus never are able to fully enter into the life of the Church. They see mission stations empty because we do not have the staff to place somone there. They see the great need for missionary churchmen to train the future leaders of the Nigerian Church. And they continually ask, **Why are the mother churches leaving us as orphans. Haven't they heard the call "Come over and help us?"**

**NOTE:*

We are pleased to report that Larry and Rose Bolinger have recently been accepted for service in Nigeria.

The Bolingers expect to begin language training this fall, after Larry's graduation from Ashland Theological Seminary in June. They will be available for service about mid-1966 in the churchman role, answering the Macedonian Call. The Bolingers are members of the North Manchester, Indiana, Brethren Church.

Join us in prayer that our Lord will call still others as churchmen in this field so fruitful for evangelistic endeavor, and that the hearts of Brethren people will be stirred to substantially increased financial support of world missions.

M. Virgil Ingraham

MBORORO PRIMARY SCHOOL

by Bob Bischof

IN JANUARY 1958, seven months after the Mbororo Station was opened, the Mbororo Primary School was started. The first two classes were held out of doors under two large trees while the school building was under construction.

The Junior Primary level, Classes 1 through 4, was completed by 1960. In 1960 those in Class 4 had to take examinations to attend the Senior Primary School at Mubi. These students at Mbororo finishing Class 4 were in competition with pupils from four other primary schools for 40 places in the Mubi Senior Primary School.

In January 1962, Mbororo upgraded its school to Senior Primary level, having complete classes 1 through 7. This, of course, was accomplished by adding Class 5 in 1962, Class 6, 1963, and Class 7 in 1964. Thus, in December 1964, we had the first Class 7 to leave the Mbororo Primary School. There are 40 pupils in the class—5 girls and 35 boys.

Pupils in Class 7 took examinations to enter Teacher Training Colleges, Secondary Schools and a few craft schools. Also a number of pupils in Class 6 took examinations for Secondary Schools. Waka Schools, a mission institution gave examinations as well as various government schools offering entrance examinations.

Here at Mbororo we were very happy as Mbororo ranked first among the government schools in our province and also ranked first among the schools in the mission. As a result of this position many of those finishing Class 7 this year and quite a few in Class 6 were accepted at various Secondary Schools and training colleges.

The schools those finishing Mbororo Primary School will attend are as follows:

One boy to Government College Keffi (Secondary School, located south of Jos).

One boy to Government College Kaduna (Secondary School, located in Capital of Northern Region).

Two boys to Government College Zaria (Secondary School, 600 miles away).

Three boys to Government Crafts School at Numan (170 miles away).

Seven boys to Waka Teacher Training Center (CBM Mission).

Four boys to Waka Secondary School (CBM Mission).

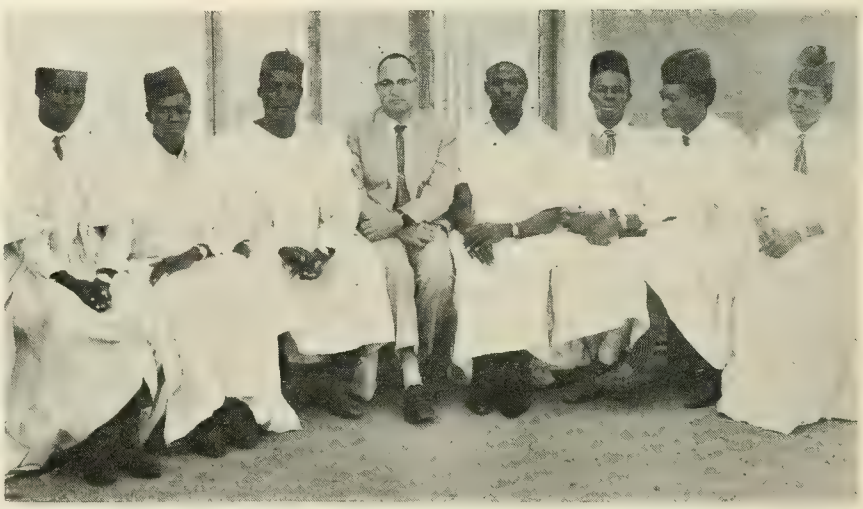
Six boys to Ganye Secondary School (Sardauna Province Secondary School, province where Mbororo is located).

One girl to Queen Elizabeth Girls' Secondary School Ilorin (700 miles away).

One girl to Girls' Secondary School Kano (600 miles away).

Two girls to Women's Teacher Training College, Maiduguri (100 miles away).

This makes a total of 28 who have been accepted for further education. This was quite high as usually only about 15% of any leaving class is accepted to go on. Four who were



M. Amtagu Wajudu, Teacher, Class 6; M. Buba Fatuwa, Class 1 teacher; M. Kumanggar W. Lassa, Teacher Class 3, Bob Bischof; M. Kamani Mshelia, headmaster and teacher of Class 5; Iliya Kwaji, Class 7 teacher; Reuben Mamza, Class 4 teacher; and Tumba Nali, Teacher of Class 2.

not able to go on will teach as practice teachers this year and have opportunity next year to take examinations for further training.

Unfortunately, some who have been accepted to go on to Waka Teacher Training Center and Waka Secondary School will not be able to do so because they will not have the money needed to pay the school fees. Fees aren't very high when one considers it includes room and board (about $60 a year) yet the government schools do not have fees and many choose government schools in preference to the Mission School because of this.

Of course, many were disappointed that they were not chosen to go on to other schools as this means they will either (1) stay at home and help their fathers farm, (2) join the Nigerian police, or (3) many will just go off to the cities trying to find some kind of work, feeling that since they did not pass to go on they will be ridiculed by their people or others in the village. Many are now beginning to come to me and asking what they can do. Unfortunately most of them feel that farming isn't a good occupation and is the occupation of failure. The government is trying hard to urge them to stay at home as there aren't enough jobs in the city for everyone. Also, Nigeria needs people who are willing to stay and farm in their home communities and use the new farming methods that they have been taught while in school.

On the last day of school the District Head of Cubinauwa, the district where Mbororo is located, came and spoke to the children and their parents and gave out the leaving certificates to the Class 7 boys and girls. He stressed the need of education in Nigeria, praised the Mbororo Teachers for their fine work as well as those who were accepted at other schools, and urged those who were not able to go on to further education to stay at home and help their fathers with farming.

The Mbororo School is operated by the mission. Yet the government has given us much help in the matter of finances. At least half of the cost of the buildings was given by the government and then all but about $70 a year of each teacher's salary is paid by the government or about 75% to 85% of a teacher's salary is paid by the government.

All 40 of the pupils leaving Mbororo Primary School this year in Class 7 were Christians. Some of them have been regularly preaching and teaching the Bible in their home villages over the weekend. Two of those attending Waka Teacher Training Center will be sponsored by the Basel Mission and when finished with their training will go into a new area to teach as well as help with church work started in a new area by this mission.

MBORORO DISPENSARY

	New Cases	Attendances	Treatments
1963	2574	15,764	28,829
1964	4655	28,676	44,069

You will note the great increase in 1964.

New Cases mean the number of people who came this year. **Attendances** record the number of people attending the dispensary; example, one person might have attended many time. **Treatments** indicates the number of treatments given such as injections, ulcers treated or other diseases treated.

The Mbororo Dispensary has been receiving a grant of $280 a year from the government. It receives no financial help from the mission and thus is self-supporting.

During this past year cement floors were put in the patients' huts, new roofs were set on and cement plastering on the outside of the huts which were painted a cream color.



Dispensers — *Zira Buba, Yagimi Sabre, Vangawa Tihale with Bea Bischof.*

GOSPEL RADIO MINISTRY

As we see the work going forward, the tapes going out and the letters coming in, we praise our Lord for all of you who have made it possible through your gifts of love. Continue to remember us in your prayers that His name might be made known throughout this continent.

—John Rowsey



John Rowsey unpacking equipment with Rob Byler, Harold Stacey and missionary children.



NEW EQUIPMENT — To keep pace with a rapidly growing radio ministry, several important units of new equipment have been purchased and are being installed. In the hottest summer months of January and February in Buenos Aires, when people seek cool vacation spots, the studio in headquarters at O'Higgins 3162-68 was closed for repairing, rehauling and remodeling by the technical department. Prior to this closing, recording of programs was stepped up to fill all broadcast demands till March 12 when recordings will resume in Spanish, Russian and Armenian. In the interim, auditions and practices for new vocal groups will be held.

ENLARGED COVERAGE — The program "Platicas Cristianas" is now broadcast on 25 stations in Argentina. Four stations just recently added, included the new international station at Bonaire, Dutch Antilles with a power output of 500 kw. In foreign countries it is broadcast from two stations in Uruguay and from Radio Pacifico, Lima, Peru in addition to the Bonaire broadcast.

NOW YOU CAN HEAR THE PROGRAM TOO! The Transworld Radio in Bonaire transmits "Platicas Cristianas" every Sunday evening at 8:30 EST on short wave 15.206 mc on the 19 meter band and at the same time on 800 Kilocycles, Standard Broadcast band. Both of these are clearly heard in the United States.

Tune in! Hear the Spanish broadcast. Then *pray* for the listeners, the workers and the future of this great Gospel testimony.



New Testaments being taken to the post office for mailing.



Secretary at headquarters opening mail response to Platicas Cristianas.

ARGENTINA BRETHREN CHURCH

Besides contributing their work for evangelistic efforts, each one receives a greater appreciation of the vastness of this country, the greatness of the spiritual need and a renewed vision of the work the Lord would have His children do.

We thank the Lord for every opportunity He has given to your missionaries to serve—in many ways and in many places in this great land.

—Robert Byler

AN ONGOING PROGRAM — The work of the Brethren Church in Argentina continues, with seventeen churches and annexes. National pastors and missionaries provide spiritual leadership, with increasing emphasis on evangelism and deepening spiritual life.

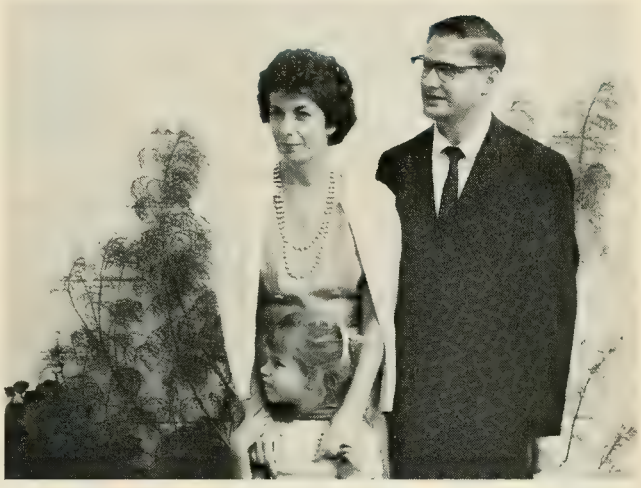
CAMPAIGN MINISTRY — City wide campaigns in Tucuman (northern Argentina) and Cordoba were held with John Rowsey as sound technician and Robert Byler as song director. Reverend Vangioni was the evangelist. Susan Byler accompanied her father on this long trip north before leaving her beloved Argentina. Pastors' retreats were also held in these cities and Mar del Plata (Atlantic sea-side city) assisted by Rob as well.

NEW WORKERS — This past year has seen the addition of Ray and Marilyn Aspinall and Bill and Fran Curtis to our missionary force in Argentina. The Aspinalls are located at the Bible Institute, near Soldini, and the Curtises are working in Buenos Aires. These new workers increase considerably the effectiveness and potential of our Argentine missionary ministry.

CAMP PROGRAM — During the months of January and February over 100 campers enjoyed the program at Camp Diquecito. There were three camp programs; the first camp was for adolescents, ages 13 to 18 and was directed by Pastor Juan Arregin of the Colon Church. The second camp was for young people of the age 18 and up, directed by John Rowsey. Rob Byler was the director of the third, or Family Camp.



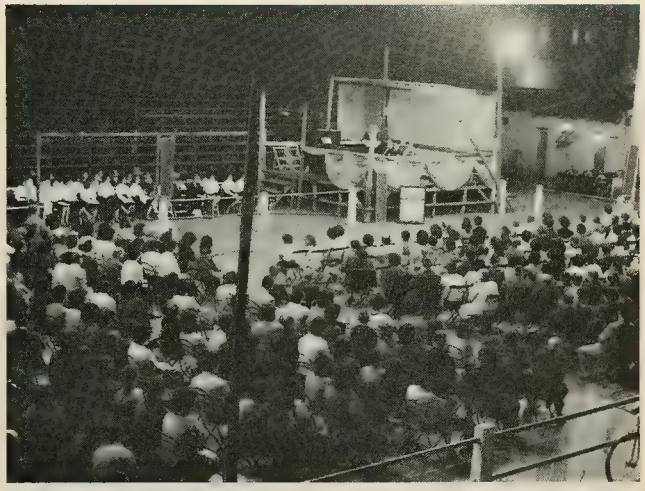
Rob Byler, director of Family Camp.



Newest missionaries on the field — Bill and Fran Curtis with Debbie.



Open air park meeting in Rosario.



Campaign in Tucuman.

ARGENTINA BIBLE INSTITUTE AT EDEN



Entrance to Soldini and to the right 5 blocks is the location of the Bible Institute.

BUILDINGS ADDED — Construction of a new dormitory as well as new kitchen and dining hall facilities were completed this summer in readiness for opening of the Brethren Bible Institute. Located near Soldini (a few miles away from Rosario, Argentina's second largest city), the school will provide Bible training for pastors and future church leaders.



Dining Hall at Bible Institute as it nears completion.

FACILITIES IN USE — Even while buildings were under construction, the Bible Institute was used by six evangelical groups this year for camps and spiritual retreats, affording a spiritual ministry even before the school is in operation.

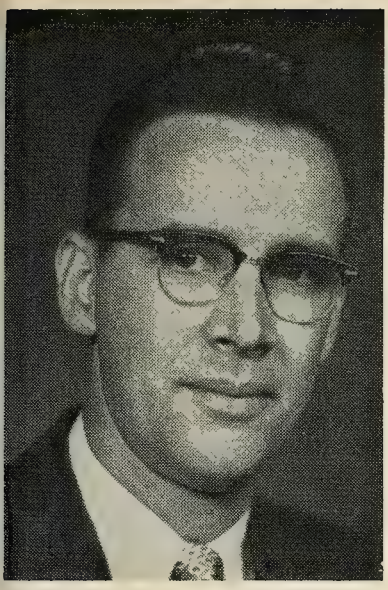
Believing that the youth is the greatest treasure of Argentina, Eden is dedicated to the preparation of young people for the Lord's service in Latin America. The winter retreat for youth between school semesters in July was enthusiastically attended.



Retreat of Youth at Eden.



Picture taken of Boys' Dorm when it was nearly finished.



A GROWING PROGRAM PRESENTS A GROWING NEED

by REV. GEORGE W. SOLOMON

THERE ARE ever people who ask, "Why does the Missionary Board continually ask for more and more money? Can't they ever be satisfied?" And our reply can only be, "No!" Not until God is satisfied! Not until the Lord's "Go ye" is heard no more! Not until every nation has heard and every soul has had an opportunity to be saved! Not until Jesus comes again and says: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

The schism that came in the Brethren Church in the late 1930's left us without a missionary program. We were forced to start from scratch again. Dr. C. F. Yoder, our pioneer missionary to Argentina, returned to the field to pick up the pieces and begin anew. Until 1948 this was our world missionary program. None of us believed that God would let us rest on that one man, as dedicated as he was, to fulfill all our responsibilties in world evangelism. And God was not satisfied with that embryo of a program and He called for more laborers for the harvest fields of the world.

In 1948, Rob and Jane Byler responded to God's call, went to Argentina and then later began our Radio Ministry which has been our most effective means of reaching the greatest number with the Gospel. In that same year, Veda Liskey also heard the call to serve in Nigeria. Our mission program was beginning to show signs of life.

It was in 1952 that Bob and Bea Bischof gave themselves in response to God's compelling "Go ye." They, too, went to the Nigerian field. This enlarged our missionary corps to a total of 6.

Janet King Fox, a sister of Bea Bischof and Jane Byler, served for over a year in Nigeria between 1953 and early 1954.

The following year the Shanks began their first tour of duty in Nigeria and Chuck and Meg Kraft followed in 1957. The Rowseys and the Solomons left for the Argentine Field in 1958. The Brethren people were beginning to feel the growing challenge of the Mission Field! Our Seminary graduates were answering God's call to a crying world need!

In 1959, Veda Liskey, because of her health, was forced to terminate 11 years of faithful service and in 1960, the Krafts returned to the States to enter the field of Linguistics. With the loss of these three, and the passing of Dr. Yoder several years before, our adult missionary staff in active foreign service, after reaching a peak of 13 in 1959, totaled 10 at the close of 1960.

It was in February of 1964 that Ray and Marilyn Aspinall arrived at the site of the future Bible Institute to join the Solomons in their work of establishing the school. But before 1964 was to close, Harold and Shirley Bowers went to Nigeria to teach in the school at Waka and Bill and Fran Curtis arrived in Buenos Aires to take up the work to which God had called them.

A quarter of a century ago we were left with nothing. By God's grace we began anew with one man to support in active foreign service! Today, counting the children of the missionary families along with their parents, the Brethren Church is responsible for 38 persons on active missionary service overseas!

Now can't you see why the Missionary Board must continue to ask for more and more funds for Missions? Surely, with the world situation today, you can't expect us to be satisfied with a 1950 or a 1960 program. We MUST GO and GROW and GIVE—GIVE UNTIL GOD STOPS GIVING TO US!

And this really isn't the end of the story. At our last Board meeting two more missionary candidates were approved and accepted for the Nigerian Field. These two fine young people are Larry and Rose Bolinger. Larry will graduate from Ashland Theological Seminary in June and after some additional special training in the Hausa language, this missionary couple will be ready to go to the field early in 1966. The Board has also received the preliminary applications of Bill and Sharon Winters for service in Argentina.

Brethren, it is quite clear that God isn't satisfied yet, for He is still calling! Our young men and women, many of them recruited through our youth programs, aren't satisfied yet, for they are still responding to

from the Woman's Outlook

Your National President Speaks . . .
Our Missionaries on the Foreign Field

MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

IT WAS AFTER Jesus arose from the grave and just before He was transfigured that He spoke these words, *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen* (Matt. 28:19, 20).

So as Easter approaches, it is only natural that we think of the great commission, and how we as individuals and also as a denomination are responding to our Foreign Missionary Program.

Theodore Roosevelt was a many-sided man. He talked and wrote about everything under the sun, but the tribute he once paid to our missionaries ought to be handsomely printed and framed. To a friend he said:

"As high an estimate as I have of the ministry, I consider that the climax of that calling is to go out in missionary service as your son is doing. It takes mighty good stuff to be a missionary of the right type, the best stuff there is in the world. It takes a good deal of courage to break the shell and go 12,000 miles away to risk an unfriendly climate, to master a foreign language, to adopt strange customs, to turn aside from earthly fame and emolument, and, most of all, to say good-bye to home and the faces of the loved ones."

At this Easter I want to pay a special tribute to our dedicated missionary families on the mission fields, namely: The Bylers, the Solomons, the Rowseys, the Aspinalls, the Curtises, the Bischofs, the Shanks and the Bowers. These who have gone many, many miles from their homeland, to master a foreign language, and to adopt strange customs so that they might preach the Gospel to the people of Argentina and the peoples of Africa. These Brethren are carrying out the command of Jesus in person on the mission field. Our support of this program is in a monetary way. I fear too many are too satisfied with the amount they give. But regardless of the amount of our monetary gift, we give so little in comparison to what these six Christian families are giving.

Recently I have read several books telling of the work of missionaries on the foreign field. Through the medium of the printed page, the radio and TV, we know of the uprising and unrest in many countries. Just a few weeks ago our local paper carried a picture of a former acquaintance of mine, a missionary who had been killed in the Congo. This has awakened within me a greater appreciation and a deeper concern for our missionaries.

Let us hold up the hands of our Mission Board with an increased offering for world missions. This will in turn be encouragement to our missionaries, and they will know we are interested in the work they are doing. Also let us dedicate ourselves to intercessory prayer for each missionary family.

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things (Rom. 10:15b)!

My family—what would they say
 Should I give all to Christ today?
Or would my comrades think me odd
 If I should choose the path He trod?
Shall I give up each cherished whim
 And crucify myself for Him?
I ponder long. Which shall it be—
 Christ Jesus, or the world for me?
Then hark! I hear the crucified
 And risen Lord so long denied;
"My child," He whispers tenderly,
 "I made a choice, I died for thee."

God's call! And we, as Christians and members of the Brethren Church, dare not become satisfied with what we have done or what we are now doing in World Evangelism! We MUST continue to meet the expanding needs of a growing world population till Jesus comes and retires us from active service!

As we study God's Word and labor in His service, we discover anew the magnitude of the task of making disciples of all nations; we develop a growing concern for the lost; we become conscious of the truth that we are living in the "last times" and that Jesus will soon come again to bring to an end this "day of salvation." All this produces in us a sense of the urgency of the task and the growing need.

A growing missionary program, seeking to keep apace with the growing needs of our world and making the most of the time we have, demands that we extend ourselves to the very limits of our ability to evangelize the world!

SISTERHOOD

The SMM Mailbag . . .

Nappanee Senior

THE SENIOR Sisterhood and the Junior Sisterhood groups met at the church on March 9 to roll bandages. After we finished rolling bandages, we had a pot-luck supper to which we invited the Laymen. Most of the men were fathers of the Sisterhood girls.

There was a short program after the supper. Judy Browne led the singing and Debby Browne read the Scripture. Cindy Best presented the topic. A short skit was given by the junior girls, followed with prayer by Mary Beth Arch. We closed the program with the Sisterhood benediction.

Mulvane Junior

WE HAVE ten members in our Junior Sisterhood this year. We look forward each month to our meetings. We try to have something extra special along with our regular lesson. For the September meeting we invited all the junior-age girls of the church to our annex for a "sack lunch." In October we had our meeting at the home of Deborah Barber, and after the lesson she had a "pizza party" for us.

One of the times we look forward to each year is the time we roll bandages for the hospitals in Africa. We came right after school and had a chili supper before we rolled bandages. We enjoy this so much, perhaps we should do it more often.

In December, we each brought fruit and cookies and made Christmas plates for shut-ins. We also sang carols to them and other elderly folks. We returned to the home of the patroness and had a gift exchange and refreshments.

Another EXTRA SPECIAL time was at our February meeting when we had a banquet for the Laymen and fathers. We had fun decorating and preparing for this in the annex. There were twenty present, and we hope that the men now know more of what we are doing in Sisterhood. We each had a part in the program and closed with singing "Spirit of Sisterhood" and praying together the benediction.

Every month we get aerograms, and we each write a few lines to a missionary family. By doing this we feel we know our missionaries better.

We have several interesting things planned for future meetings such as a backwards meeting, a model meeting, slumber party, hike, picnic, and Mother-Daughter meeting. We hope to be on the banner list this year.

The following are the officers of this very active Mulvane junior society:

President—Florence Tharp
Vice President—Myrna Kilts
Secretary—Barbara Cody
Treasurer—Peggy Willis
Patroness—Lilith Howard

Florence Tharp, President

Sir James Simpson, who discovered the use of chloroform as an anesthetic, was asked to name the greatest discovery he had ever made. Much to the inquirer's surprise, he did not name the use of the anesthetic, but declared, "The greatest discovery I ever made was that I was a great sinner and Jesus Christ was a wonderful Saviour."

Louis H. Evans in YOUTH SEEKS A MASTER (Fleming H. Revell Company)

C. S. Lewis agrees that God's earth is not now completely under His control, for good Mother Nature is mixed up with evil. Earth, to some extent, remains the football between two opposing forces, God and the devil. But God is winning, and one day plans to do Adam's old homeplace completely over—to redeem it, not throw it away—domesticating its jungle and cleansing the scarlet sea of guilt that bathes it now. It will be a paradise when He gets through.

David A. Redding in THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST (Fleming H. Revell Company)

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT
SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Sunday, May 2, 1965
BERLIN BRETHREN CHURCH

Theme: "Fulfilling the Time" through Sunday School Outreach"

PROGRAM

3:30-5:00 P.M.—Rev. Jerry Hamilton
American S. S. Union
Zanesville, Ohio

5:15-6:15 P.M.—Lunch (served by host church)

6:15-7:30 P.M.—Rev. Richard Kuns
Brethren Church
Herndon, Virginia

The Brethren Layman

Views and Comments

Floyd S. Benshoff

TROUT FISHING

THERE is no thrill in life just like the thrill of a decent sized trout hitting a surface lure on the water, with you on the other end of the fishing rod. (I suppose, if a trout could talk, it would say the same thing.)

By the time this sees the light of day, the fishing season in my section of the country will be just around the corner. A "dyed-in-the-wool" angler, along about Christmas time, sets his mental sights on April 15, prepares to shell out $5.20 for a license, and literally waits it out. It is difficult to explain this anticipatory mood which must hold itself in check for months. Business, in the meantime, must be tended to and a living for the family earned. But back of it all is the probability that, come April 15, you will be "privileged," about 3 a.m., to kick back the covers of a nice warm bed, get into the heaviest, bulkiest clothes you can find and feel your way to the kitchen to face the somewhat dull task of getting your own breakfast. (Some women don't show too much sympathy for such a situation.) If you're lucky, your wife might have packed you a sack lunch the night before. Getting the car started on a cold, April morning might be somewhat of a trick, too. When you get to the house of the buddy that promised to go with you, don't waken the neighborhood with your horn. If he isn't up, use small pebbles on the second-floor window where you know he sleeps. O well, the story could be more detailed, but I'll spare you the rest except to say that, if April 15 is like many I've known, you'll wind up with a couple or four very modest sized fish, a wet foot or two, chilled to the bone with a chance of a king-sized cold or pneumonia, and your worm supply badly depleted. But the edge is off; you can go to "work" now and really relax.

The connection between world missions and the above, you ask? I say there are some lessons to be learned. Sacred childhood memories contain those of a sainted aunt leading a group of us children in Rosedale children's day exercises singing —"fishing away, fishing away, all the happy, live long day, fishing away for Jesus Christ our King." Jesus, much earlier, said: "come with Me and I will make you fishers of men."

The fisherman who is after fish doesn't waste his time or bait dangling a line in the bath tub or in his back yard plastic pool. He goes to a lake or stream that is known to contain fish. Our missionaries in their letters and on return trips to our shores from the lands beyond tell of the ready acceptance of the Gospel by dark-skinned natives. They tell of indoctrination classes and baptismal services that involve people by the hundreds. When did you last hear of a Brethren church in the U.S.A. that had an inquiry and baptismal class brought into the church that exceed a dozen?

Reports from the February meeting of our Mission Board tell of plans, involving people, to expand the World Mission Program of our denomination. This will require more money. This means I should give more this Easter to the World Mission Offering. I will—will you?

As to Brethren laymen, who put so much time and effort into trout fishing, we would do well to remember that the more important type of fishing catches men for Christ—and eternity. Happy Easter. F.B.

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

VINCO GET-TOGETHER

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 9, the Vinco Brethren Laymen met with the Junior and Senior Brotherhoods for a very interesting and enjoyable evening of Christian fellowship. There were fifty-five men and boys present.

The meeting began with a short song service, followed with devotions by Lavelle Horner. Then we were served a delicious oyster stew dinner by William Stevens, Walter Richter, Harry Bowers and John Cobaugh. The Junior Brotherhood presented the group with a young quartet comprised of Charles Aurandt, David Mackall, Daniel Leckey and Paul Aurandt. Jacob Mackall represented the men by singing a baritone solo. Both of these special numbers were accompanied by one who willingly helps many of the organizations in our church, and whose work is very much appreciated—Mrs. Henry Bates.

Clarence Durbin, one of our active laymen who is foreman for Bethlehem Mines Corp., gave an interesting talk on mining. He also made some predictions of future coal production in our area and said there are a number of good jobs to be had in the mining industry, but advised the boys that it will take a college education to get them. We were then shown a film entitled "The Invisible Power of Coal" produced by the National Coal Association. It depicted four different types of coal mining and showed many of the four hundred items made with coal. The boys were very attentive and watched with interest.

Greg Rorabaugh, one of our young men, was exceptionally happy when he learned he held the lucky number for the door prize, a ball and bat.

We at Vinco highly recommend a meeting like this with the men and boys of the church getting together for an evening of Christian fellowship.

James I. Mackall, Secretary

World Religious News in Review

BECKER URGES NEW DRIVE FOR SCHOOL PRAYER BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — Rep. Frank J. Becker (Rep.—N.Y.) who failed to bring to a vote his proposed Constitutional Amendment legalizing devotional exercises in public schools, has promised to continue support of the measure from outside Congress.

"I intend to do all I possibly can to influence members of the House, friends and former colleagues to take as active a part as possible in pushing this through," he said. Mr. Becker did not run for re-election in November.

He did not indicate specifically which Congressman would take up the fight in Congress for the amendment, which is designed to override U. S. Supreme Court rulings that prayer and devotional Bible reading in public schools are unconstitutional.

Extensive hearings on the measure were held by the House Judiciary Committee early in the 1964 session. Representatives of many religious bodies testified, but the bill was never reported out of Committee.

Rep. Becker failed by 48 to get the required 218 signatures on a discharge petition to force the matter to a vote on the House floor. He indicated that he expected a new bill to be proposed in the 89th Congress and that he would concentrate his efforts on securing discharge petition signatures.

Observers feel, however, that with an increase in the number of seats held by Democrats in the 89th Congress, chances for passage of the bill are even slimmer than previously. In the past, heaviest support has come from the more conservative Republicans—many of whom were swept from office last November—and Southern Democrats.

REDS INCREASE PRESSURE ON CHURCHES IN LATVIA

BERLIN (EP)—Soviet authorities in Latvia have transformed the Evangelical Cathedral of Riga, Latvia, into a concert hall and closed down a theological institution in Riga.

Travelers reaching here from Latvia said the church there is under continuous pressure of Communist authorities. But despite the difficulties, churches are reported crowded.

The Lutheran Church of Latvia, headed by the 74-year-old Archbishop Gustav Turs, has about 60,000 members in 280 parishes. Because of the declining number of pastors, the church relies increasingly on lay ministers. Pastors are trained in special evening classes. Archbishop Turs is a member of the Soviet Peace Committee.

Latvia, along with Esthonia and Lithuania, was annexed by the Soviet Union after World War II.

CHURCH WINS — BY AN INCH — IN ARIZONA COURT RULING

AVONDALE, ARIZ. (EP) — One inch was sufficient space on which to base a decision in favor of the First Southern Baptist Church here.

Behind the one-inch length was the ruling of Superior Court Judge Warren McCarthy who refused to stretch the law. He declared that a Circle K grocery store—299 feet 11 inches from a cooler on the wall of the church—cannot sell liquor.

He noted that an Arizona law provides that stores within 300 feet of religious establishments may not receive liquor licenses.

According to Thelton D. Beck, attorney for the grocery chain, the store was actually 304 feet 6 inches from the wall of the church.

However, Judge McCarthy held that the cooler, protruding 4 feet 7 inches, was part of the church exterior.

Fulfilling the Time . . . in World Missions

INTO ALL THE WORLD

Our mission offerings enable us to go "into all the world, preaching the Gospel to every creature."

EVERYONE CAN GO

Being unable to go in **person** does not hinder us from going through **support** of Brethren missionaries who represent us in Argentina and Nigeria.

MISSIONARIES ARE SENT

Our missionaries are all "sent ones" — sent by the call of the Lord to this service and sent by Brethren people at home who support them.

OUR REPRESENTATIVES OVERSEAS

Representing us on fields abroad are these missionaries:

Nigeria

Bob and Bea Bischof
Glenn and Jean Shank
Harold and Shirley Bowers

Argentina

Rob and Jane Byler
Ken and Jeannette Solomon
John and Regina Rowsey
Ray and Marilyn Aspinall
Bill and Fran Curtis

SUPPORT IS NEEDED

All are depending on our faithful support — in regular giving for Brethren World Missions and in constant intercessory prayer for them and their work.

NEEDS ARE GREATER

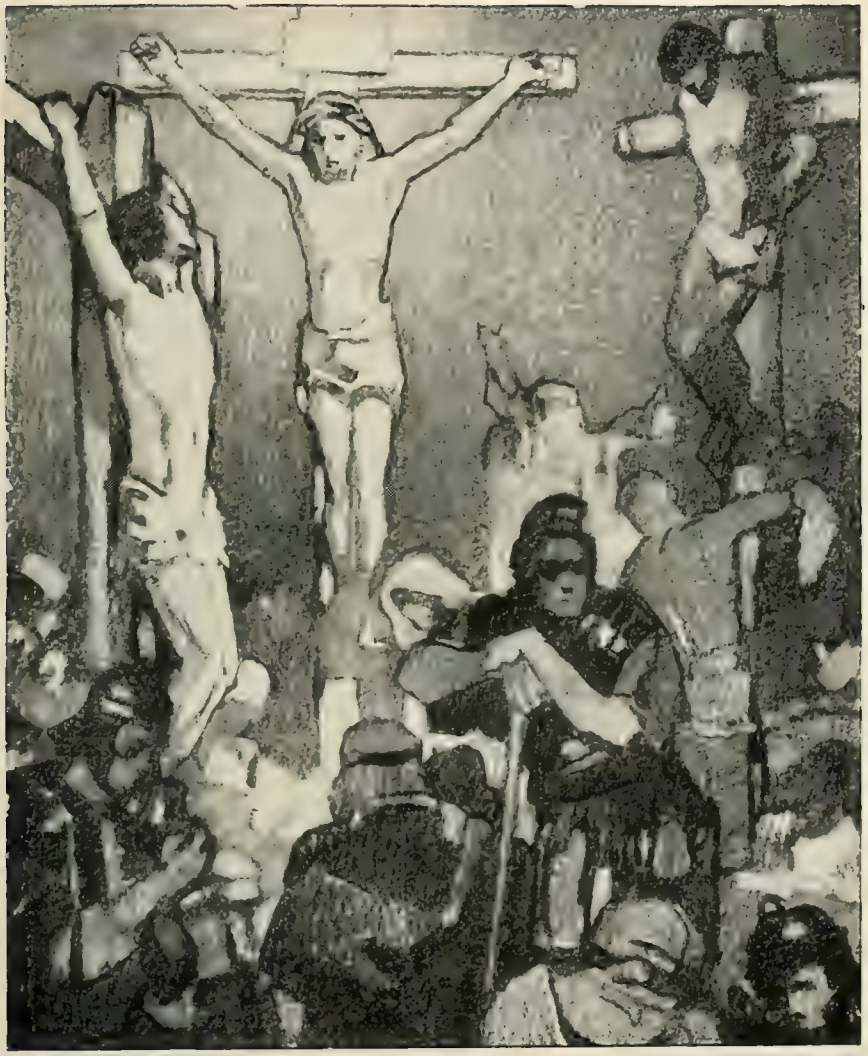
Additional missionaries and candidates require a substantial increase in our World Missions Offerings this year. Give generously for your church's world missions program. In this way you are indeed **"Fulfilling the Time"** in a living response to the Great Commission.

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Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue Thy road
With palms and scattered garments stowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see th' approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father, on His sapphire throne,
Expects His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r, and reign.
—Henry H. Milman



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King of Life

WE FIND IN the Gospel of Mark a most beautiful account of a great event in the life of our Master. As we look at this story we can find the everyday life of Jesus pictured in detail.

And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loosed him. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him.

And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve (Mark 11:1-11).

We find immediately in this event that Jesus performed a miracle. He sent the two disciples to where the colt was tied, giving instructions as to what they were to do and what they were to say if questioned. The events that followed were exactly as Jesus indicated. Our Lord is a performer of miracles! There are those who would have us believe that each miracle can be explained away, that Jesus did not really perform miracles. When we do away with the miracles recorded in our Scripture, we are doing away with the divinity of our Lord. Our salvation depends upon our belief in Jesus as the divine Son of God, thus One who is able to perform miracles!

Christ entered Jerusalem that day as a messenger of peace. He did not enter as conqueror riding on a war horse, but as an agent of peace riding on an animal of peace. As Christ rules in our hearts today, we find a peace in our hearts that the world cannot understand, neither can we explain it.

We also learn from this lesson that Jesus was filled with sorrow because His people had rejected Him. A sorrow that we cannot understand—a sorrow that was prompted by His love for His people. Love was the controlling element of His life. This same love is essential in our dealings with our fellow men.

Our Lord wanted to be the King of life for the people of His day but He was rejected. He wants to be King of our lives today. He still is rejected by many. As King, He must rule every phase of life; He must rule as King of peace and King of love. If He thus rules in our lives, then there will be more love for our fellow man, an element which is of necessity found in each Christian. As our King, we must follow Him! Is He truly the King of your life? S.G.



news ... from the Brethren

Harrisonburg, Va. (Bethlehem). Rev. John F. Locke, Pastor, reports that on Sunday evening, March 14, Mr. Charles Wampler, Jr., a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Rockingham County and the city of Harrisonburg, showed pictures of a recent tour of Russia. Also, during this meeting, a singing group from the Turner Ashby High School presented special music.

Levittown, Pa. Rev. Robert Keplinger reveals through his newsletter that as of March 28, Mr. Tom Kidder, a member of the church, became the pastor of the Brush Valley Brethren Church near Adrian, Pa.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio. Rev. Cecil Bolton, Jr., reports that one member was received into membership of the church by baptism recently.

Goshen, Ind. On Sunday morning, April 4, Dr. Clate Risley "Mr. Sunday School" was the guest speaker during both the Sunday School hour and the Morning Worship hour, according to Rev. Richard Allison, pastor.

Milledgeville, Ill. Mr. John Porte was recently in Milledgeville for special instruction on the unified budget at which time he was the guest speaker during the morning worship hour.

Memorials

RAISH. Miss Anna F. Raish passed away on March 20, 1965, at the age of 86 years. She was the oldest member of the Bethlehem Brethren Church, Harrisonburg, Va.

Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned and Elder William F. Flory and Elder Oscar F. Bowman at the Garber's Church of the Brethren. Interment was made in the Garber's Church cemetery.

Rev. John F. Locke

CLERGY BACK COFFEE HOUSE NEAR MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGES

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (EP) — The "upstairs" of an old building here is being converted into a coffee house which will offer art, folk music, poetry, drama and unfettered discussion — all focused on man's search for God.

It is located near the University of Minnesota and Augsburg College.

A non-profit organization of some 150 clergymen and laymen plans a formal opening in April. A "preview-review" was held at the center to acquaint Minneapolis area residents with the fast-growing coffee house movement.

There are at least 40 similar religious-sponsored coffee houses operating across the nation, most of them near college campuses.

THE ERMINE

THIS MOST interesting illustration appeared in the splendid article, "If It's Doubtful, It's Dirty!" appearing in *Herald of Holiness,* August 12. Randal E. Denny writes the following: "The ermine lives in northern Europe. His fur is pure white, and brings a high price on the market. In some countries the robes of judges are lined with ermine fur as a symbol of purity and honor. One strange characteristic of the ermine is his great concern for his pure white coat. He will protect his fur from anything that might spoil and spot it. It is said that hunters take advantage of this trait. Instead of setting a trap or a snare, the hunter will locate the ermine's home—a cleft in a rock, a hollow log, or an opening in a tree—and will smear slime and filth around the edge of the entrance. The dogs are then turned loose. The ermine, filled with fear, runs for his little home. When he finds it smeared with uncleanness, he will not enter. He refuses to spoil his pure white coat. Rather than go into the unclean place, he faces the fury of the dogs. He will preserve the purity of his fur at the price of his life! It is better to him that he be stained by blood than spoiled by uncleanness. The ermine is right—purity is dearer than life! Holiness is nothing short of holy living. Spirit-filled Christians need that kind of backbone and character to keep their lives pure and clean. 'If it's doubtful, it's dirty!'"

A FRENCH COMMUNIST

"The Gospel is a much more powerful weapon for the renewal of society than is our Marxist philosophy, but all the same it is we who really will beat you. We are only a handful and you Christians are numbered by the millions. But if you remember the story of Gideon and his three hundred companions, you will understand why I am right. We Communists do not play with words. We are realists and, seeing that we are determined to achieve our object, we know how to obtain the means. Of our salaries and wages, we keep only what is strictly necessary, and we give up the rest for propaganda purposes. To this propaganda we also "consecrate" all our free time, and a part of our holidays. You, however, give only a little time and hardly any money for the spreading of the Gospel of Christ. How can anyone believe in the supreme value of this Gospel if you do not practice it, if you do not spread it, and if you sacrifice neither time or money for it? Believe me, it is we who will win, for we believe in our Communist message and we are ready to sacrifice everything, even our life, in order that social justice shall triumph. But you people are afraid to soil your hands."

—From Paix et Liberte (Communist).

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Easter Readings

Memory Scripture for month — Matthew 28:19

o ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the oly Ghost.

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UNDAY, APRIL 18, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 24:1-9

Happy Easter!

"Happy Easter!" said Mom when she wakened Linda.

"Happy Easter!" she said when she wakened Gary.

"Happy Easter! Happy Easter!" said Betsy as she llowed Mommy.

Soon the family was at the breakfast table. Such pretty table Mommy had fixed! The Easter lily was the center. It's fragrance made the whole house nell good. Standing at each place was a small fudge oss. There were gaily colored eggs on the table with e bacon and toast and juice.

"We have much to be thankful for," said Daddy. Most of all we should be glad that Jesus our Savior ves."

"Before we have our prayer," suggested Gary, "let's ng 'Christ Arose.'"

"Oh, yes, I like that song," said Linda.

Mom, Dad, Gary, and Linda happily sang of their sen Savior. Betsy laughed and banged her spoon n her high chair. Then they bowed their heads in rayer.

Have you thanked Jesus for being your Savior?

rayer:

Thank You, Jesus, that I know You are the true nd living Savior. Help me to follow You every day doing and saying the things I should. Amen.

ONDAY, APRIL 19, 1965

Read Scripture: John 20:1-8

Jesus Lives

"Happy Easter," said Betsy when Linda came down- airs for breakfast.

"Silly," laughed Linda. "Yesterday was Easter."

"That's true," said Mommy. "But it is not a day for s to celebrate and then forget. We should remember l year that Jesus lives."

"You know what I'm going to do today?" asked ary as he joined them.

"No, what?" asked Mom.

"Our friends," said Gary, "will be talking about their aster baskets. Our baskets were fun and pretty, but m going to show them the Easter pin I got at Sun- ay school. I'm going to tell them that is the best art of Easter. Some of them will not know what the cross and words 'He is risen!' mean. Then I can tell them about Jesus and invite them to go to church with me."

"That's a good idea," said Mom as she finished put- ting breakfast on the table.

Is the news that Jesus lives the best part of Easter for you? If it is tell others today.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, show me ways to be kind and loving today. Help me to tell others about You. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 28:11-15

The Guard

"Watch Betsy while I'm in the house," Mommy told Queenie.

When Betsy started to go out of the yard, Queenie walked in front of her. This made her go back. When a strange dog came near, Betsy said, "Nice doggie," and started towards it. Queenie barked and frightened the other dog away. While Betsy played in the sand- box, Queenie sat close by watching her.

Soon Mommy came outside again. "Good dog," she said as she patted Queenie's head. "You watched Betsy well. You're a good guard."

Long ago there were some guards who did not do their job well. They became frightened when the angel appeared and rolled the stone away from Jesus' tomb. They were to keep Jesus in the tomb, but, of course, they could not do that.

They told the chief priests what had happened. The priests hoped no one would find out that Jesus had arisen. They told the guards to tell the people His body had been stolen. Many people believed this lie told by the guards.

Prayer:

Dear God, Thank You that I know Jesus lives. Thank You that I know He is Your Son and my Savior. In His name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 24:36-45

Surprise!

This was Grandma's birthday. After school Mom said, "We're going to surprise Grandma. See, I've fixed a good supper. We're going to drive out to the farm and eat with them."

"Hooray!" shouted Gary.

"Oh, that cake looks good," said Linda.

"Change into play clothes quickly," Mom told them.

While the children got ready, Daddy carried the food to the car. Soon they were on their way.

When they got to the farm they stood on the front porch and sang "Happy Birthday."

Grandma and Grandpa came to the door.

"Is it really you?" asked Grandma. "This is a nice surprise."

"Indeed it is." declared Grandpa as he picked up Betsy. "It's hard to believe you're really here."

That's the way Jesus' friends felt when he appeared to them after His resurrection. They were so happy to see Him it was hard to believe He was truly there.

Prayer:

Dear God, sometimes it's hard for me to understand the things I read in the Bible. Help me to remember

that all things in Your Word are true. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1965

Read Scripture: John 20:24-31

I Saw

"Mom," called Gary, "did you know the governor visited our school today?"

"I read in the paper that he might be there," answered Mom.

"He shook hands with me and I talked with him," Gary went on. "He's really a nice man."

"How do you know he's a nice man?" asked Mom.

"Because I met him and visited with him," Gary answered.

"If you just heard about him, would you think he was a nice man?" wondered Mom.

Gary said, "I might and I might not."

Thomas did not believe what the other disciples told him about Jesus. Then he, too, saw the risen Savior. He felt the print of the nails in His hands. He believed because he saw.

Jesus knew it would be harder for those who had never seen Him to believe. He said we would be greatly blessed if we did believe this true record. Do you believe?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the Bible stories of those who saw Jesus after His resurrection. Help me to know that these stories are true and to believe. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1965

Read Scripture: John 21:1-14

Fishing

"It's just no use," said Gary. "The fish aren't biting this evening."

"Young fishermen get impatient," smiled Grandpa. "Sometimes you have to wait hours before you catch a fish. Some people fish all night."

"I've read about that in the Bible," said Gary. "One time was after Jesus' resurrection."

"Yes," nodded Grandpa. "His friends hadn't caught any fish. Jesus showed them He still had His wonderful powers. He caused them to catch a netful of fish. Then He ate breakfast with them."

"After that they couldn't help but know He was the risen Savior," declared Gary. "I'm hungry."

Grandpa looked at his watch. "I guess we better be going. Your mother will have supper ready."

As they pulled in their lines Gary said, "It was fun fishing with you, Grandpa, even if we didn't catch any fish."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for happy times and loving people. Thank You that I know Jesus is with us, too, watching over us and helping us. In His name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20

Telling Others

Linda and Judy had dolls tied to their backs. They were sitting on the floor. Betsy and Steve were sitting on the floor, too.

Gary was standing in front of them. He held a picture of Jesus after His resurrection.

"This is God's Son," he said. "He came to earth to be our Savior. His enemies killed Him. But He arose from the dead. Now He is in heaven with God the Father. Do you want to learn more about Him? Do you want to follow Him?"

The other children nodded.

"Good!" said Gary. "Come back tomorrow and bring others with you. I will tell you more about Jesus."

"It's fun playing missionary," said Judy as the children stood up.

"Yes," agreed Gary, "but I wish we could be real missionaries. Jesus told us to go and teach all people. What can we do?"

"We can visit the new family down the street," suggested Steve. "We can invite them to go to church with us tomorrow."

"So we can!" declared Gary. "Let's go."

Prayer:

Dear God, show me ways I can serve You while I am young. Help me to learn the things I will need to know to serve You best. In Jesus' name I pray Amen.

Scattered ISRAEL

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XXV

WHERE IS ISRAEL during the suspension of her Prophetic Age? Exactly where God had warned them they would be. When Moses charged Israel with the law in Moab, just before he died on Mount Nebo he gave them a preview of their history until the end (Deut. 4:25-31). Hear it from Moses, *When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have been long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image in the form of any thing, and shall do that which is evil in the sight of Jehovah thy God, to provoke him to anger; I call heaven and earth to witness you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over the Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. And Jehovah will scatter you among the peoples, and ye shall be left few in number among the nations, whither Jehovah shall lead you away . . . When thou art in tribulation and all these things are come upon thee, in the latter days thou shalt return to Jehovah thy God, and hearken unto his voice: for Jehovah thy God is a merciful God; he will not fail thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.*

The scattering among peoples from one end of the earth unto the other end of the earth has continued from 722 B.C., when the northern tribes of Israel fell, on through the capture of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.

and the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., even unto this present hour. They shall remain scattered, except a token number who are destined to return as the budding fig tree, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. (See author's paper on Times of the Gentiles.)

The Prophetic Age of Israel cannot resume, or the seventieth year Week begin until the Church is complete. The last Age Week must wait for the Church's completion, which also will come to pass with the fulfillment of the times. When will that be? It is imminent. *Now from the fig tree learn her parable; when her branch is now become tender, and putteth forth its leaves, ye know that the summer is nigh; even so ye also, when ye see these things, know ye that He is nigh, even at the doors* (Matt. 24:32, 33—A.S.V.). The Fig Tree People now puts forth its leaves. The token Jewish return to Palestine is in process. The next great event, heralding the end of the Gentile Times; the completion of the Church; and the beginning of the final week of Israel's end time, is the Rapture, *for the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air* (I Thess. 4:13-17—A.S.V.).

When shall it be? Hearken to Paul's advice—*But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that aught be written unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night . . . but ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief: for ye are sons of light, and sons of the day: . . . so then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober* (I Thess. 5:1-6—A.S.V.). The believer who is looking for the Lord's return will not be surprised; for he will be expecting the event and be ready anytime. When will it be? When God's timeclock strikes the hour. No man can set the date.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for April 18, 1965
CHRIST IS RISEN
Text: Matthew 28:1-10; 16-20

AS TRULY AS Christ died on the cross He arose from the tomb. "Had the New Testament writers known the devices of the twentieth century, they would perhaps have insisted upon the confirmation afforded by a camera, a recording machine or a newspaper reporter"—Dr. Markus Barth. As it was they had over five hundred witnesses that Jesus had arisen from the dead.

28:1—The events of the resurrection took place early on the first day of the week.

28:2-5—Jesus came boldly out of the tomb. His body was not left in hell as Jehovah Witnesses have contended, nor stolen as the Jews contended. Neither was Jesus a living apparation, a visible ghost which fallacy Jesus, himself, exposed—Luke 24:35-43.

Matt. 28:2-6—It appears that Jesus came out of the tomb prior to the appearance of the angel. The angel rolled away the stone for the women revealing that the tomb was empty. Here is a revelation of the coming day of our resurrection. No angel will need uncover our graves, nor descend to the bottom of the sea in a submarine to retrieve the dead bodies. No contrivance of man or devil will prevent our resurrection. "The stone is rolled from the door of the sepulchre, as if to show that Jesus had so effectually done the work that nothing can shut us up in the grave again. The grave has changed its character; it has been altogether annihilated and put away as a prison-house, so that death to the saint is no longer a punishment for sin, but entrance into rest"—C. H. Spurgeon.

Matthew 28:7a *And go quickly, and tell his disciples that He is risen from the dead.* This was the first post-resurrection command given to the saints who knew what had happened. It was important that first of all those who were disciples should know that Jesus was risen. The Gospel of Christ would be without confirmation, it would be incomplete without this knowledge. It was not intended to be kept among the saints. It was for the saints to know so that they could broadcast the news throughout the world. Sadness and gloom hung over the disciples until this news reached them. Such sadness and gloom would have prevailed to this day had not Jesus risen from the grave. Now the world must know that not only can their burden of sin be lifted but they can know that they can live forever.

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Sunday, May 2, 1965
BERLIN BRETHREN CHURCH

Theme: "Fulfilling the Time" through Sunday School Outreach"

PROGRAM

3:30-5:00 P.M.—Rev. Jerry Hamilton
American S. S. Union
Zanesville, Ohio

5:15-6:15 P.M.—Lunch (served by host church)

6:15-7:30 P.M.—Rev. Richard Kuns
Brethren Church
Herndon, Virginia

Brethren Youth Crusaders



ANNOUNCING!

YOUTH WEEK — May 9 - 16

YOUTH SUNDAY — May 16

Theme: **"OUR MISSION"**

1. **GO**
2. **TELL**
3. **TEACH**
4. **BAPTIZE**

Text: **ACTS 1:8**

Theme Song:

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

SUGGESTED YOUTH WEEK PLANS:

Sunday, May 9—Senior youth should arrange to teach or assist in Sunday school classes on this morning. Each Senior BYC'er should talk to the regular teacher of the class he will teach at least three weeks prior to this Sunday, know what lesson you will be teaching or assisting, and make good preparations for your opportunity to "teach."

Junior and Junior High youth could sponsor a teacher training workshop for their local congregation. This could be held on Sunday evening or another suitable time. You could arrange to have a workshop leader for this session and/or a training filmstrip. If you do have a filmstrip, be sure to have someone who can lead in a discussion of the filmstrip and add to the training of teachers. You might arrange to introduce all the teachers presently serving in your Sunday school. The following filmstrips are suggested for use and are available for a 50¢ fee from: **The Sunday School Board, Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio 44805.**

DEVELOPING THE WORKER
THE CHRISTIAN TEACHER
CHOOSING METHODS
THE TEACHER
THE TEACHING PROCESS
SOME LEARNING EXPERIENCES
TEACH CHRIST NOW
THE VISITING TEACHER

To be prepared for "Our Mission" we must include prayer. We suggest that the youth sponsor a 24-hour prayer vigil. You should announce this event at least two weeks ahead of time. The youth should prepare an enlistment sheet for those who wish to participate and see that it is circulated or placed on the bulletin board.

During the prayer vigil you should arrange to have a background of quiet music, have devotional books and several Bibles at the place of prayer and provide a prayer list.

Wednesday, May 12—Telling is a part of "Our Mission" and we should be telling the gospel story. So how about a Bible quiz challenge. Youth groups should challenge adult Sunday school classes to a quiz over a given number of chapters in the book of Acts. Make sure you issue your challenge several weeks in advance and state what chapters will be covered. Perhaps this quiz challenge could be the Wednesday evening service or part of it. You might complete the evening with a "punch hour" for all present.

Thursday or Friday, May 13, 14—An essential part of Christ's commission, which is the basis for "Our Mission," is to baptize. Why do Brethren use triune immersion? Why do we baptize forward? Why the laying on of hands? Schedule a study session on baptism using the book **Our Faith** as your guide, along with the Bible. Ask the pastor to be present to show you the baptistry, what preparations are made for a baptism and just how it is conducted.

Saturday, May 15—We must put feet to "Our Mission" so we suggest that you start at home. Begin the day with a "Youth Breakfast" served at the church or in a home.

A typical menu might be:

Orange juice
Scrambled eggs
Bacon
Biscuits (canned ones dipped in butter before baking)
Milk, coffee or tea
OR
Pancakes and sausage

Spend the morning and early afternoon working at the church. Some jobs that might need to be done are:

Painting
Cleaning
Repairing songbooks
Printing the Sunday bulletin
Caring for the lawn (digging out grass along walks, etc.)
Replacing storm windows with screens
OR
Whatever needs to be done in your local church

Spend the evening in a visitation program. Call on absentee youth and adults or new prospects. Be sure to have a tract, Sunday bulletin (for the next day), "In a

Nutshell" (small booklet telling about the Brethren faith which may be obtained from the Brethren Publishing Co. and/or a special printed invitation to attend the services of your church.

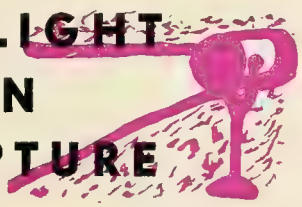
This Saturday evening call with an invitation and perhaps the bulletin for the next day would be effective in your visitation evening.

Sunday, May 16—This will be your Public Service program. Be sure to use the theme hymn in the service. Assign youth to serve as ushers, read Scripture, offer prayer, present special numbers, play piano and/or organ, and serve as official greeters.

Ask the pastor or a member of your group who might be capable to present a short message on the theme, "Our Mission," including the subtitles "Go," "Tell," "Teach," and "Baptize."

Report what you did through Youth Week to carry out the theme and subtitles by appointing a "Go" reporter, "Tell" reporter, "Teach" reporter, and "Baptize" reporter. Each reporter will be responsible for telling the congregation what was done in his area of assignment. Be sure to include any interesting experiences of the youth as they carried out the program.

SPOTLIGHT ON SCRIPTURE



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Can you locate this scripture reference? Look for the answer in next week's **Evangelist.**

BUS WASH

The Brethren Youth Crusaders of Center Chapel started the 1964-65 year with a meeting to plan activities and projects for the Lord's work. September found them busy washing school buses. After washing buses on the second day, they refreshed themselves by swimming at a nearby lake. The profit was $25.00 and lots of fun for the seven laboring teens.

The youth group had their own New Year's Eve party to open 1965. Fourteen young people and sponsors from the community sang songs, participated in contests and Bible quizzes, and joined in prayer before bursting balloons as a sign of the new year.

On February 20, fifteen young people and three adults went roller skating. The party had been planned for quite some time and no bad weather prevented this evening of laughter and blistering fun.

A special film, a visitation program, a joint meeting with another group and benevolent work are on the agenda for the future. The rest of the year will be spent in striving to reach the goals and in introducing new members to the group.

Becky West

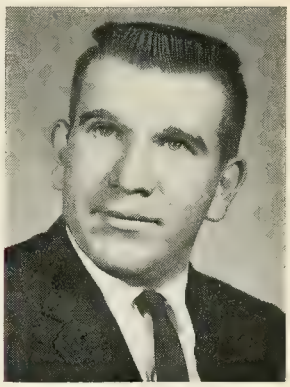
LEVITTOWN LINES

The Levittown, Pennsylvania, youth recently had a skating party and began work on an Easter play to be given on Easter Sunday night.

Our children's choir and youth choir have been participating in our morning worship services and also helped in our midweek Lenten services.

We average about 30 in our meetings, including the advisors and some adults who bring their children.

PROJECT PATTER



Greetings from the Derby Brethren Church:

The Derby Brethren are advancing toward the erection of a church building. A local bank has approved a loan for necessary financing. Progress is being made toward the completion of the final blueprints. Upon approval of these blueprints by the General Missionary Board, building will commence.

The need for a church building is becoming increasingly urgent. At best there are problems conducting Sunday school and church services in the parsonage. Can you imagine the added problems recently when the minister's children were confined with the measles!

A church building is imperative to reach this fast-growing community for Christ. An average of four homes is being completed each month in Derby. Many of these are in view of the church property.

Will you continue to pray with the Derby Brethren that the Lord will guide in the planning and speedy erection of a church building and in the reaching of souls in the Derby community?

Pastor M. W. Dodds

The Brethren Layman



Searching the Psalms

PSALM 92

by JOHN GOLBY

Psalm 92 is treated by John J. Golby, well known figure in Brethren denominational circles. A faithful attender at conferences where The Brethren are concerned, he has concerned himself actively with the welfare of the church. He is a past president of the N. L. O., a member of the National Mission Board and served on many conference committees. He is presently moderator of his home church, Third Brethren, Johnstown, Pa.

THIS PSALM was originally ordained to be sung on the Sabbath in the sacred place or the sanctuary. The Sabbath is a commemoration of the works of creation; of God's resting on the seventh day, and His continued watch care over His people. The Sabbath is a day of holy rest and by the same token, a day of holy work. Desecration of the Sabbath in America has brought about the low moral standards by which so many of us justify our conduct and behavior. We are trying to find out what is wrong with this or that practice when we should first find out what is good about it. For instance, many of our churches have no Sunday evening services, others call a vacation for the so-called summer slump. Are they justified in this stand?

For a week of one hundred and sixty-eight hours which the Lord allots to each and every one of us, is two and a half hours on Sunday morning and an hour and a half on Wednesday evening sufficient time to give to the Lord's work? Someone has figured that out of that one hundred and sixty-eight hours, we have fifty-seven hours of leisure time. If so, a good question would be—how are *you* using that leisure time? How many of us watch sports events on TV on the Sabbath? Is there any difference, except the price of admission, in that particular practice? Here our training and conscience must decide.

Psalm 24 tells us, *The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.* That really covers the earth, the good, the bad, the indifferent, and Psalm 92 calls upon all who know this to give thanks unto God and voice their praises of Him above all others at all times. It is a good thing to give thanks and offer our praises unto God; it is a joy; it is commendable; it pays its own wages; it is our duty and tribute to the great and gracious God. Practicing our belief would indicate that we are aware of Him. Expressing belief to others in whatever we say, in whatever we do, in our everyday living, is expected of Christians. Micah 6:8 tells what God requires. *What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?*

If ye love me, keep my commandments (St. John 14:15). We are admonished many times in the Scriptures, and should praise God each morning and evening, which is the duty every day requires. Then will we know why the Psalmist says, *For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work* (4a).

Let us strive earnestly daily to show forth to others the faith and hope that is in us; let us truly "triumph in the work of Thy hands." Let us spread the remembrances of what God can and will do for any and all of us wherever, whenever we can. *O Lord, how great are Thy works* (5a)—they are beyond the grasp of mere man; the greatness, the immensity, the immeasurability of God's handiwork and the final touch in creating man in His own image.

A foolish man, or as the Psalmist says, "a brutish man," pays no heed to the things of God. They who know the providence of God and are acquainted with His commandments and His grace have every reason to be thankful and grateful and to nurture the desire to tell others.

When the wicked spring as the grass, and all the workers of iniquity do flourish (7a), referring to the outward apparent prosperity of the wicked of the world, does not hold true. Proverbs 1:32 tells us, *the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.* The closing verse of this Psalm likens the Christian to the palm

and cedar trees known for their hardiness, strength, vigor and longevity.

And lastly, we're shown that the Lord is upright. *He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him* (15b). The Lord is my shepherd.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

THIS EASTER HOUR

Romans 4:25; Colossians 3:1

God raised Him up—but not to walk the earth,
Its sunlit fields, its woodlands cool and dim.
God raised His Son, that men of little worth
Might be forever justified in Him.
Christ has been raised. All nature will proclaim
In leaf and bud the resurrection power,
But only those who hear His blessed name
Can fully understand this Easter hour.
Christ has been raised: and we are risen, too,
But not to hover, eager and intent,
Upon earth's small affairs. The light breaks thru,
The clouds disperse—and whither Jesus went
We, too, shall go. But let us not forget,
Meanwhile, a world that does not know Him yet.

—Helen Frazee-Bower

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST brings and seals our pardon (Rom. 4:25). God acquits the ungodly who believe in Christ and declares them just (Rom. 8:33, 34). His peace (Jn. 14:27; 16:23) is a blessing of His resurrection (Jn. 20:19). Provision is made in the resurrection of Christ for the believer to walk in purity of life (Rom. 5:10; 6:4), a life free from sin (Rom. 6:10, 14, 18, 22, 23). The believer needs and must have the power of the resurrected Christ (Phil. 3:10; Eph. 1:19, 20). He needs the personal blessing of Christ's presence (Acts 18:9, 10) as did Paul (II Tim. 4:16, 17), according to promise (Jn. 14:18). Every believer is united with the resurrected Christ (Rom. 7:4; Eph. 2:6; Col. 3:1-3). The Lord's resurrection is a guarantee of our resurrection (Jn. 14:9; II Cor. 4:14).

The resurrection proves the divine inspiration of the Old Testament Scriptures (Jn. 20:9; I Cor. 15:3, 4). For only God can proclaim future events (Isa. 41:23). The prophecies of the Bible are true, trustworthy, and reliable (Lu. 24:25, 27; Acts 26:22, 23, 27). Abraham had faith for the resurrection of Christ (Jn. 8:56). Job believed in the resurrection of Christ (Job 19:25). The Old Testament faith is true, whereas all other contemporary religions were ill-founded (Jer. 16:19).

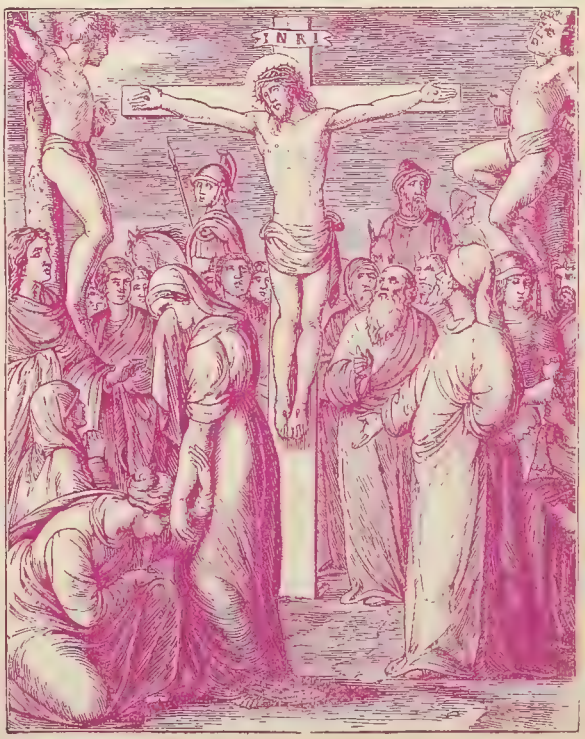
The resurrection of Christ was His own miraculous act (Jn. 2:19; 10:18) just as His incarnation was His own miraculous act (Jn. 1:14). His resurrection proves Him an infallible prophet and teacher for He often prophesied His own resurrection (Matt. 16:21; 17:9, 22, 23; 20:18, 19; Jn. 2:19-22). His resurrection proves His deity (Rom. 1:4). His resurrection proves Christian teaching to be true (I Cor. 15:14, 17), and the certainty of the resurrection of believers at His coming again (II Cor. 4:14), and the certainty of His coming Kingdom and Kingship (Acts 2:30, 31; Lu. 1:32, 33).

"Because I live, ye, too, shall live,"
The Master's voice rings down the years,
In accents sweet its music falls
Like balm on sorrow-deafened ears.

Because He lives, we, too, shall live!
Dread not the dark, mysterious tomb.
He has been there before us and
Has routed terror, fear, and gloom.

Because He lives, unnumbered souls,
Their voices raised in triumph, sing,
O grave, where is thy victory?
Once-dreaded death, where is thy sting?

Cordelia Spitzer



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Topic for May

TAKE TIME TO DREAM

by MRS. RICHARD STAHL

THIS IS AN INVITATION to a dream extended to you, the average too busy Christian homemaker, breadwinner, Sunday school and church officer, teacher, committee member, and harassed daily commuter between a dozen current projects, who is so busy serving God that you have no time *for* Him.

Time, which never hesitates to give itself completely without reservation to others, is without question, God's most wasted, misused gift squandered by man.

Our churches and Sunday schools are suffering from a lack of inspirational leaders gifted with insight and spiritual vision. Why? Because our "could be influential" leadership is not taking time to draw near to the Master Dreamer, who fashions dreams into creative plans and creative plans into a far-reaching effectual reality.

From the standpoint of motivation, daydreaming by the Christian is the incubation period, warmed by the breath of God, and given the voice of prayer.

Visionary dreaming will have a prolific effect on every effort for the Christian if we take time to nurture our dreams into actualization. Time has a way of running away from us. We need to capture her moments for meditation. We must yet learn to drop that mop! Shun that urge to deterge! Hurry from worry! We must forget to tune in on TV soap operas which portray sick characters and sick plots written by sin-sick writers who have dedicated themselves to the propagation of adultery and idolatry.

We are creatures of habit. We claim to be Christ centered. But all too often, we're centered with self. We *say* we love God with every fibre of our being; yet our being caters after physical desires and physical comfort. We're feeding our minds with telephone gossip and TV garbage while we starve our souls. A large percentage of America's women are victims of anemia, caused by exhaustion and improper food. A large majority of America's population are victims of spiritual anemia caused by insufficient rest in Jesus Christ and a lack of living faith in the Word.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28).

What a sweet invitation! Why does He love me so? I don't know why. But praise God, I believe it! One day He reached down and picked me up and introduced me to His Son. That was the day I turned from sin to the Son. Life was a puzzle, but now my Lord is helping me to fit the pieces together, one by one. When the picture of my life is completed, my prayer is that it will have brought a bit of glory to the Master Artist.

During a revival in a factory town, the foreman in the factory became concerned about his soul's salvation, but he could not find peace. His boss was a true follower of Jesus Christ. One morning the boss took time to send a note to the foreman, requesting him to call upon him at 6. Promptly at 6, the foreman arrived. "I see," said the boss, "that you believed the words of the letter which I wrote you. You came just as I requested you to come. Now, here is another letter for you."

The boss handed his foreman a piece of paper on which were written the words, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest* (Matt. 11:28). *Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out* (John 6:37b). As the foreman read these wondrous words, his lips quivered, his eyes filled with tears of joy, and he said, "I see it! I see it! I see it all! It is faith that does it. I believe the words of the Bible, and come to Jesus, the Savior!"

Long ago, the Master Dreamer devised in minute completeness, an infallible success plan for the individual life of His beloved, but fallen creation, man. So desperately did He long for man to taste the sweet joy of heaven by returning His great love and glorifying Him, that a plan of salvation, born in the heart of the Father, became a far-reaching effectual reality.

. . . And He sent His Son!

I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life (John 8:12). . . . "Come unto me!"

It is impossible to understand how God created life from nothing but His own creative power. It is impossible to understand why the Master of Dreams planned human life, created it, and gave His creation a plan to follow. But it is impossible for me not to believe it! I believe in every facet of it! And I believe that faith has many facets, all intended to be used to keep me purified from sin's defilement.

We learn to know what people actually are, by observing what they do. We learn about faith by observing what she does.

Here now the beautiful plan for men, born of the Master Dreamer:

"The Romance of Faith and Stewardship"

Little Faith, born of the Word of God, grew daily in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and soon took as her lifetime partner, a strong, hardworking fellow named Stewardship. He was a real taskmaster! Everything he did was a glory to God. Faith, of course, was behind all of Stewardship's activities. In fact, they were so inseparable, Faith would have died without Stewardship! And Stewardship? Why without Faith to inspire him, life would have had no meaning or purpose for him.

Fortunately, however, before the two joined together in Holy partnership, they decided right then and there to feast everyday on the Word of God, and to learn to pray. Soon, their testimony to the world was:

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me (Galatians 2:20).

Faith and Stewardship went everywhere, telling in word and showing in deed, God's great plan of salvation. They gave freely of their time, talents, and material store—even the very substance of their being to the glorification of God.

It is needless to say it! Surely you can guess what happened! The Lord God blessed this perfect union with nine spiritual children. First born was Love, then came Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, (Faith begets Faith, you know) Meekness, and Temperance.

Love, the first born, unselfish and humble by nature, won hearts wherever she went. She never insisted on having her own way. She never failed to supply a need. She grew to maturity and became a missionary. She went where no one else would go: to the lepers, to the outcasts of society, the slums, the jails, the street corners, the taverns, the houses of ill-repute, the schools of correction, the homes for unwed mothers. Love never condemned or judged one soul. She went to seek them and save them.

Love whispered the Word of God to the intellectual, the sophisticate, and the thief on the cross, the atheist and the Pharisee. St. Paul became her most dynamic messenger.

St. John wrote a book about Love. Dorcas demonstrated Love's unselfish concern. Stephen gave his life for her. The world could not contain the books that could be written about Love, if one could record evtry deed.

Joy, the second born, accompanies Love on every successful mission. Joy is a delightful companion. She stirs the emotions of the repentant sinner, and he weeps for Joy. She lavishes happiness upon Love's converts. She makes the sad to be glad, and the glad to sing with rejoicing.

Peace, third born child of that perfect union, is most often found at the altar and in the closet of prayer quietly performing her sacred task. Once, Peace performed a miracle and stilled a raging sea. Peace still is serenely at work, stilling the raging seas of sin at the command of the Savior.

Longsuffering, is the most elusive of God's spiritual children. Search where you will, you will usually find her working tirelessly in the midst of tribulation, clearing a path for sweet Peace. Patience is a runner of races, a miner of gold, a deliverer of souls. It is through Faith and her spiritual child Longsuffering, that we shall inherit the promise of Eternal Life.

Gentleness, a lovely child, is a close friend of all who labor in God's white harvest fields. So close is her relationship to the Great Physician, that all who know her, bear resemblance to Him. Gentleness never speaks harshly, never criticises. As the artist expresses his soul through a brush in his talented fingers, thus Gentleness expresses the tender compassion of the Great Physician through the tool of our Christian witness.

Those who know *Goodness,* have found her to be a limitless giver and a tireless worker. She is known for her good and perfect gifts and her good works. Goodness, the merry hearted messenger, delights in spreading the Good News and the Glad Tidings. Goodness delights in pleasing her neighbors. She is a fighter of the good fight of faith. She is a good soldier of Jesus Christ. She is a promoter, working all things together for good to them that love God; to them who are the called according to His purpose. She desires no glory for her good works, but true Goodness gives all glory to God in the name of Jesus, the Christ who went about doing good.

Strongest child of the Holy partnership is little *Faith.* Always the challenger, always the winner, little Faith, the size of a mustard seed, surmounts all circumstances, saves all souls. We must know Faith. Small though she may be, it is by the grace of God through faith in Christ Jesus that we are saved. Never doubt Him. Someone has said, "If we trust, we don't doubt; if we doubt, we don't trust!"

A poor Negro woman earned her living by hard daily labor. She was always happy and joyous in the Lord. One day, a gloomy Christian said to her, "Ah, Nancy, it is well enough to be happy now, but I should think thoughts of the future would trouble you. Suppose you should have a spell of sickness and not be able to work. Suppose your employer would move away, and no one else would give you work. Suppose . . ." "Stop!" cried Nancy. "I never supposes. The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want. It's those supposes that make you so miserable. You had better give them all up and *just trust the Lord!"*

Only innocent little children and men and women of strong character know *Meekness.* She will reveal herself in no other kind. Numbers 12:3 tells us that Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth. Meekness rode the lowly beast with Jesus unto Jerusalem. Meekness knelt with Jesus and washed the disciples' feet. Meekness was lifted up above the earth on a wooden cross. Meekness is humble, gentle, mild, and possesses a quiet spirit. All the meek of the earth shall be saved (Psalm 76:9). Yes, the meek are lifted up, beautified, and blessed (Psalm 147:6; 149:4; Matthew 5:5).

Dear Reader, we can read in Galatians 5:22 that the Master Dreamer planned for us to possess all

nine fruits of His Holy Spirit. We have met eight of this spiritual family of Faith and Stewardship.

To cultivate the constant companionship of *Temperance,* the last child named, is of the utmost importance. Without her disciplinary power, we fall open prey to one of the greatest—if not the greatest of all evils known to mankind—intemperance.

. . . Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags (Proverbs 23:20, 21).

The owner of the unbridled tongue, the squanderer of money and talent and time, the "too busy" one with no time for meditation are with the drunkard and the glutton, helping to quench the Holy Spirit of Almighty God.

Quench not the Spirit (I Thess. 5:19).

Take time to listen and to talk with the Master of Dreams. Let Him into the inner closet of your heart, surrender yourself—body, mind and soul to His creative will. He will transport you from the valley of frustration, defeat and forgetfulness, to the mountain tops of Vision, Usefulness and Victory.

Where there is no vision, the people perish (Proverbs 29:18).

May our next prayer in Jesus be:

"Lord, begin a revival *now* in me!"

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest (Matt. 11:28) . . . *Come unto me!*

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls (Matt. 11:29) . . . *Come unto me!*

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light (Matt. 11:30) . . . *Come unto me!*

Soon, others seeing Christ in you, will know that you take time to be with Him.

"Quench not the Spirit."

Bible Study for May

WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING

by REV. SMITH ROSE

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:15, 16).

THE CHRISTIAN is responsible for his walk. There has been far too much personal refusal to face up to these facts of life. "Being human" is the lame excuse of those who fail or do not desire the help of God to live the kind of life which will honor Him. The Apostle Paul uses every means at his disposal to get across to us that we are expected to be different from those about us in the world. The desire to belong and the fear of being different have stifled Christian witness until it is well-nigh nonexistent. About the most we do is give lip service to it in our present day. Can you imagine what Paul might say of our present-day Christianity? What would Jesus Christ say?

The Ephesian letter is one of the richest and most glorious for our study. It begins with Paul's awareness of the spiritual blessings which are for the believer now. They are spoken of as being in the heavenlies, which is where the believer's life is to be centered. He reminds us that we have been made alive in Christ. We are considered as parts of a heavenly temple for the Holy Spirit's residence here on earth. It is his prayer that believers may know the love of Christ and be filled with all of the fulness of God. He stresses the spiritual unity of the church and sees the gifts of God as being designed to build up and to complete the church as the body of Christ. Paul expresses the need he sees in believers to put off the former way of life as a definite conscious decision. Just as definite is the putting on of the way of life which now should characterize the children of God. Actions and attitudes related to the former life are pictured as grieving the Holy Spirit who indwells and seeks to transform the believer into the likeness of Christ.

The *circumspect* walk is the *accurate* walk. The New American Standard Version states this *Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.* The margin more correctly gives the words "Look carefully." The word carefully really carries the idea of accurately. This means that each step in life should be the right one. Slipping, stumbling, wandering, waywardness, and the like should not be a part of the Christian's walking vocabulary. We let ourselves off too easily. As long as we overlook and excuse our own sins, we think that God does as we do. This is not true. We all know that sin separates us from God. Just because we refuse to recognize it and call it what it really is does not keep us from being separated from His fellowship. On the other hand, sin recognized, admitted, repented of, and confessed IS FORGIVEN and fellowship is restored! How clever the Devil is and how unwise we are in this respect. We seem to enjoy

being self-deceived and the price is broken fellowship with God and a failure to live as His true children. What a disgrace we are to His family and to His great Name!

Paul reminds us at the beginning of chapter five that we should be followers or "imitators of God as beloved children." He asked that we walk in love and defined the nature of this love as being like that of Christ. He gave Himself as an offering to God as His way of expressing His love for us. This sacrifice was a fragrant aroma before God. By contrast immorality or impurity in any form would certainly be otherwise. This occurs in word and thought as well as in action. Certainly Jesus made very plain that it was just as sinful to think evil thoughts as to commit sinful acts. Many an outwardly moral person delights in the smutty or obscene joke, which is clear evidence of a corrupt mind and heart. Such a life could never offer a sacrifice pleasing to God, unless cleansed by the blood of Christ and turned from the walk of sin.

The Christian's walk is to be in light for he is now a child of the light. As such we are to bear the fruit of the Spirit which is characterized as "goodness and righteousness and truth." The purpose of light is to show us the way in which to walk and to reveal that which is evil in its true nature. Since Satan often masquerades as an angel of light, this true light which comes from Christ is very necessary to protect us from the Devil's deception.

Some people like to "sleep it off." They do not want to see things as they really are so they allow themselves to be lulled to sleep. They feel that, if they pretend that unpleasant things aren't there, they can take a sleep and they will be gone when they wake. Such an attitude has in it the seeds of death, so Paul calls us from our childish dreaming to life as it is. He would have us face up to life and to quit kidding ourselves. He promises that Christ shall give us the light we need to walk by.

It is evident at this point that we need to "Look carefully how we walk." Maybe you may be asking, "What is all of this talk about our walk? What does it mean?" In the Hogg and Vine commentary on the Thessalonian Letters it defines this well as "a figurative use of the word (walk), signifying the whole round of the activities of the individual life, whether of the unregenerate, or of the believer. It is applied to the observance of religious ordinances as well as to moral conduct. The Christian is to walk in newness of life, after the Spirit, in honesty, by faith, in good works, in love, in wisdom, in truth, after the commandments of the Lord. And, negatively, not after the flesh, not after the manner of men, not in craftiness, not by sight, not in the vanity of the mind, not disorderly." Thus in few words a complete summary of the New Testament teaching is outlined for us. The wise person will be careful to see that the positive aspects are fulfilled and the negative aspects avoided, so far as his own personal walk is concerned.

We agree that this is all good teaching but wonder why we must get at it now. This is because the Devil's most successful tool with the Christian is tomorrow. He does not ask us to turn down the idea permanently but just get us to agree to delay until tomorrow the decision we know we ought to make. When we make decision, then tomorrow is soon enough to do something further about it. When tomorrow comes, we do not need to set every area right but save some for tomorrow. Paul's teaching is "Making the most of your time, because the days are evil." Time is the essence. Not one of us has a claim to the next breath nor to the next heartbeat. This moment may be our only moment or it may be the beginning of many moments which lengthen out into a lifetime given over to walking in the will of God.

The teaching continues with an emphasis upon the idea that we must be different. A contrast is made between the drunkard and the spirit-filled believer. Both of them act differently and both are in the control of something else. One is filled with liquid spirits, and cannot control the way he walks, so he staggers and falls in the general direction his mind tries to guide him. The other is filled with the Holy Spirit of God and thus has the unerring Guide in the ways of God. All he needs to do is to inquire about the right way, receive guidance for the journey, and trust in the Holy Spirit to see him through to the final goal in life, entering the blessed presence of the Lord Jesus.

The walk of the believer will concern itself with the encouragement of singing and of giving of thanks. The heart that rests in the provisions God has made for the way must be filled with song and must be aware of the multitude of blessings which God has showered upon the way he travels. Contention among believers is bound to be diminished for they serve under the guidance of the same Spirit so cannot be at odds with each other. Family life is harmonious and there is a no striving for supremacy for love and obedience remove the sources of strain, and there is a growing trust in each other because each believer is filled with the same Spirit. Employers and employees who are Christian demonstrate that the guidance of the Spirit is just as effective in the work-a-day world as it is in the home and in the church.

One might say, "This sounds very good. There is no conflict." Paul reminds us that now that we are sure which side we are on, there is a continual conflict. (Some of us are not aware of the conflict because we cannot make up our minds which side we are on. We sing, "We are on the Lord's side," and still do many of the works of the Devil through our criticism of others, our gossip, our failure to give a true witness, our unwillingness to stand for what is right, our prayerlessness, our unfaithfulness in service, and the like.) Paul's advice is good for us today. He reminds us that we should realize that our strength is in the Lord. We need to put on the entire armor which He has provided for us. It is not a physical struggle against a visible enemy but a spiritual struggle against an enemy who cannot be seen. A definite part of the believer's responsibility in his walk of life is to take a stand for the Lord and to stay with it through thick and thin. Prayer for ourselves and for others will be our greatest resource and will be the means of fulfilling our destiny in the world as we walk circumspectly before God.

The Christian's walk demonstrates his obedience to his Master and tells all about him—how much or how little he thinks of His Savior. Further than this it is the measure of the quality of his Christian experience and testimony before the world.

Special Study
Brethren Missions in Review

The MISSIONARY BOARD of the BRETHREN CHURCH

Part I

THUS FAR in our study of Brethren missions we have reviewed the Biblical basis for missions and have completed a brief history of mission work from the birth of the Brethren church until the present time. We are all aware that to succeed in such an effort as home and world missions takes organization, concentration and dedication on the part of those who administer this work. The group which is responsible for this important endeavor is the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church.

Most Brethren people are acquainted to some extent with the workings of this Board. They know that the Board is housed in the small brick building adjacent to the Publishing Company on College Avenue in Ashland, Ohio. Our purpose this month is to gain a better insight into the workings of this Board.

Just what is the purpose of the Missionary Board? It can best be expressed in the words of the preamble to its constitution. "The general aim of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church shall be to foster and develop self-propagating, self-supporting churches among and for the people called Brethren, to secure proclamation of the Gospel among the unevangelized in our homeland and to secure the cooperation of all our churches and people in our home and foreign missionary enterprises." The Board is a corporation and is one of the cooperating organizations of th Brethren Church. One of its main functions is to re ceive and pay out money for the general missionar purposes of the church.

The Board is made up of fifteen members electe by General conference, each for a term of three years The various districts of the church are each repre sented and one member of the board is always a resi dent of the state of Illinois. In addition to the fifteer members elected by conference, the Woman's Mis sionary Society also nominates two of its member to serve on the Board.

The Board is organized and annually elects its ow officers composed of a president; first, second, an third vice presidents; and a treasurer. A General Sec retary is also elected by the Board. These officer make up the Executive Committee which cares for al matters which arise between the meetings of the Board

The Board regularly meets during National Con ference and in February to conduct its business. Dur the month of May the Board meets to consider th budget for the coming year.

Next month we will take a closer look at the com mittees which carry on the work of the Board an also at the personnel of the Board.

Spiritual Meditations

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"TAKE TIME" TO READ THE BIBLE

You search the scriptures, . . . it is they that bear witness to me (John 5:39—R.S.V.).

A WRITER TELLS of being scheduled to read the Scripture portion on a program that was proving too full. Sitting beside a surgeon who was to be the speaker for the occasion, the writer thought to inquire if the speaker would think it proper to have the Bible read—if they should "take time" to read the Bible. *"Take time,"* the surgeon speaker replied. The reply of the man of science raises a penetratin question: In the rush of our modern day has th reading of the Bible been, or is it being, crowded out It seems to this writer that if ever there was a tim when the Bible is needed, it is now. Life is expandin rapidly. The very depth of the unknown—as well a the heights—are being explored. We need somethin that goes deep; far below the lowest soundings an far beyond the highest echoes. We need somethin vast and solid to build upon. We need something stron enough to which to tie our faith; that it will endur and outlast all contention, and furnish all neede strength.

In the flyleaf of a student's Bible appeared this aph orism, "This book will keep you from sin, or sin wi keep you from this book." How desperately man need the faith and courage in the midst of life's turmoil that are found in God's Word. Life will never reac it's best in an atmosphere of doubt and fear. "TAK TIME TO READ THE BIBLE."

SISTERHOOD

MISSION INTEREST . . .

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matt. 28:19, 20).

THESE VERSES are to be found in the Gospel according to Matthew, and they are the words of Christ by which missionaries in all lands are governed. Are these words significant to you now as a Sisterhood girl? Or do you wonder how you can help carry out this command?

I hope that all of you can answer, "yes," to the first question above; for missions is the primary concern of the Sisterhood society. And as Christians we have a responsibility to spread the Word of God. For most of us right now, it is impossible to be on a mission field other than our own surroundings, but we *can* support our missionaries who are serving in other lands as well as in our own. Even the youngest of our Sisterhood girls can help in this support. Please take notice of our goals for this year; numbers 5, 7, 8, and 9b specifically deal with the program of missions as related to S.M.M. It is the duty of each girl to share in meeting these goals.

Yes, YOU can help our missionaries. They need and appreciate your prayer support. Write and encourage them in their efforts. Let them know that you are concerned for them and for the African missions, thus helping in the hospital work. And, last of all, be a missionary, yourself, right where you are. Seek God's will and guidance for your own life, and be willing to serve Him where He leads. As you participate in the Sisterhood program of your church, keep MISSIONS uppermost in your minds and purposes.



MISSIONARY NEWS

GUNDUMA . . .

Women's Annual Meeting at Mbororo

by BEA BISCHOF

IF YOU would have visited Mbororo early in February you would have seen much activity and preparation for our Gunduma. Each year all the women meet together for classes and fellowship from our five Higi Churches. There were 104 women who came from Mwoda Church, 160 from Kwaka, 99 from Mbororo, 45 from Wati, and 23 from Brishishiwa. About 430 women registered for the classes and among these were about 100 girls who will soon be married.

We have about twenty active women here at Mbororo, but about 40 women showed up to help us. Each woman brought 3 head loads of firewood, 2 or 3 cooking pots, 1 measure pan the size of a cereal bowl with rice and one pan of peanuts ground in the engine at Michika and the women cooked seven large pots of porridge made from the rice and ground peanuts. As the women came in about 3:30 P.M. from each village they were served this porridge. Many of the women had walked very far and so were tired on arrival. The Brishishiwa and Mwoda Churches are about four miles from Mbororo, the Kwaka Church about 13 miles and the Wati Church about 9 miles from Mbororo.



Every woman that came brought her sleeping mat, ground guinea corn flour, blanket and those who knew how to read brought their Bibles.

The women from Mbororo Church area paid out from their treasury for the Gunduma $31.66. The following may interest you:

Goat	$ 3.64	Dried fish—large drum, full	$11.20
Sheep	3.24	Dadawa (made from locust bean, is a meat seasoning)	.28
Small cow	10.64	Bidlimi Cake—similar to salt, is a meat preservative)	.56
Salt	1.12		
Onions	.28		
Okra	.70		

There were over a hundred pots. Four women cooked at one pot. The meat and the ingredients were distributed evenly each evening, enough for that evening meal and the next morning meal. The first night was the dried fish and the next day the goat, sheep and cow.

Why not join the TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

The men in the church made grass mat shelters which held over 100 people, the rest of the women slept in the four school room buildings, but there was still not enough room. So many slept in the other house, in the garage, and in the storehouse.

We had four classes on Home and Family Life, Christian marriage, Hygiene, and Bible Study. These were taught by the men who had finished study at the Bible School. In the evenings the whole village turned out for the preaching service. Mr. Hall from Lassa showed pictures to the women on farming and local pictures of people and the Bible school. The different women's groups lead the singing in all the meetings. Our guest speakers were Ngamariju, Pastor of the Lassa Church, Mrs. Bowman and Dr. Burke.

The meeting was wonderful. We had good discussions on their homes and family problems. They all felt that these meetings will help them in making a Christian home for their children and husband. They ask you all to pray for them that they will put Christ first in their home.

MISSIONARIES ON AIR

In previous issues of *The Brethren Evangelist* you have read items concerning the curtailment of shortwave transmitter communication among the mission stations in Nigeria. Your prayer strength was encouraged to appeal to God for this great need.

You will be pleased to know that the Ministry of Communication of the Nigerian government has granted permission to continue the radio operation and after some minor changes in transmitter equipment, the mission will go back on the air. Praise the Lord for this great asset to His work in Nigeria!

SUSAN BYLER'S Change of Address

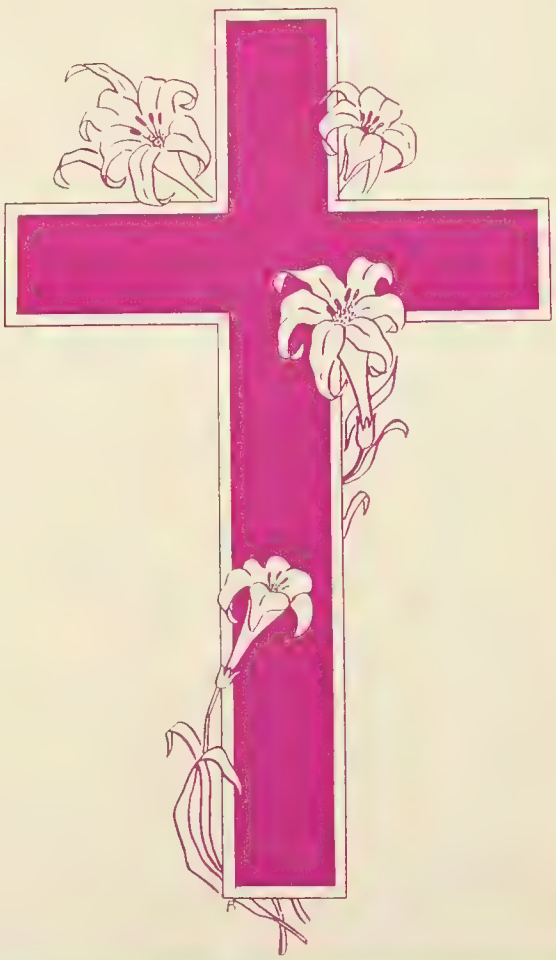
Susan's Aunt and Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. William Dersch with whom she resides, have moved to:

8 Westerly Avenue
Madison, New Jersey

Susan continues in her studies at Northeastern Collegiate Bible Institute located nearby.

She was thrilled with an opportunity by a local church to go to the Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention at the University of Illinois. Here she became a part of a delegation of 7500 young people from all over the United States and from many parts of the world—all of them university or college students.

The highlights of this convention for Susan included meeting over 50 students from Latin America with whom she enjoyed individual Bible studies and reunions in Spanish. She delighted in having the opportunity to inform people interested in the missionary field from a first-hand experience. The outstanding speakers and spiritual unanimity were most inspiring to Susan.



MISSIONARY CHILD'S BIRTHDAY

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LET'S DOUBLE IT!

The Easter Story

by DR. CLARA W. MILLER

EACH DAY'S DAWN is like a recurrance of the first act of the Creation as if again the decree had gone forth—"Let there be light," and as the earth whirls on its orbit, there sweeps westward a band of brightness, fringed by the half light of daybreak. Doubt and dread born of darkness, are transformed by the daylight into faith and courage. With each new day, as of old, it can be said again of the light that "It is good."

It was very early on the Sunday morning after the crucifixion of Jesus on Friday, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were on their way over the Mount of Olives to the new tomb on the side of the hill of Golgotha where the soldiers had temporarily laid Jesus. They had in their hearts a faint hope of something other than death for their beloved Master. Had He not raised Lazarus from the dead, and had He not said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up"? What could He have meant?

Upon entering the tomb they saw other women and Mark and young John carrying linens and spices to finish the task of preparing Jesus' body for final burial. But what is this? The stone is rolled away. An angel clad in white stands guardian there and tells them, "He is risen!" A golden sunrise is dawning, bright and fair. It is Easter Morn! All hail to Him — our Risen Lord and King!

"He is risen! He is risen!
Tell it out with joyous voice,
Let the whole wide world rejoice,
He has burst His three day prison,
Death is conquered, man is free,
Christ has won the victory!"

"Earth, thou could not hold Him longer!
Death is strong, but life is stronger,
Stronger than the dark, the light!
Stronger than the wrong, the right.
Faith and Hope triumphant say,
"Christ had to rise on Easter Day."

Immortality is something to be lived rather than proved. Socrates, the ancient philosopher said, "All men's souls are immortal, but the souls of the righteous are both immortal and divine."

Easter has become for many an island of hope in the midst of a dreary world. It was no accident that Easter became the center of the church year from which all the great festival seasons stem, and by which their time is fixed. This great day was the first to be celebrated in the church. As early as the century after Christ it was considered the great feast day, and it was no wonder for the church is founded not upon the fact of the crucifixion of Christ but upon the glorious certainty of His resurrection.

Immortality is a fact based on the sense of the worth and dignity of human souls. If we can see God's glory in the commonplace things of life, and consider these words of Jesus which He spoke on that first Easter night, behind closed doors, where the disciples were assembled—"Peace be unto you," we will have that true peace in our hearts as we look out through the doors of all the world in confusion today, torn and rent asunder by war and hatred, we will have faith and confidence that God reigns, that God is love, that God is in His heaven and all's right with the world—His world.

Many of our great poets have expressed their thoughts concerning immorality in beautiful verse.

Longfellow—"In the wreck of noble lives
Something immortal still survives."

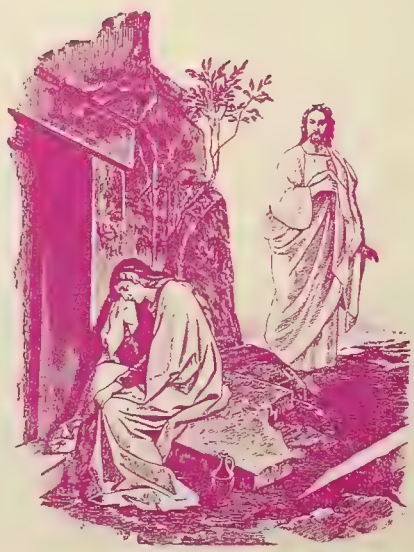
Tennyson, thinking of his beloved friend, Arthur Hallem, wrote—
"I know triumphant worth will bloom to profit other where."

Keats, thinking of the good life of his beloved wife wrote—
"My dear, I wish to believe in immortality.
I wish to live with you forever."

We celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox, between March 22 to April 25.

"For I remember it is Easter morn
Life and love and peace are all newborn."

Read: Matthew 28
Mark 16
Luke 24
John 20



Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

THE TEACHER AS A PERSONAL EVANGELIST

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL teacher — particularly the teacher of children and young people — has a great pportunity for personal evangelism. He works with a latively small number of individuals, he learns to know ese pupils well, and he is accustomed to speaking of iritual things to these pupils. Therefore, he has an nside track," so to speak, with these pupils, and is ore able to lead them to Christ and a personal expe-ence of Him.

There are a number of steps involved in a teacher's sks as personal evangelist. We want to consider these. ut first, we should be reminded that the work of a acher as a personal evangelist presupposes that he is lfilling the requirements of a teacher mentioned in the st article — that is, (1) **being a faithful teacher** or rrying on the educational evangelism, and (2) **making rsonal contacts** of various types with his students. he is doing this he is then prepared to begin the steps personal evangelism.

eps in Personal Evangelism

1. **Watch for religious growth.** As the teacher teaches om week to week he should be alert to the religious evelopment of his students. He should watch for those ho, by the questions they ask and the attitudes they idence, show that they are ready to commit themselves Christ. The teacher will want to give every encour-gement to such students.

2. **Build friendship and trust.** The pupil seeking hrist will not come to you unless he trusts you and oks upon you as a friend. This friendship will be built rgely through personal contacts.

3. **Provide opportunities to be alone with seekers.** The acher should make known in class that he is always ady to speak to anyone desiring to ask questions or to lk about his personal life. One teacher made it a prac-ce to sit in her room after class so that her pupils ight come and talk to her about receiving Christ. In me cases, with a shy student, the teacher may want approach the student, instead of waiting for him to me.

4. **Present the Christian way.** This should be done om time to time in class. It should also be gone over speaking personally with a pupil about salvation.

NOTE: The steps for leading a person to Christ are und in practically every teacher's quarterly in our rethren Imprint Sunday School Material. Therefore, ey are not reprinted here.)

5. **Give personal testimony.** In speaking personally with a "seeker" tell about your own conversion, or tell what being a Christian means to you.

6. **Discuss questions sincerely and frankly.** Do not argue or ridicule. For those who have intellectual problems, do not argue them into Christianity. This is a step of faith. (See and use Hebrews 11:6.)

7. **Help the individual to a real experience.** Go over the steps of salvation with him (as mentioned above, these are found in your Brethren Imprint teacher's quarterly). Help him to express his faith. Pray with him.

8. **Provide an opportunity for public confession.** The Sunday school teacher should inform the pastor of anyone who accepts Christ under his guidance. He will also want to encourage the new Christian to go before the church to make public confession, and to be baptized.

9. **Guide the convert's Christian development.** "Winning is only the beginning." Conversion must be followed by Christian growth. Therefore, the teacher must encourage the new Christian to use the means of Christian growth — Bible reading, prayer, and fellowship with other Christians.

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A STUDENT CONVENTION—AND 'WITH IT' CHRISTIANS

"THIS IS THE MOST OUTSTANDING CONVENTION of any kind I have ever attended—and I've been to quite a few!" This emphatic statement from Norman Cummings, president of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, summed up his reaction to the Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention, held Dec. 27-31 at the University of Illinois.

And Mr. Cummings, whose full-time post is that of Home Director for Overseas Crusades Inc. in Palo Alto, California, probably spoke for a great many of the 7,000-plus in attendance when he made this evaluation.

The statistics alone are impressive: well over 7,000 present, to make this the largest of the conventions sponsored tri-annually since 1946 by the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowships of the United States and Canada—and undoubtedly one of the largest student missionary conventions ever held anywhere in the world. (An estimated 15,000 heard Dr. Billy Graham on the final night, in a meeting opened to the general public.)

The students came from every province of Canada and every state in the U. S. A., and present were some 500 students from outside North America and over 400 missionaries to provide a truly international flavor.

They came from more than 800 schools (colleges, universities, schools of nursing)—with the University of Minnesota claiming the largest single delegation, 125.

But many leaders present voiced the view that the real significance of the convention ranged far beyond these statistics, impressive though they are.

Following Dr. Graham's address on the final evening, nearly three-fourths of the students present stood in an expression of Christian commitment. Later the entire group joined in a solemn communion service led by Rev. Ruben Lores of Costa Rica, with the presidents of some 200 Inter-Varsity student chapters in the United States and Canada acting as servers. Dr. John Alexander, professor at the University of Wisconsin and head of the Department of Geography there, who was recently named General Director of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of the United States, called for a moment of silent prayer to close the service and the convention.

As the thousands of students bowed together, no doubt their minds went back over the many items of deep spiritual significance and intellectual stimulation which had marked their time together.

They remembered the daily Bible expositions by the Rev. John R. W. Scott of London . . . the voices from afar to which they had listened, such as Ruben Lores of Costa Rica and I. Ben Wati and P. T. Chandapilla of India . . . the daily speakers panels, featuring distinguished missionary figures and church leaders . . . the "give and take" of afternoon question forums . . . the 600 morning Bible study groups and evening prayer circles in which they had met . . . the special elective courses covering almost every conceivable facet of Christian world service opportunity . . . and, with all of this, the many new friends they had met from all over the world as well as from throughout North America.

What had impressed them most? Many of the students to whom this question was posed mentioned especially the element of fellowship as well as the spiritual help and intellectual stimulus they had received.

Said Jim Neufeld of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada: "I've been especially impressed by the 'with-it' Christians I have met here." And he added, "This has been the experience of a lifetime."

There had been many high and holy moments. None of those present would ever forget the memorial service of Tuesday, December 29, as they paused to remember 29 missionaries from the more than 10 societies at the convention who had given their lives for Christ on the fields of the world since 1961. Dr Wilbert Norton, professor-elect o missions in the graduate school o Wheaton College, led the memoria observance, which was marked b dignity and restraint and yet which reached all present with its impac —especially as the voice of Dr. Pau Carlson filled the vast meetin place via his last tape from Congo before he died in the streets o Stanleyville. Later a cable was received from Mrs. Carlson in Bangui to say she was praying for the convention and that her family thanked the students for thei prayer interest.

"The most outstanding convention . . . I've ever attended." "The experience of a lifetime." With these words, from a missionary executive and from a typical student one could sum up the reactions o many to the Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention.

—Larry Ward

CONGOLESE REBEL PRETENDED 'NEGOTIATION' ON CARLSON

NEW YORK (EP)—Evidence found in Stanleyville showed that Congo rebel leader Christophe Gbenye fanned desires among his followers for the immediate execution of Dr Paul Carlson at the same time he used the American medical missionary as a pawn in negotiations.

Mercenaries found files in Gbenye's office which included carbon copies of telegrams the rebel leader had sent to himself and others demanding Dr. Carlson's death in the last days before the Stanleyville street massacre. The missionary was shot as he tried to escape.

BILLY GRAHAM IN HAWAII

HONOLULU (EP)—The 71- year-old father of Hawaii's Lieutenant Governor was among 800 persons who responded to Dr. Billy Graham's evangelistic invitation in the final service of his 8-meeting Crusade here. The response brought the total decisions for Christ to more than 2,900, and the crowd of 15,000 swelled the aggregate attendance above the 65,000 mark.

Wilfred K. Richardson, 71, father of Lt. Governor William S. Richardson, told after the service why

he joined the more than 800 others who "went forward" in Honolulu Stadium in the closing meeting. He said: "I feel very good about this. I felt moved; I felt convinced when Dr. Graham told that story about Noah. I felt I ought to rededicate myself to God."

SAY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN ITALY BOOSTED BY COURT DECISION

ROME, ITALY (EP)—Two evangelical ministers recently won a court case in Foggia, Italy, affirming their right to preach their religious beliefs outdoors.

The Rev. Royal L. Peck of San Jose, California, and the Rev. Bernard Oxenham of Kelowna, B. C., both serving the Greater Europe Mission, were cleared of charges of holding an illegal public meeting.

An appeals court judge ruled that preaching outdoors was no crime. The ruling came some eleven months after the ministers were detained by police after holding a service in a public square in Foggia. Seven months later, Mr. Peck and Mr. Oxenham, without their knowledge, were tried "in absentia," convicted, and fined $25 each.

Mr. Peck said the ruling of the appeals court judge "affirms the principle of religious freedom in Italy."

WCTU TIES ANTI-ALCOHOL CAMPAIGN TO POVERTY WAR

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (EP)—President Johnson was urged by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union here to include a drive against liquor as part of the national anti-poverty program.

In a resolution adopted at its 90th anual convention, the WCTU called on the President "to recognize that no campaign for the elimination of poverty can be successful without the elimination of the advertising and sale of alcoholic beverages."

In other resolutions, the WCTU rededicated itself to a continuing fight against liquor, smoking, narcotics and obscenity, and called for accelerated programs to teach children of their dangers.

The women also urged churches to "issue a call to all members to exemplary living of the Christian life which we believe should be free from the use of beverage alcohol.

A VOLUNTEER REPORTS

by ROBERT MISHLER

Bob Mishler is well-known by many Brethren people in the Nappanee-Goshen-New Paris area of Indiana. He fulfilled his draft obligation by serving over two years on the Nigerian Mission Field. More details of his activities as a C.O. appear in this account.

WARFARE is not a struggle between individuals, but is a struggle between social organisms. Man does not "like war." There is no indication that man has an innate instinct to destroy his own kind (or Brethren). Men are driven to the slaughter like sheep because they are forced to do so by their social institutions. If men are inspired by "the love of glory," (a job for the propagandists in wartime) it comes not from their inner-most selves, but from their culture, as expressed by the individuals of the society. War helps to breed the spirit necessary for men to sanction such a destructive process.

Men, as individuals of a society, have the opportunity to display their particular culture through the channels of their social institutions (church, schools, government, clubs, families, etc.). If men are to dispense with war, it means they must better understand man and the social atmosphere which he creates for his survival.

With the desire to learn more about man, from differing environments and cultures, B. V. S. (Brethren Volunteer Service) offered me an excellent opportunity in this pursuit. Upon graduating from Manchester College, I entered the B. V. S. training unit. Here thirty-three of us studied religion, psychology culture interpretation, and adjustment, individual and group activities, and many other vital areas of concern helpful for one wishing to live with a people who culturally differ from his own. After the three months training, and a short experience with N. I. H. (National Institutes of Health), Northern Nigeria became my home for twenty-six months.

With the Church of the Brethren Mission at Waka, Nigeria, my activities became quite varied. Waka, a large educational center, (received most of its financial support from the Northern Region Government, but staffed by the Missions) presented me many opportunities: work with the schools in a teaching capacity; operate and conduct a two-year apprenticeship program for masons and carpenters; work and train in mechanics and electricity; assist in general construction; drive motors extensively; and most rewarding of all, it permitted me to live and share with a people who were different from my native people in color, religion, social customs (marriage, training, family life), economic means, values, environment, etc., etc.

Upon returning to the United States, I taught social studies in secondary school for one year in Nappanee, after which I entered graduate school as a student of Cultural Anthropology.

The experiences gained through B. V. S. have proven invaluable. They have been the strongest motivating force for continued study in the understanding of life, and especially human life. For it is only from a respectful understanding of all peoples that there can evolve a social peace, which will embrace the whole human race.

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NOTES and COMMENTS

LIFE FOR DEATH

G. Winson Ledbetter

The Son of God, Lord, Jesus, Christ,
The lamb of God, The Way,
The Truth, The Life, The Shepherd Good,
The Light — The Star of Day!

Such names as these — so awe-inspired,
Could tongues of men condemn?
Yet, guiltless though He was, the sins
Of all were laid on Him.

He stood a prisoner of men
He'd loved while earth He trod,
The only crime that He had done
Was point the way to God!

And here for captor, critic, snob
(And sinners in ev'ry race)
The Lamb of God who knew no sin
Would suffer in their place.

He'd die the death appointed them
(As prophets did foretell).
He stood before the cross of shame
And faced the awful hell.

"Oh, why hast Thou forsaken Me,
My God? — the anguished cry!
The answer seems to be, "'Tis so
Else sinful man must die!'"

O, God, My thanks for what You've done!
My debt, too great to pay;
For, life for death You've given me —
And I am Yours, today!



the editor's editorial

Trials Prove Mockery

THE FOLLOWING information found its way to the Editor's desk which we think will be of much interest to our readers.

"If ever an innocent man was 'framed,' that man is Jesus, the Galilean Teacher. From the time of His arrest, at midnight Thursday, to His crucifixion, nine hours later, the proceedings involving His arrest and trial were truly an illegal farce.

"At midnight on Thursday He was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. The use of the traitor, Judas, as an instrument in the arrest, is clearly forbidden by the Mosaic law.

"The Teacher's first 'trial' was before the ex-High Priest, Annas, who had been previously deposed by the Roman Government and therefore had no right to preside over any judicial tribunal.

"At 2 o'clock in the morning (two hours after His arrest), Jesus was brought before the Sanhedrin for informal trial by Caiaphas. But the Mishna clearly states that 'All proceeding in which the life of a man is at stake must take place in the light of day.'

"During this trial, Jesus was interrogated regarding His teaching, and replied: 'Why ask me? Ask those who heard me,' upon which he was struck by a nearby officer. Yet the Talmud forbids the striking of a prisoner.

"The witnesses who were called were obviously badly coached, for they could not agree in their testimony.

"When Caiaphas asked Jesus, 'Tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God,' Jesus replied in the affirmative, and was denounced as a blasphemer. But the Talmud defines blasphemy as 'an insult to Jehovah in which the name of Jehovah is uttered.' Furthermore, the law declares that before conviction of blasphemy, a special legal ceremony was required — two witnesses, concealed by a curtain, must confirm the fact of blasphemy.

"Once again the law was violated when Jesus, in prison, was bound, spat upon, blindfolded and insulted before pronouncement of guilt.

"Then came the formal session of the Sanhedrin, at 5 a. m., as day broke and the season of Passover commenced officially and the Passover trumpets announced its beginning. Yet it is illegal to hold any trial during Passover.

"Again, Roman law forbids the meeting of the Sanhedrin in a capital case without prior permission from the Roman authorities. This permission was neither asked for nor received.

"The use of false witnesses is also forbidden by the Mosaic Law and the Talmud.

"In prescribing the death penalty, the Sanhedrin exercised authority which had been taken away from them 40 years previously.

"All civilized jurisprudence requires that the judge in any trial be impartial and unbiased. Caiaphas was obviously biased and prejudiced.

"Roman law required that the Governor should be notified in advance of the details of any case to come before him. Yet Governor Pilate was taken completely by surprise when Jesus was brought before him. And here, again, the testimony of the witnesses was so conflicting that Pilate was convinced of Jesus' innocence. Having found Him innocent, he should have released Him, but, instead, he sent Him to Herod. Yet Herod had no right to try Jesus. He was tetrarch of Galilee and the case was therefore out of his jurisdiction.

"Herod returned Jesus to Pilate, who again found Him innocent — and then offered to pardon Him! How can one pardon an innocent man? The Jewish leaders demanded His crucifixion (though Jewish law stipulates stoning).

"Finally, to please the Jewish leaders, Pilate condemned to crucifixion one whom he had declared innocent.

"No wonder he had to wash his hands!"

from the Woman's Outlook

A Letter from - - -

NANCY HOSTETLER

Missionary in Lost Creek, Kentucky

Dear W.M.S. Friends,

Close your eyes, please, and try to picture this. Your day begins with a knock at the apartment door. Sue is sick in bed and we need someone to help dry breakfast dishes. A not-too-overly-anxious substitute is enlisted, and you return long enough to pick up a now wide-awake baby and head for the cafeteria downstairs. Donning your best 6:50 a.m. smile, you dodge broom pushers and dish carriers to see that all goes well and that the noon menu is ready for the lady who will come in from the community to prepare the hot lunch. Back upstairs to answer the phone, deliver a message, and then, if you hurry, you'll get the milk on the cereal before the next knock at the door. "Yes, here's a needle and some black thread." Face washed. "Come in! Sorry, just big safety pins on hand right now." Toast made. Diaper changed. "No, your hair looks real nice." Just partially dressed and a call for help from the kitchen. Away we go to look for some rolled wheat that took a notion to visit its neighbors in the the corn meal bin. Back upstairs and reach for the phone with one hand and a hairbrush with the other. "Yes, we have some Pepto-Bismo, send him over." Rinse dishes, turn off light, put on coats and deliver daughter to baby sitter at other end of campus. Hurry back for speech class. It's just 9 a.m.—today we're learning to tell flash card stories and each one will take a turn practicing with this set from World Vision. Fifty minutes later we all head for the high school building. Stop in office, pick up the mail, and then get the study hall settled so some more library books can be catalogued. The day is just beginning. First a look at the mail. Who's this from? Her name isn't familiar. A friendly note, some woman-to-woman chat, words of encouragement, a reminder of prayerful allegiance, and a closing "God bless you." Yes, another letter from a W.M.S. friend. You smile, a lift of the shoulders (they don't seem quite so weighed), and all of a sudden the day seems brighter, more promising. The whole future seems more meaningful.

Is this the Friday the thirteenth page torn from a diary? No, it's just a *typical* day here at the one home mission boarding school of the Brethren church. There are trials and tribulations, yes, and there are rewards too, for those whom the Lord calls to serve Him here

I know many of you have followed Riverside very closely in the past years, and perhaps some of you have even given consideration to giving a year or more of your time here. Perhaps then and on other occasions you have pondered this question, "What would be the greatest sacrifice, and what would be the greatest reward?" May I attempt to answer this for you from my own experience.

The greatest sacrifice—I used to think there was no sacrifice. After all, we have all the comforts of home—good food, shelter, plenty of clothing, many modern conveniences. This was not my mental picture of missionary life. But then you begin putting your heart and soul into the program, and begin getting a vision of the many possibilities for Christian service and the picture changes. You plunge in and try to be all the different things you need to be—teacher, mother, counselor, chaperone, advisor, supervisor, wife, driver, correspondent, and others. Sometimes you succeed and many times you fail. Then all of a sudden you discover there's one person missing from the list—yourself. There's no time just to relax and be yourself. Yes, this is your cross to bear, and you bear it gladly because He bore a greater one for you.

The greatest reward? This took more thought. There are many, but the greatest I believe would be—the revelation of the responses of a *living* God to His children's supplications. Perhaps another way to put it would be—the witnessing of answered prayer. Not just our prayers either but yours, too. Over and over again we *see* answers—in the lives of young people (many who are out of place in their own homes), in the building of a boys' dorm, in the building of a new church, in the receiving of needed materials like dishes, furniture, paint, food, clothing, machinery, money, etc.

Yes, we serve a living God. Who can doubt it.

With much love and prayer,
Nancy Hostetler

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Acts

Memory Scripture for the month — Acts 2:21

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

April 25 - May 1

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 1:6-11

He's Great!

"Grandpa knows everything about fishing," bragged Gary. "He takes me with him lots of times. We have loads of fun."

"What's so great about going fishing?" sneered Joe.

"Grandpa tells exciting stories, too," said Linda. "Once he was on an airplane that made a crash landing. Another time he helped find a boy who was lost in a snowstorm."

"So what?" yawned Joe. "Most grandpas tell stories."

"Grandpa horsie! Grandpa horsie!" added Betsy. She didn't want to be left out of this conversation about Grandpa.

"Your Grandpa's a horse?" exclaimed Joe.

"No," giggled Linda. "Betsy means he has horses."

"Best riding horses around here," added Gary.

"Really?" asked Joe. "Say, I'd like to see them sometime."

"Sure. Next time we go out I'll call you," promised Gary.

Because the children loved Grandpa they talked about him. Then others became interested in him, too.

If we love Jesus we will talk about Him. We will want others to know Him, too. We will be His witnesses.

Do you love Jesus? Are you telling others about Him?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, help me to tell others about You—at home, at school or wherever I may be. Help me to be a good witness. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 2:1-8

So They Can Hear

"We received a letter from Aunt Doris," Mom told the children. "I'll read it to you after dinner."

When the dishes were done the family sat down in the living room. Mom read the letter.

After she finished Gary said, "I liked that part about the new tribe. Read it again, please."

Mom found the place. "Here it is. 'Jim and I have just come back from our first contact with a new tribe. We learned their language from one of their tribesmen who lives in our village. We took the projector and slides to help us tell them the story of Jesus. They liked the pictures and were amazed when we spoke their language. Pray for this tribe and all who do not know our Savior.' "

"I guess it would seem strange to them," said Gary. "White people speaking their tribal language!"

"On the day of Pentecost," said Dad, "God gave the disciples power to speak the language of the people visiting in Jerusalem. Many more were amazed then. Today He gives His missionaries the ability to learn the language they need to know to tell others of Him.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for giving me the ability to do the things I should for You. Help me to always be willing to serve You in the way You want me to. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 2:14-21

Save Me!

Linda, Gary, and some of their friends had gone to the park after school. They were looking for different kinds of leaves to take to school.

"You may go," Mom had told them, "but stay away from the lake. You know even at the edge it is very deep."

The children had always been careful when around the lake. Today, however, Linda was looking up at the trees as she walked. She was nearer the lake than she realized. Suddenly she felt herself slip. With a splash she fell into the lake.

"Gary! Help!" she called as she struggled to keep above the water.

Gary, although some distance away heard Linda. "Coming. I'm coming, Linda," he shouted as he ran toward the lake.

He picked up a big limb near the edge of the lake. Holding one end of it he pushed it toward Linda. Linda grabbed it. She held on tightly. The other children helped Gary pull her to shore.

"Thank you! Thank you!" she cried when she was safely on land.

The park caretaker came with a blanket. He wrapped it around Linda. Then he drove Linda and Gary home in his car.

"Gary saved me! He saved me," was all Linda could say. So Gary told Mom the whole story.

Jesus can save us in a far greater way. He has made it possible for us to have a home in heaven. Have you asked Him to save you?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I know I cannot get to heaven by myself. I want You to be my Savior and to guide me every day. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 2:38-42

I'm Sorry

The ground was soft. It was very soft.

Gary and his friends were playing tag. They ran across Mrs. Jones' yard. Gary looked back. He saw the deep tracks they had made.

"Oh," he thought, "Mrs. Jones works hard on her lawn. Those tracks will spoil it. They will make lots more work for her."

Gary thought for a minute. Then he went to her door. He rang the bell. When Mrs. Jones opened the

door, he said, "I'm sorry, Mrs. Jones. I'm sorry we made those big tracks in your yard. When the ground dries I'll come and fill them in. I'll plant grass seed in those spots again."

Mrs. Jones smiled. "Thank you, Gary. That's very thoughtful of you."

Gary felt good as he walked home. He had told Mrs. Jones he was sorry. He was going to do something to show he truly was sorry.

When we do something wrong we tell the person we are sorry. We have all sinned against God. Have you told Him you are sorry? Have you been baptised to show you really mean it and that your sins are washed away?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for forgiving me for the many wrong things I do. Help me to try harder to follow Jesus my Savior. In His name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 3:1-8

No Money

"I wish I had lots of money," declared Gary.

"What would you do with it?" wondered Mom.

"I'd give it to the Wagners," Gary told her. "They don't have a Dad. The money they get all goes for food. They never have any left over for clothes and toys. Sometimes they don't even have enough to eat."

"It is not always necessary to give money to help people," said Mom. "When the crippled man asked Peter and John for money they didn't have any. They helped him in a far better way than with money."

"Sure, I know," said Gary. "They made him well. That's a miracle. I can't do a miracle."

"Let's think what you can do," suggested Mom. "What do the Wagner's need?"

"Clothes—all sizes," said Gary. "There are six children and their mom."

"We have some clothes you children have outgrown," Mom said. "You could give those to them. Perhaps some of your friends would have the sizes we don't."

"That's a good idea," agreed Gary. "There's a book at the library that shows how to make swell toys. I know some of the older fellows would help me."

"I have a pretty doll," added Linda, "that I don't play with any more. If Mom will help me I'll make some new clothes for her. The Wagner girls would like a doll."

"How's your garden doing?" asked Dad.

"That's right!" exclaimed Gary. "We will even have food to share from our garden. Who needs money to help others?"

"God is always pleased when we share," said Mom. "The things you give to the Wagners will be a blessing to them and to you."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the good things I have. Help me to find ways every day to serve You and to help others. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 4:1-12

The Only One

The boys were in the basement with Dad. They were sawing and hammering. They were making toys for the Wagners.

The girls were in the sewing room with Mom. They were making doll clothes and stuffed animals for the Wagners.

The time passed quickly. Soon it was 8 o'clock. "Come downstairs," said Mom. "We will have cookies and milk."

Linda went to the basement to tell Dad and the boys to come upstairs for cookies and milk.

When everyone was around the table enjoying their snack, Steve said, "I have a Bible story book I'm going to put in the box for Wagners."

"Good!" said Gary. "They will like that."

"I have Sunday school papers for a year," said Judy. "They are tied together with a ribbon. I will put those in the box."

"That will be nice," Linda told her friend. "Mom, may we give them that large picture of Jesus?"

"Yes," agreed Mom.

"All of those things will be good," added Dad. "But someone needs to tell them of Jesus."

"I will," declared Gary. "When we take the things to them I will tell them of Jesus. I'll tell them we are sharing because we love Him. I'll tell them He is God's Son—the only One who can save them. I'll invite them to church."

Have you told anyone about Jesus? Tell somone today!

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that I know Jesus is my Savior. May I, like Peter and John, tell others of Him. In His name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 4:13-21

A Good Decision

Gary was talking on the telephone. "No, thank you," he said. "I can't go today. We are going to finish making the toys for the Wagners. I'll go with you another time. Goodbye."

"That was Uncle Ted," he told Mom. "He thought I might want to go fishing with him. It would be fun, but we want to have the things ready to take to Wagners this evening."

"Sometimes it's hard to decide what to do," said Mom. "Fishing is a good sport and you like to be with Uncle Ted. You know, though, that God wants you to help the Wagners. You have made the right decision for today."

"Uncle Ted was being kind when he offered to take you fishing. He understood when you said you couldn't go," said Dad.

"Peter and John were ordered not to preach about Jesus. They decided they should obey God instead of

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"FULFILLING THE TIME"

men. Sometimes others try to get us to do wrong just because they don't want us to follow Jesus. It is more important to know that we are obeying God."

Prayer:

Dear God, I want to obey You. Help me to make the right decisions. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

HE IS RISEN

He is risen, wondrous story,
He who on the cross
Died in agony to save us
From eternal loss.

He arose in mighty power,
Victor o'er the grave,
And He lives, our great Redeemer,
Seeking still to save.

Oh, rejoice! Sing praises to Him,
Reigning now on high—
Yet to them that call upon Him
He is ever nigh.

—Ida A. Guirey

THE RESURRECTED CHRIST was a real person with a real body because He "was seen" (Jn. 20:25) by numerous witnesses (I Cor. 15:4-8). It was heralded that He was to appear in Galilee (Matt. 28:7), and there He was seen "of above 500 brethren at once" (I Cor. 15:6). He was so real that the two on the road to Emmaus did not take Him for a phantom (Lu. 24:18). He was so real that Mary Magdalene took Him to be "the gardener" (Jn. 20:15). He declared His resurrected body to be one of "flesh and bones" (Lu. 24:39). It was His crucified body, laid in the tomb, that was resurrected (Jn. 20:20). Doubting Thomas verified this to his own satisfaction (Jn. 20:25-28). The resurrected One was "Jesus himself" (Lu. 24:15, 36, 39).

The resurrected Christ could now better interpret the Scriptures "concerning himself" (Lu. 24:27). He convinced them of the necessity of His resurrection (vs. 26, 32, 44-46). He raised many bodies of the saints (Matt. 27:52, 53). Here we have proof of the coming resurrection of all the dead (Jn. 5:28, 29). He taught that He is the Resurrection—the One who raises the dead (Jn. 11:25; 6:39, 40, 44, 54). As the risen Christ, He breathed on His disciples the Holy Spirit (Jn. 20:22). As the risen Christ, He directed His servants in their Gospel service (Acts 9:15; 10:13, 14; 16:10; 18:9, 10; 22:18, 21; 23:11). He is the ever-present One (Matt. 28:20), "who is over all" (Rom. 9:5).

The day is far spent; at hand the night,
Our hearts are burdened with woe and fright.
Where in the darkness shall we find light?
Our feet are wearied with many a mile,
O traveling Stranger, tarry awhile,
There is hope in Thy Word and peace in Thy smile.
Our meal is simple. O Man, the bread
Broken by Thy hand, recalls one dead,
And the wine poured out—blood that was shed.
What do we see? There's a wound in His side,
His hands are pierced like One who has died!
Surely this Man has been crucified!
O Christ, can it be from the grave Thou art freed,
Living for us in our dark hour of need?
Our Lord and Our God, Thou art risen indeed!

—Grace Robinson.

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

AN EASTER GREETING

In the world ye shall have tribulations; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world (John 16:33).

A HOSPITAL VISITOR tells of noticing the song of a bird which was lilting its joy of living on the gloomy morning on which the visitor was making his visit. The song assailing his ears prompted him to seek a glimpse of the soloist. On the top of the hospital was a cross, and perched on the top of the cross was the bird. It was as if the bird was trying to tell the world that in the cross of Christ we have something to sing about.

Doctor J. Allen Miller used to say that the Christian is the only person who has a real right to sing because he or she is the only one who has something worth while to sing about! The cross is empty and so is the grave. Our Lord has triumphed over the grave and death; He has guaranteed us that through faith in Him we, too, can triumph.

It is an old custom for Christians in many countries and places to exchange greetings on Easter morning. One meets the other with this greeting, "He is risen." The other replies, "He is risen, indeed." What a triumphant way, too, for Christians to publish anew the Easter message, and to remind each other of their triumphant Lord.

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a Victor o'er the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose.



Brethren Youth Crusaders

S. BEND VALENTINE



In October, 1964, a Junior BYC group was formed at the South Bend Church. Officers elected were:

President Gary Nieter
Vice President Kathy Jones
Secretary Kim Crofoot
Treasurer Chris Crofoot
Song Leader Jeannie Byler

The group has recently completed Brethren Church membership workbooks.

On February 14 the group presented their program in the home of one of the shut-ins, Deacon Harley Firestone and Mrs. Firestone. A valentine gift was presented to Mr. Firestone following the program. You can see us in the picture above as we met with the Firestones.

The same evening the group visited the Ardmore Junior BYC and a fine program was enjoyed, followed by games and refreshments.

At present the group is selling paper products to raise the money for their pledge for Derby, Kansas.

We are working on a playlet to be presented in April.

Mrs. David Stickler, advisor
Mrs. Irene Parsons, ass't. advisor

Answer to last week's
Spotlight on Scripture . . .

Psalms 8:3, 4

"JALOPY RAID"

We have been having excellent attendance at our Senior Brethren youth meetings the last four weeks. On February 21 we had a "Jalopy Raid" and then a winter picnic and program here at our home. Six of the older ones who drive divided up the names of every young person (high school age) in our church and went around and picked them up and brought them to our home. Dick and I served ham sandwiches, etc., to 28 young people and four sponsors.

On February 28 we had another "Jalopy Raid" and then we met at the church with the Juniors and Seniors presenting a play for the sophomores and freshmen. We will reverse this order some evening. Games and refreshments followed and this evening we had 25 present.

March 7 found us meeting at the church again after another "raid" to hear Mr. Miguel Olivella, the high school Spanish teacher. We have good singing at each meeting and again we played games and had refreshments. Twenty-eight were present.

On March 14 we rented a bus from another church and went to South Bend to the Hope Rescue Mission where we toured the building and heard an interesting explanation of their work. We stayed for the evening service, which was presented by a group from Goshen College. We had 37 young people present plus seven sponsors. There were 30 men registered to spend the night at the mission and they were also present for the service.

Everyone is looking forward to a trip to Shipshewana soon to stay all night in the dorm. We will go on Saturday evening and have a "talent night," and Joe Everitt has promised to cook breakfast and dinner for us on Sunday. We will have our own Sunday school and church services on Sunday.

There are only 11 young people in our church who have not yet attended a BYC meeting and we hope soon that we can interest them, too. We covet your prayers that the Lord will work through these young people and their sponsors so that more souls will be won for the kingdom. We have a total of 48 high schoolers to work with and have had several guests each week.

Sponsors are:
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sechrist
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holderman
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Best

Officers are:
Cyndi Best, president
Tom Evans, vice president
Candy Hockert, secretary
Maryellen Best, Nappanee sponsor

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Our Junior High BYC elected officers on August 16, 1964, as follows:

President Beverly Rassi
Secretary Becki Barker
Treasurer Debbie Woyerman

Our director is Mrs. Paul Mathews and her assistant is one of the Senior youth, Steve Barker.

On Christmas Eve our youth group joined the other youth of the church and sponsored a very impressive candle light service.

On February 21, 1965, our youth group, with the help of the Junior group, sponsored a birthday party for the church. Each person brought pennies to equal their age, which were collected in a "Derby" hat to be used for our youth project.

Other activities of our youth group included a swimming party at the beach, a bowling party, and a hayride. After each event we enjoyed delicious refreshments.

Becki Barker, secretary
Milford, Indiana

IDEA BOX



Here is a different party idea. Have a track meet! Divide your group into at least two teams and more if necessary by giving each team different colored tags to wear. Each team member should be given three tries for each "event" and his score totaled for the three. Scoring might run like this:

Direct hit, longest distance, or shortest time—50 points

Near hit, shorter distance, or moderate time—25 points

Misses, very short distances, or longer times—0 points

Several people (sponsors or others) could serve as the scorers for the events, and events could be run one at a time or several at a time.

Suggested events are as follows:

Javelin — Use a piece of yarn, 1½ or 2 yards long. Have someone hold one end of the yarn and the contestant holds the other end, trying to keep the yarn straight and taut. Then use a small wooden thread spool and the contestant will try to shoot it along the yarn as far as he can make it go.

Pole Vault — Paper straws are to be tossed into a bottle from a given distance, 1 or 2 yards.

Shot put — Big balls of paper are held in the upturned palm and "put" in a tub in the manner of the shot put event. You should be several yards from the tub.

Discus—A paper plate is to be spun into a tub from a distance of several yards.

Relay race — This will be a team effort with each team lining up. Use "Boob Tubes," which can be purchased in many stores. This is a long, clear plastic tube with a maze inside through which several marbles must run to reach the bottom. The tube then is passed to the next in line who turns it end for end and runs the marbles through again and so until each team member has participated. See which team can get finished first.

100 yard dash — Use feathers on a table or floor and fan or blow them by mouth to the finish line, timing each contestant to see how quickly he can reach the line.

After all this hard activity, everyone will be hungry. Satisfy their hunger with sandwiches, drink and cookies served in paper bags.

SPOTLIGHT ON SCRIPTURE



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Can you identify the Scripture spotlighted here? Check your answer in next week's *The Brethren Evangelist*.



"fill the DERBY hat" — $10,000

MISSIONARY NEWS

FELLOW LABORERS AT LEVITTOWN

THE SEVENTEENTH Ten Dollar Club call is for the Fairless Hills-Levittown Church as announced January 1. In five years' time the church has outgrown its modest first unit and it is now necessary for Levittown to enter into a building program. This young church is counting on your response to this call.

The church has been doing everything possible to meet the challenges presented by a very heavy Sunday School attendance. The accompanying pictures illustrate their congestion and urgent need for additional facilities. These particular pictures were taken after a night of heavy snowfall, leaving 4 inches on the ground, and thus the attendance was down to 154. Other Sundays carried high records of 177 and 182 in attendance.



This is the Opening Service for the pre-schoolers. This is in the basement which is a room approximately 20 x 20. There have been as many as 65 in this service; you can see it is very unhealthy and in fact, quite unsafe. After the Opening Service is complete, time must be taken for opening tables and setting them up, partitions moved in and chairs taken down.

This also gives a picture of the downstairs and its congested conditions. Notice how the children are stacked in and the coats jammed in at the rear of the room. It looks as if the woman at the rear is wondering what to do if anymore should come. The alcove where the women are standing is where the Cradle Roll is kept with no privacy and no soundproofing. Also, off this room are the rest rooms which serve the whole church, so it is a public thoroughfare at times.





This is the Second Grade classroom, if that is what one can call it. They meet on the platform of the Church between the organ and the pulpit sitting in a semicircle because there is not enough room for a table. Notice their books and Bibles on the floor. They are screened off from other classes only by a folding partition.



This is the High School Class, also meeting on the Church platform. A re-arrangement of chairs after Sunday School makes this area the choir loft for worship service. During Sunday School they are also separated from other classes only by a folding partition.



This is the Adult classroom and it appears to be rather adequate as far as room is concerned, but let us hear (if that is possible) what is going on in the same Sanctuary room. Behind the drapery at the rear three classes are in session (approximately 45 children). Then behind the folding partition at the right rear sitting in pews, the Junior High Class is meeting. Because of it being so large it will be divided and the new class put immediately behind the adult class, separated only by a folding partition. Then on the opposite side of the Sanctuary there is a Young Adult Class meeting with no partitions separating them and the Adult Class.

In front of the Adult Class there are the two classes meeting on the platform of the Church. So although the Adult Class look rather comfortable, it is nearly impossible to concentrate on the teacher's lesson for all the surrounding classes' interference. The Adult Class could be called an elective class, as on any given Sunday they could select the lesson they wanted to listen to from at least seven different teachers.

There are other conditions worthy of consideration such as a Third Grade Class meeting in a classroom that is approximately 6 x 10 feet without any ventilation and originally intended for a robing room for baptismal services. Necessity has forced its use as a classroom for 13 boys and girls.

J. Edgar Hoover has said, "I do not believe we can begin too early to instill in America's children a dedication to morality and decency which derive from sound Christian training—." This training and teaching could be so much more effective in suitable atmosphere and with the necessary facilities.

Continue to pray for the business decisions that must be made and support the Ten Dollar Club by sending your contribution today to The Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, 530 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio, and mark your check for the Ten Dollar Club.

SISTERHOOD

Devotional Program for May

SENIOR

General Theme:

"Building Christian Character"

May Theme: "Hope"

Call to Worship
Hymn
Scripture
Prayer
Song Service
Bible Study
Special Music

JUNIOR

General Theme:

"Appreciation of God's Gifts"

May Theme: "Friends"

Topic:
Senior—*"Hope"*
Junior—*"Friends"*

Hymn: "Spirit of Sisterhood"
Business
S.M.M. Benediction

APPLY NOW FOR THE S.M.M. SCHOLARSHIP

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

REMINDERS FROM ACTS

by MRS. PHIL LERSCH

WHAT LESSONS WE CAN LEARN from studying the lives of people described in the book of Acts. Those who responded to Jesus' invitation to be his disciples inspire us to pattern our lives after theirs. Others who refused the invitation and worked against God's program can point up the dangers we Christians face.

In the section from Acts 18:23—21:16, called "Paul's Third Missionary Journey," we meet three outstanding examples of God's instruments and his enemies: "The Teachable," "The Unreachable," and "The Captive."

The Teachable

Apollos, a preacher described in Acts 18, displayed a characteristic of true greatness—*he was teachable.* When we examine his background and talents we can marvel even more.

A Jew born in Alexandria which was the center of higher learning of that day, probably trained in the finest universities, he was "eloquent" and "mighty in the scriptures." Besides his secular education, possibly the equivalent of our Ph.D., he was "instructed in the way of the Lord." John the Baptist had been his teacher, and Apollos was on fire with the message he had learned from that forerunner of Christ. "He was fervent in the Spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord."

When he came to Ephesus, Apollos began immediately to use his intellect, his power of speech and his depth of purpose for God. He preached, probably privately at first; then he ventured into the synagogue to proclaim his message.

Picture this man from the great universities with the silver tongue and the dedicated spirit after his first sermon in the Ephesian house of worship. After

the service, Priscilla and Aquila, two tent-makers who had recently entertained the Apostle Paul, invited the preacher to dinner. After the pleasantries of getting acquainted were exchanged, *Priscilla and Aquila began to instruct the great preacher.* Two common tent-makers told the big university man his mistakes. What brass! How dare they presume to teach him who had many academic degrees? Priscilla and Aquila instructing *Dr. Apollos*!

But Apollos proved his greatness in his humility! No. stuffed-shirt know-it-all, he graciously accepted the further guidance this dedicated couple offered him. Having only learned from John the Baptist, he was lacking in the greater knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Apollos was willing to accept criticism. He was teachable.

Another admirable part of his humility was his willingness to listen to those who had less education than he. Probably Priscilla, the woman, took the lead in instructing him. Even today no man wants a woman to tell him anything. But in that day the place of women was very inferior to that of our century. Remember Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well of Sychar? His disciples were amazed that Jesus *talked* to her. *Apollos listened to a woman and accepted her suggestions.*

Apollos' attitude in continuing his preaching also speaks to us, especially to young people. He could have said, "Oh, I made a fool of myself. I'll never preach again." Sometimes young people have a tendency to pout that way. But instead, he learned what he could from Aquila and Priscilla and went on to be a better preacher in Corinth. His special talent for speaking was valuable to God and once he received full instruction on his subject he was a useful instrument in strengthening the Corinthian church.

Priscilla and Aquila also deserve our admiration for the way they handled the situation with the "eloquent" preacher from the university. They must have used much tact in approaching Apollos. Instead of pouncing upon him with delight at his error, these dedicated students of the Apostle Paul brought their suggestions in love. "*They took him unto them,* and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." They took him aside for their suggestions, instead of embarrassing him in front of the congregation.

Here, too, we can learn a lesson in greatness. Priscilla and Aquila saw an error and went about correcting it in the right way. They didn't discuss the omission of Apollos behind his back and circulate the fact that he was leading the congregation astray. They took their concern to him openly and helped him learn more perfectly the truth about Jesus Christ.

As Christians we can learn from Apollos and the tent-maker couple. We need to accept suggestions from others. This is not a sign of weakness, but of greatness. Since we have all come through different experiences we can be helped by the knowledge others have. Instead of cultivating resentments against those who haven't received the same teaching that we have, we must learn how to approach others in love.

The Unreachable

In contrast to the dedicated disciples, Apollos, Priscilla and Aquila, was a real trouble-maker—Demetrius, who was in the business of fashioning souvenirs for tourists.

The temple of Diana in Ephesus was considered one of the wonders of the world, made of pure white marble and furnished with costly gifts from all over the world. The craftsmen in that city had a very lucrative business—making charms and shrines for people to take home with them after they had visited the temple.

When Paul preached, he knocked the props out from under this idol-making business, for he taught that God is the Creator; He cannot be made. Therefore, the little idols turned out by the artisans at Ephesus began to lose their popularity. Sales were not moving as they should.

When Demetrius became aware of the danger to his profit, he suddenly became very patriotic to the city of Ephesus and the temple of the goddess Diana. Calling the boys in the craft unions together, he loyally warned, *This Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth* (Acts 19:26b, 27).

His speech sounded quite patriotic, but really he was only worried about the money he was losing. If Paul had preached that people should wear statues of Jesus, Demetrius would have gladly changed his model from Diana to the Crucifix, but Paul preached against idols and this hurt business.

Emphasizing to the other artisans their loss of money because of the new teaching, and giving them a fake motive—loyalty to their great city—Demetrius aroused a mob that rioted for hours. Capitalizing upon the ignorance and gullibility of the people, with a "patriotic theme," he kindled a flame of hatred and violence.

The same kind of dishonest rabble-rousers with a pretense of righteous causes are busy today trying to stir up trouble. Prompted by self-enrichment and hatred of others, "white supremacy groups" and *counterfeit* Christians who call themselves "Americans of Anglo-Saxon Stock" are trying to arouse ignorant nogooders to "fight to save our beloved nation from the JEW-COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY." This line of thought, which is GARBAGE, is actually printed and circulated in our country. Just as Demetrius harped on "loyalty to our beloved Diana," agitators today emphasize their so-called "loyalty to our beloved country," and smear all who differ with them as COMMUNIST. *Young people, don't believe everything you read!* Don't panic when you hear the word "communist." Check into the sources and the facts. Compare the philosophy of the material you are reading with the teaching of the Bible. Use your intellect and spiritual knowledge to verify what you read and hear. Don't be misled by dishonest, rabble-rousing nit-wits even if they do have something printed attractively. Learn to recognize the truth, and then speak up against falsehood when you hear or see it.

The Captive Preacher

We find the most inspiration from the Apostle Paul,

himself. When the time arrived for him to say farewell to his friends in the Ephesian Church, he spoke the words that stimulate us to be infused with God's purpose. Paul said, *And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there* (Acts 20:22).

His whole being was encased in God's will for his life. Even though he was warned over and over again that he would be physically bound and captured if he went to Jerusalem, God's will dominated the apostle. He couldn't help himself; he was driven to go by an inner sense of obligation.

In another of Paul's writings, he said that he had been "apprehended." He was a prisoner, a captive, a slave of Jesus Christ. No danger or warning could sway him from God's will. He said, *None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God* (Acts 20:24). Only in submitting to God's ownership and direction of his life did Paul find true freedom.

He discovered what George Matheson, the hymn writer, proclaims in this hymn:

"Make me a captive, Lord, And then I shall be free;
Force me to render up my sword, And I shall conqueror be.
I sink in life's alarms When by myself I stand;
Imprison me within Thine arms, And strong shall be my hand.

"My heart is weak and poor Till it a master find;
It has no spring of action sure—It varies with the wind,
It cannot freely move Till Thou hast wrought its chain;
Enslave it with Thy matchless love, And deathless it shall reign.

"My will is not my own Till Thou hast made it Thine;
If it would reach a monarch's throne It must its crown resign;
It only stands unbent, Amid the clashing strife,
When on Thy bosom it has leant, And found in Thee its life."

Samuel Longfellow, another hymn writer, wrote this prayer for us:

"Holy Spirit, Right divine, King within my conscience reign;
Be my law, and I shall be Firmly bound, forever free."

May we too be bound by God's will for our lives; may we be ever on the lookout for falsehood that camouflages in Christian disguise; and may we be teachable, by God's Spirit and by other Christians.

TOPIC:

"HOPE"

by MISS MARTHA ROSE

IN EVERY LIFE, days will pass when very little out of the ordinary happens at all. The exciting things, the happy things, the tragic, heart-breaking things occur only now and then in the routine of uneventful days. But it is the incidents of excitement, joy and sadness for which we hope, or at least wait, and these are what shape our character and personality.

Each period of routine days must include a hope of some kind; hope that, if the incidents of life have left us unhappy or unfortunate, the next incident will bring a turn for the better; or hope that, if all is well, the next occurring incident will bring nothing to mar the present happiness.

In our lives as young girls, the incidents which break our routine of school days may be regular and expected, like Friday night's game and Sunday night's youth meeting. But the unexpected things still happen; the new handsome boy at school asks you for a date; the lady you babysit for gives you an extra $2 because of your reliability.

Adults' lives are no different. The housewife's routine is broken when her husband takes her out to dinner as a surprise, or when relatives come for a visit; the business man will occasionally have a "big deal" in progress or a new, profitable contract being signed. A school teacher may have the routine broken by a glimpse of understanding by one of her pupils and nurses and doctors are suddenly encouraged from despair when they see a life, with their help, being saved.

All incidents may not be so happy. The older you become, the more often you become aware of the tragic things; the loss of a parent, a grandparent; the illness of a brother or sister.

All through life, then, we find our routine existence broken, and for these incidents we wait and hope either for the good, or at least for nothing bad enough to disturb the present state of affairs. This is true of every one, Christian or non-Christian.

But hope for a Christian has worlds of other meaning. When we take Christ into our hearts and lives when we know Him to be a living, vital reality, He brings hope to us—not hope that all incidents in our future lives will be happy ones, but a greater hope one that goes far beyond this material world of dying things, to the world of eternity.

This hope we have, which is based on faith in the love, justice, and righteousness of God, will be something to rely on; not only when each tragic inciden

comes into our lives, but as we begin each new day, whether it brings good or ill.

This hope, daily renewed, provides us with the confidence that, regardless of what may occur to change our lives, or what may try us in the repetition of the dull routine of our daily existence, Christ is always there to help us meet the demands of life.

Even Old Testament scripture expresses the value of hope: *It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord* (Lam. 3:26).

The Psalms promise to the person whose hope rests in God that *Happy is he . . . whose hope is in the Lord* (Ps. 146:5). Our daily lives are made happy through hope, trust, and faith in our Father, the Almighty, All-powerful God.

Two of the most calmly reassuring verses on which we can base our hope and by which we can erase all our doubts are these: *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord* (Rom. 8:38, 39).

But in our age of the exploration of God's universe, which is too vast for comprehension, and in an age when man, having discovered many mysteries for curing diseases of the body, is probing the mysteries of the human mind and spirit, each young person is struggling to realize and understand the meaning of his eternal existence, which is totally unrelated to human time or space. That is how our souls exist; the beginning of our lives we cannot remember distinctly, but an end—there will be none.

The reality of God's eternal existence is undeniable, though always a mystery to the human mind, and so is our eternal existence in spite of the change in every life which we wrongly speak of very fearfully—death.

But this is where the crowning, ultimate, central hope of the Christian life becomes reality: That is the hope of an eternal existence in the presence of a God, whose being is beyond human imagination. This meeting will take place at the truly triumphant return of Jesus Christ to this world (while we are *looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ* (Titus 2:13). Or we will meet God through death, when our souls, that part of us not bound by time or space, go to an eternal home.

It is hard to imagine what a life without hope would be like, with no promise in mind for a better day or world or eternity in the future. This, we know is the case of a person who has never met Christ. But frequently even we as Christians lose sight of our daily and eternal hope in the mist of our human minds, which try to see ahead, to plan ahead, to make decisions which will decide the future course of our lives forgetting our hope and faith. We lay plans, build our castles in the air (which we girls so often do) without considering the great master plan of God for those who hope in Him. He has provided us with a daily, eternal hope which can guide us from worry in the present and fear of the future to the perfect plan for our lives within His will.

When we have, through Christ's help, learned to keep His hope in our hearts, our job has just begun; for it is this saving, sustaining hope which we have been given in order that we might share it with those who do not know the peace it brings.

JUNIOR BIBLE STUDY

GUIDE FOR DAILY LIVING

(Romans 12:11-13)

by MRS. MILTON BOWMAN

THIS MONTH we are going to study three verses from the twelfth chapter of Romans. Each one tells us something about how we should live from day to day and what we can do for God and others. We might really call it a set of rules for happy living. We will study seven different things that are very important if we are to be useful for God.

1. Careful in Service

Romans 12:11a says, **Let us not allow slackness to spoil our work . . . for the Lord** (Phillips). In other words it might say "Don't be sloppy in your work." Slackness means incomplete, unfinished, careless in performance, sluggish or lazy. Many people work for God as though it were not important; giving little time or effort to the task. If anything is worth doing at all—and God's work is—we should give it our best thought and attention. It is the little things well done that train us for doing the bigger things of life. Each one of us is important to God, and He is listening for our part in the harmony of His plan for us.

Sir Michael Costa, the great orchestra leader, was once rehearsing with a vast array of performers and hundreds of voices. Amid the thunder of the organ, the roll of drums, the blare of brass instruments and the clashing of cymbals, he suddenly stopped and exclaimed, "Where is the piccolo?" That little instrument had ceased to play because he thought that it was not necessary or important, but the great master of music missed it. Our Master knows WHEN and HOW we are doing our part for Him, and He says, "Don't be careless and lazy in my work."

2. Aglow with the Spirit

Romans 12:11b reads, **Be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord** (R.S.V.). The opposite rule to laziness is about energy and enthusiasm. Phillips Bible says, **Let us keep the fires of the spirit burning, as we do our work for the**

Lord. The Holy Spirit is our guide and helper. If we let Him work through us, He will give an inner peace and a glow that will show on our faces. When people meet us they should be able to see that we have been with God because His Spirit shines through us.

Have you ever met anyone who was happy and contented with the work that she was doing? She made you feel good and lifted your spirits just to meet her. I have such a friend! She is truly on fire for the Lord and happy in her salvation. Every day she tries to tell someone about the Lord and the wonderful things He has done for her. Many people have come to know the Savior through her witness. That is the way that God wants us all to be—happy and joyful in Him and full of His Spirit. His work is very important!

3. Rejoicing in Hope

We read in Romans 12:12a, **Base your happiness on your hope in Christ** (Phillips). Perhaps we should find out just what **hope** means. It is the desire or belief that something is obtainable. It is the waiting or looking forward to what God is going to do for us. In the Bible we have so many promises of God's love and care that we can be sure of His presence and help. Just to mention a few:

Matthew 28:20—**Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.**

Psalm 73:24—**Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.**

John 14:3—**I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**

Our hope gives us an assurance; we are SURE of our faith in God. One day Mrs. Joseph Knapp brought a new tune to the blind hymn writer, Fanny Crosby, and asked her to write the words to go with it. After hearing it played Fanny said, "That music says Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine." Then she wrote the verse:

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Fanny Crosby was blind from babyhood. She thought of her handicap as a blessing. One day a minister mentioned her blindness to her and she surprised him by saying, "Sometimes I am glad to be sightless. You see, when I get to heaven the first face that will gladden my sight will be the face of my Savior!" That was her blessed HOPE.

4. Patient in Trouble

Paul tells us in Romans 12:12b, **When trials come endure them patiently** (Phillips). Many times in life things do not go as we have planned. We need to have patience and be able to remain calm and show self-control. Don't become angry and try to take it out on the rest of the family or your friends. Someone has said to "Keep your temper—no one else wants it." If you develop patience early in life, you will find it of much value all through the years.

An uneducated negro loved his Bible but could not always understand its meaning. One evening at church he gave his testimony about his favorite verse saying, "I gets the most good from these blessed words—it came to pass." The leader asked him what he meant and he replied, "When I'm upset with trouble, and pestered with trials, I go to the Bible and begin to read. I never go far before I come to the words—it came to pass. Then I stop and praise the Lord that it didn't come to stay." It came to pass! Surely we can praise God that our troubles pass and are not here to stay. Be patient in trouble!

5. Constant in Prayer

Romans 12:12c says, **Be constant in prayer** (R.S.V.). We should always be ready to pray anytime and anywhere. As we walk with God daily, we should talk with Him often, too. What do you think of a friend who walks along with you but never says a word? I'm afraid we would not enjoy the company very much, would we? The Bible says that we should continue instant in prayer. As you work or play, you should be living so close to God that you can call on Him in a minutes notice. I'm sure that He is anxious to hear our voices.

Little Mary was late for school one day. As she hurried along the street, her friend said to her, "Mary, let us stop and pray." Mary answered, "Oh, no, let's pray on the run." The great evangelist, D. L. Moody, had the same idea. One time when he was crossing the Atlantic Ocean fire broke out on the ship. The crew and some volunteers from among the passengers stood in line to pass buckets of water.

A friend said to Mr. Moody, "Let us go to the other end of the ship and pray." Mr. Moody replied, "No, Sir, we will stand right here and pass buckets, and pray hard all the time we are doing it." Mr. Moody believed that prayer and work go hand in hand. We pray as we work!

6. Helpful to Others

The Phillips translation tells us in Romans 12:13a, **Give freely to fellow Christians in want.** If other Christians don't have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear, we should give to them. Most of us have plenty and to spare but are often thoughtless about others in need. Either we don't care or we are too busy to help others.

A farmer whose barns were full of corn, often prayed that the wants of the needy might be supplied. But when anyone in need asked for a little of his corn, he said that he had none to spare. One day, after hearing her father pray for the poor and needy, his little daughter said to him, "Father, I wish that I had your corn." The father asked, "Why, Dear, what would you do with it?" The child replied, "I would answer your prayer."

That father needed to put feet on his prayers. If it is within our power to help those in need, we should do it. Sisterhood girls can roll bandages, call on the sick, do sewing, etc.

7. Practice Hospitality

The last part of our three verses says, **Never grudging a meal or a bed to those who need them** (Phillips). Hospitality means to entertain others in a kindly manner. It is a good habit to invite others home to dinner. They will enjoy it so much and your own joy increases as you share what you have with them. Mary and Martha were wonderfully blessed as they opened their home to Jesus. Whenever He was near Bethany He stopped for a meal or a rest. What precious times they had together! Abraham and Sarah entertained strangers and found them to be messengers of God. Many people have been blessed as they have shared their homes with others.

By following the seven rules suggested in these three verses, one should find happiness and joy in God's service. Others will also be blessed through you.

TOPIC:

"FRIENDS"

by MRS. WILLIAM WINTER

And God stepped out on space,
And He looked around and said:
I'm lonely—I'll make me a world . . .
And God looked around on all that He had made.
He looked at His sun, And He looked at His moon,
And He looked at His little stars;
He looked on His world with all its living things,
And God said: I'm lonely still.
Then God sat down on the side of a hill where He could think;
. . . God thought and thought, till He thought:
I'll make me a man!
Up from the bed of the river God scooped the clay;
. . . And there the great God Almighty . . .
Kneeled down in the dust, toiling over a lump of clay
Till He shaped it in His own image;
Then into it He blew the breath of life,
And man became a living soul . . .

—James Weldon Johnson

ONE OF GOD'S GREATEST GIFTS to man is that of friends. The lines above, from a Negro sermon, "The Creation," by James Weldon Johnson, help us to see why we should appreciate our friends as gifts of God.

Because God was lonely, He created a world of beauty and magnificence—the sun, moon, stars, and planets, and flowers; as well as all the animals.

But all this did not bring complete satisfaction to God. He was still lonely, so He decided to make a man with whom He could walk, talk, and have fellowship. Later, He created the woman to be a companion for man.

If God, the great Creator, the Supreme Being, desired fellowship and companionship, how much more should we human beings desire it and need it. And because God understands our desires and needs, He gives us our friends, with whom we can share our thoughts, problems, and daily experiences.

What kind of person makes a good friend? A friend is willing to help others, is willing to listen to others' problems, is kind, considerate, and loving. John 15:13 says, *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.* The truly devoted person would do anything he could, even as far as give his life, for a friend. Can you think of other qualities which are important to look for in seeking for a friend?

One of the most outstanding examples of friendship—that between David and Jonathan—is recorded in I Samuel 18-20. In the first verse of chapter 18, we read, *that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.* A covenant declaring their friendship was made between the two young men. When King Saul's jealousy caused him to try to murder David, Jonathan, Saul's son, helped David escape. The plan was that David should hide, waiting for Jonathan to tell him if the king's anger continued. If so, Jonathan was to shoot three arrows beyond the place where David hid, meaning David should "run for his life." If there was peace again in the king's house, the arrows were to be shot this side of David's hiding place. How this plan worked is described in I Samuel 20. How wonderful it is to have friends like Jonathan!

Perhaps at sometime in your life you have felt undeserving of a kindness shown you by a friend. If so, you may have asked yourself these questions: Am I worthy of the friends God has given me? Do I really appreciate them as I should? What would I do if I had no friends?

God has placed each of us on earth for a purpose—some are to be missionaries, some ministers, some doctors or nurses, others teachers, and still others to be good parents and church workers, teaching children to love and obey God.

If you, as many young people, do not feel you have a purpose for living, be patient, and let God show you what that purpose is. In the meantime, as Sisterhood girls, find someone who needs a friend, and show him you are interested in him. Perhaps there is a shut-in living near you or your church who is just waiting for *YOU* to stop in with a friendly smile, to say hello, read the Scripture, to pray with them, and possibly, to sing some of their favorite hymns.

Perhaps that new student in your class needs *you* to take an interest in him. Make him feel welcome. Help him join your circle of friends. By being friendly, we show our Christian character, and are witnesses for Christ.

Often, as young people, we are warned against getting in with the "wrong crowd." In James 4:4, we read, *Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.* And in II Corinthians 6:17, we are told to *come out from among them, and be ye separate.* This however, does not mean we are to be snobby and unfriendly. If we do this, how can we expect to win the world for Christ?

No, instead, we are to pray for them and show an interest in them by inviting them to church, Sunday School, youth meetings and socials. Show the world that Christians have fun and fellowship, too. With patience and God's guidance, we may be able to win them for His Kingdom. So, smile and say "hello." Invite them to join you and your Christian friends. Let the worldly take on Christian character—don't you slip into the ways of the world.

The Bible tells us in Proverbs 18:24, *A man that hath friends must show himself friendly.* You cannot expect to have friends if you yourself are not

friendly. It has been said that "God helps them who help themselves"; if we do not put forth the effort to be friendly, how can we expect God to give us the gift of friends?

The greatest gift that was ever given to mankind by God was His Son, Jesus Christ. He is the most wonderful Friend a human being can have, the *friend that sticketh closer than a brother* (Proverbs 18:24) and all we have to do is accept His friendship. Have you Sisterhood girl, shown God that you appreciate His gift, by accepting Jesus Christ as your persona Savior, and closest Friend?

Signal Lights Program for May

Prepared by Mrs. Alberta Holsinger

Bible Theme: "STORIES JESUS TOLD"

Project: A TRACTOR FOR EDEN

Call to Worship:

Let us all sing and pray;
God is with us today.
We know He will hear
For God is ever near.

Sing:

"Come and See"
"Wonder Song"
"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Bible Story:

The Seed and the Soil

Springtime is here and some of you are getting ready to plant your gardens. When the tiny plants begin to grow you care for them, weeding them, watering them when there is not enough rain. In the summer there will be good vegetables and pretty flowers from the seeds that you planted.

Jesus often saw the farmers planting their seeds. (Show picture of "The Sower.") The farmers of Palestine would hold the seeds in a pouch made from their long robes. With one hand they would hold up the robe and with the other hand, scatter the seeds as they walked up the fields and down.

One day as Jesus sat in a boat He told this story:

"A farmer went out to his field to sow his seed. Up and down he went scattering the seed with his hand. He had prepared the ground so it was just right for the seed, but it didn't all fall on good ground. Some of the seed fell on the hard path at the edge of the field, where it couldn't sink down into the ground. The birds gathered along the path and ate the seed that fell there.

"A few days later the farmer came to look at his field. Everywhere little green shoots were coming up. Some were taller than others and looked as though they would grow into big plants. But as the hot sun beat down on them the tallest of the green shoots began to wither and die. The farmer knew what this meant. Although the ground looked the same there were some spots where rocks were hidden just beneath the surface. The seed that fell here grew up from the ground, but because of the rock below they could not send deep roots into the soil.

"Some days later the farmer again returned to his field. Among the green sprouts were other plants pushing up. Some of these were weeds that could easily be pulled up, but as he bent over one section of the field the farmer shook his head. Here the tiny plants were being choked away by stubborn thorns. He knew he could never pull up all the thorns, and before long there would be no grain in this part of the field.

"The farmer cared for his field. God's sun and rain nourished the seed that had fallen on the good ground. One day the field was ready to be harvested. The grain was beautiful and tall. The farmer was happy as he saw how wonderfully the seed had grown."

After Jesus finished the story, His helpers wanted to know what it meant.

Jesus said, "People's hearts are like a field. They are told about salvation. They listen and seem to like to hear but when they have gone away some forget. Others get so busy at their work and play that they fail to pray. Others do remember and live as they have been taught. They are like the seed that fell on good ground."

—Based on Matthew 13:1-10, 18-23

Hymn of the Month:

"This Is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world,
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

Our hymn this month reminds us that God made all things. Let's read the words together. What are some of the things this hymn mentions that God made? Are there any words you do not understand? (Some you may need to explain are: spheres, wrought, declare, rustling.) Now, let's listen to the music and then we will sing "This Is My Father's World."

Mission Story:

If Your Parents Were Missionaries

If your parents knew God wanted

them to be missionaries in another country, what would you take with you?

At Christmas time three Brethren children had to decide. Mark and Marla Bowers went to Nigeria with their parents and Debbie Curtis flew to Argentina with hers.

Of course, you would take clothes. Your mothers would see that you had enough to last until she could buy some more. The missionaries in Nigeria try to take enough clothes to last until they come home again in three or four years. The missionaries in Argentina can buy the things they need in the cities there. Still they like to take many of the clothes they will need with them when they go.

Do you have a pet? You couldn't take your pets with you. Perhaps a cousin or friend would give them a good home. It would be hard to leave the pets, but that's something that couldn't go along.

What about toys? Oh, yes, you need toys. All children need toys. But think about all the ones you have! You couldn't possibly take all of them. You would have to choose a few favorite ones to take along. Which would they be? What would you do with the others?

Yes, there would be many things to decide before you would leave for a new country.

The airplane trip would be fun.

When you got to your new home, you would find many things different.

For Debbie, the seasons were turned around. She left here in winter and it was summer in Argentina. As we are enjoying spring, she is having fall.

Marla found her new home is at the mission school where her parents teach the Nigerians. Mark goes to the school for missionary children. He is hundreds of miles from his parents. He goes home only at vacation time.

Things would be very different for you if your parents were missionaries. But you would be happy. Whenever we obey God we are truly happy.

Friendship Circle of Prayer:

Let us ask God to watch over our missionary children, especially the new ones, Mark, Marla, and Debbie.

Let us ask Him to help us to do the things and learn the things we should while we are young. Let us ask Him to help us to be ready to serve Him in whatever way He wants us to.

Business:

1. Roll Call — tell what you did without this month.
2. Talk about our project.
3. Birthdays to remember:

 Joel Solomon will be two years old on June 4.

 Philip Rowsey will be seven years old on June 19.

 Elizabeth Byler will be ten years old on June 24.

 Kathy Aspinall will be six years old on June 25.

Activity:

A Beauty Spot

(Consult with the church trustees before meeting and ask permission for the Signal Lights to plant flowers in a small area of the church lawn.)

Take your group outside. Direct them as they prepare the soil and plant flower seeds or bulbs. As they work, explain that this is another way we can serve God by helping to make His house more beautiful. Recall, too, the story Jesus told of the seed and soil. Ask some of the Signal Lights to weed and water the garden during the month. (You will need to remind and supervise them throughout the month.)

Signal Lights Benediction.

A Suggestion for Patronesses:

Plan as much outdoor activity as possible for your Signal Lights this summer. Perhaps you could combine picnics with your regular meetings. Extra things such as a trip to the zoo or a museum will mean a great deal to the children and you will find countless opportunities to relate the things they see with God.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for April 25, 1965

GOD'S PURPOSE THROUGH HIS PEOPLE

Text: I Samuel 12:19-25; I Kings 6:11-13

GOD, THROUGH ISRAEL, had desired to make of them a people for Himself. This meant that God wanted a people in the world who would love Him and live in obedience to Him. As the history of Israel developed over the years the people known as the Hebrews encompassed, through adoption and intermarriage, many people who were not actual Hebrews. There were strangers who came up out of Egypt with Israel. We know that there was good Moabite blood. Paul in the New Testament broadens the natural scope of God's expressed purpose for Israel in I Samuel 12:22, to include all people with the faith of Abraham. It was by a Jew, Jesus the Christ, that strangers from every tribe and nation have been adopted into the tribe of Israel making them God's people as well.

I Sam. 12:19—In changing their form of government from that of judges to that of a kingship, the people knew that they were being disobedient to God. Their reasons for desiring this change were that (1) Samuel's sons were corrupt and not fit to succeed him as judges and (2) they wanted to be like other nations—I Sam. 8:4-22. Though this was an act of disobedience God graciously permitted them to make this choice. "For His great name's sake" God did not forsake them because of it—I Sam. 12:22. If the people truly wanted to have Jehovah's favor and desired with their hearts to serve Him, Jehovah could make a good end from a wrong choice. Samuel had confidence in the grace of God and continued praying to Him for his countrymen.

The promise that God had given to Abraham, He shared with David and Solomon. Though the descendants of these men had, for the most part, been miserable failures, God by severe measures of the captivities still kept His word. Because He did we today, through Jesus of the house of David, have shared in the richness of His promise. We live in an order of government and live entirely different from that of the kings of Israel, yet in our new order God's hand works in the lives of those who serve Him with their whole heart.

The Brethren Layman

The Laymen's Meeting

James E. Norris

Program for May, 1965

Topic:

HOW CAN I DO A GREATER WORK FOR MY LORD IN MY CHURCH?

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Scripture Reading: James 2:17, 18, 26; Matt. 5:13-16

Introduction:

Last month we asked the question, "How can I do a greater work for my Lord, in my church?" Pointing out that every layman must be a personal worker. To do this he must have felt a change in his own heart, which will lead to a clean life, a surrendered life, and a deep realization that all men out of Christ are lost. Working in the church in this sense means to get out into the "highways and byways" of life wherever you are. It would be well to remember that we are going out against an adversary well equipped to give us a hard time. Do not go without your SWORD! What is it?



Topics to Discuss.

1. Doing a greater work for my Lord in my church requires that I study God's Word. (Read II Tim. 2:15.) Believing what the Bible says is true and not toning it down to suit modern-day thinking, with popular notions not backed up by the Word. Pastors are only too glad to conduct study classes. Why not a Laymen's Study Class?

2. Doing a greater work for my Lord in my church requires that I pray. O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come (Psalm 65:2). Prayer is a powerful force for a Christian. You and I as Laymen should pray that God will lead us to the right person, that we may win him to Christ. Jesus said, **Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye ask any thing in my name, I will do it** (John 14:13, 14).

3. Doing a greater work for my Lord in my church requires LOVE.

What kindles Divine love in our hearts? The answer is, **We love him, because he first loved us** (I John 4:19) **The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering gentleness, goodness, faith** (Gal. 5:22). Read I Corinthians 13.

4. Name some ways Laymen can help in your church

To what extent should the Pastor use Laymen in worship services? To what extent were Laymen used in the early church? Name some outstanding Laymen of the early church. What was the secret of the outstanding success of these men?

Acts 2:1-4

Acts 2:14-18

The health of a church depends not merely on the creed which it professes, not even on the wisdom and holiness of a few great ecclesiastics, but on the faith and virtue of its individual members—Charles Kingsley.

Boys' Brotherhood Study Article —

KEEP YOUR TEMPER — NOBODY ELSE WANTS IT

by REV. CARL BARBER

YES, I KNOW when some guy's always getting on your back, you'd like to "pop 'im" on the nose; when Dad says you can't go with the gang, you'd like to throw your shoe through the picture window; when your teacher assigns a theme for the next day, you'd like to tell him to do it himself; when Sis gets all the breaks and privileges, you'd like to break her neck; and when some guy's making a play for your gal, you'd like to tell him a few things. Yes, I know you have these feelings! But listen, Buddy, keep your temper—nobody else wants it. If the only way you can improve yourself is by knocking down somebody else, you'd better take a look in a mirror.

In the fifth chapter of Galatians, nine varieties of fruit are listed which are expected as the natural harvest of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The New English Bible translates it this way: **The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness, and self-control** (5:22).

Some crops have already been planted or sown. Where the wheat has been sown, we anticipate a harvest of wheat. Where the peas have been planted, we anticipate a harvest of peas. Where we plant tulip bulbs, we anticipate beautiful tulips. We expect a harvest of fruit according to that which is planted or sown. God plants His Spirit within us at the moment we receive Christ, and in due time the harvest is clearly shown in our lives, just as the full head appears at the top of the stalk of wheat.

The harvest of the Spirit includes peace, but this does not automatically happen. Before you can be at peace with other guys, the seed of peace must first be planted in your soul. In other words, you must be at—

Peace With God.

The Bible is accurately scientific when it describes the natural sequence of bearing fruit. First the planting, then the watering, and then the harvest. In order for your life to realize a harvest of peace, peace must first be planted **in** your life. I can no more tell you to keep your temper and expect you to do it; than I can place a bean label on a bin of thistle seeds and expect them to miraculously change into beans. To have beans in the bin, I've got to put beans in the bin, not thistle seeds.

There is only one way for the fruit of peace to be present in your life, and that is for God to put it there. If you know Jesus Christ as your Savior, then the Spirit of peace has been planted in your soul, and will, if allowed, bear fruit of peace in your life. **Being justified by faith, we** (you) **have peace with God through our** (your) **Lord Jesus Christ** (Romans 5:1).

Being at peace with God, it is possible for you to be at—

Peace With Yourself.

Let the peace of God rule in your hearts (Col. 3:15a). This is a necessary, but often forgotten step toward the full harvest of peace. First the planting, then the watering. Let the peace of God take control of your heart. The planting of the "spirit of peace" will grow within you until you will be able to live with yourself. The Bible tells you to "live peaceably with all men," and this begins with yourself. If you can't live with yourself, how can you live with others? The direct result of being at peace with yourself, will be that you will be able to control that temper which so easily controls you. As much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men (Romans 12:18). The more at peace you are with yourself, the more you will be able to live peaceably with others.

Knowing you have peace with God, and being at peace with yourself, the Spirit will now be able to bear within you the fruit of—

Peace With Men.

Thomas A. Kempis once wrote, "Keep yourself first in peace and then you shall be able to pacify others."

You will never have peace with the world, but you can strive to live peaceably with all men. The world hated and crucified Christ. The world also hates the Christian, but the Christian can still strive to live at peace with all men, if the peace of God is in your soul, and controls your life.

This is not simply a negative control of temper, but also a positive expression of love for others. When Satan stirs up your temper to the boiling point, rebuke him with the words of Christ, "Get thee behind me, Satan;" and find some positive way to express your Christian faith and love. Be a friend to the guy who is lonely, honor your parents with loving obedience, share your three sandwiches with the guy who has none, show your true Christian character to your gal and forget the other guy, and love Sis as a real member of the family of God. You'll find that it's not easy to be angry with someone you help.

This is expected in your life because the seed has been sown. The Holy Spirit has been sown in your heart, Christian guy, and He will help you to live peaceably with all men, if you ask Him, trust Him, and depend upon Him. You may even be able to tell some other guy about the peace that Jesus gives, the peace that passes all understanding.

Above all, Buddy, keep your temper — nobody else wants it.

The END of the AGE

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XXVI

NOW BACK TO THE THEME, *The End of The Age.* The end cannot come until after the last *prophetic week* begins, then the end will be only seven years away.

The twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew is Jesus' answer to the disciples three-fold question, *When shall these things be? What shall be the sign of thy coming? And of the end of the Age?* In the closing verses of chapter 23, Jesus had said, *Therefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: some of them shall ye kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city: that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of Abel the righteous unto the blood of Zachariah son of Barachiah, whom ye slew between the sanctuary and the altar. Verily I say unto you, all these things shall come upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that killeth the prophets, and stoneth them that are sent unto her! how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord* (Matt. 23: 34-39—A.S.V.).

Who were some of the prophets and wise men He sent that were slain? There was Stephen whom they stoned (Acts 7:55-58); and James the brother of John, who was slain with the sword (Acts 12:2); and there was Paul beheaded in Rome; Peter crucified head downward; Polycarp was burned; and a host of faithful witnesses too numerous to catalog.

To the second part of the question, *the sign of His coming,* Jesus revealed several things (Matt. 24:4-28). First there was a warning of false prophets. It must be kept in mind that everything Jesus said in Matthew 24 refers to the last seven years of Israel's history. The Church is nowhere in view. Those disciples knew nothing of the Church. They had only heard Him say He would *build His Church,* but without further explanation. The church did not come into being until after His crucifixion, His resurrection, His ascension. Pentecost was the birthday of the Church. False christs have declared themselves and faded from view during the dispensation of grace, or *Church Age* in which we now live, and many false teachers; but Jesus advised His disciples of the false christs of the end of time after the Church is caught up in the Rapture.

The *sign* also includes *wars and rumors of wars,* a continuous struggle among the nations, striving for position in the two great camps of the world. The Roman Empire which was broken up by the northern European hordes in 476 A.D. became the *feet and toes, part of the potter's clay, and part of iron,* of Nebuchadnezzar's dream image (Dan. 2:44). It was the Roman Empire that destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D. The Roman Empire will again be united before the Prince of Daniel 9:26, the *he* of verse 27, can *make a firm covenant with many for one week.* This is the seventieth week of prophetic history of Israel .The revived Roman Empire will include the whole western world over which the *prince,* the *he,* the *little horn,* will rule. The Roman Empire has not yet been reunited, although Mussolini declared it had when he swallowed Ethiopia. When it will be is not revealed, but it will doubtless develop out of some such movement as *NATO,* or *the economic common market.* When it comes, it will be manipulated by a strong man *and a mouth speaking great things* (Dan. 7:8—A.S.V.). He will come into power at the beginning of the seventieth week. This personage is referred to as a *beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads . . . and I saw one of his heads as though it had been smitten unto death; and his death stroke was healed: And the whole earth wondered after the beast* (Rev. 13:1-3—A.S.V.). Revelation 13:7 states that *there was given unto him authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.*

The other armed camp of the world will be *Gog, of the lang of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal . . . Persia, Cush, and put with them . . . Gomer, and all his hordes; the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north, and all his hordes; even many peoples with thee* (Ezek. 38:2-6—A.S.V.). The many peoples with him will include *the kings that come from the sunrising* (Rev. 16:12—A.S.V.). This confederacy of the north and east will always oppose the rule of the beast.

Another vital part of the sign will be *famines* and *earthquakes.* Famines always follow destructive wars. A vivid picture of the time is given in Revelation 6 at the opening of the third seal, *And I saw, and behold a black horse; and he that sat thereon had a balance in his hand, And I heard a voice . . . saying a measure of wheat for a shilling, and three measures of barley for a shilling.* Food will be so costly that multitudes will starve during the time.

The last seven years of Israel's prophetic history is divided into two equal parts. Daniel 9:27—A.S.V. says, *and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.* In Daniel 7:25, one part is called *a time and times and half a time,* as also in 12:7; but in Revelation it is called *forty-two months* (Rev. 11:2; 13:5) and as 1260 days (11:13). This all adds up to three and one-half years for each half of the *week.*

The head of the revived Roman Empire, the *prince,* the *he* of Daniel 9:27, will enter into a covenant with the many for one week. The *many* will be a portion of the returned Jews in the Holy Land. Not all will enter into the covenant. The *righteous remnant* will be

to devout and understanding to be caught in the snare. The covenant will permit the Jews to build again the temple, set up their sanctuary in Jerusalem, and the daily sacrifices and oblations resume, after centuries. *But in the midst of the week,* or after three and one-half years, *he,* the world ruler called the *beast out of the sea* (Rev. 11:1) will disrupt the public worship in the temple.

Jesus' words in Matthew 24:9, *Then shall they deliver you up unto tribulation, and kill you: And ye shall be hated of all the nations for my name's sake.* Here many have fallen into error in not discerning who are in view. Be it remembered, the Church will have been caught up in the Parusia three and one-half years when the tribulation begins. The reference is of course to the Jews. Jesus further said, v. 13, *but he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.* How often believers of the church have been exhorted to hold out to the end to be saved. The believers will all be gone from the earth then. They will have been saved by grace, and not be holding out to the end. Those who will be subject to the tribulation will be Israel on the earth then. They are to *hold out* against the trials of the scourge of the Great Tribulation which will last three and one-half years.

The Great Tribulation will begin in the midst of the week and will be ushered in by the halting of the Jewish sacrifices and the *abomination that maketh desolate being set up* (Dan. 12:11). Now what is this abomination that maketh desolate?

news ... from the Brethren

Johnstown II, Pa. Rev. Charles Lowmaster reports in his April 6, 1965, "Second Brethren News" that Rev. Alvin Shifflett has accepted the call to become pastor of the Second Church. Bro. Shifflett is a Senior in the Ashland Theological Seminary and will graduate this coming June.

Vandergrift, Pa. (Pleasant View). Rev. R. J. Godwin reports that eight persons have recently been received into membership of the church. Four of these became members in December of last year and the other four were received on April 4.

Vinco, Pa. According to the current copy of "Vinco News and Views" the church is launching upon an expansion program of building. The architect's plans have been accepted and the working plans are now in the making. This new addition will provide much more room for Sunday School and worship areas.

Rev. Henry Bates reports that one person was brought into membership of the church by transfer of letter recently.

Mansfield, Ohio. Rev. Spencer Gentle reports that three persons were brought into membership of the church on Sunday evening, April 4; two by baptism and one by transfer of letter.

Plans for relocation and building are rapidly taking shape. The Building Committee is meeting regularly for the purpose of hastening these plans.

Memorials

PULLEN. Mrs. Lillie Pullen, age 76, passed away on March 21, 1965. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Flora, Indiana. Services were held at the church with Rev. William Livingston officiating. Burial was in the Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Lee Voorhees

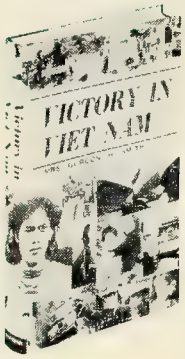
The plea today is for "realism." But, after all, that is no reason for finding all our illustrations on the rubbish heap of life's more crass humanity. It is not always necessary to take a picture of the harbor when the tide is out.

Louis H. Evans in YOUTH SEEKS A MASTER (Fleming H. Revell Company)



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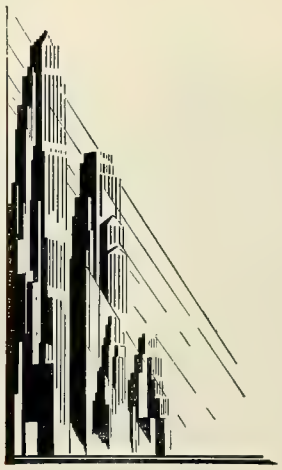
COUNTY LINE, INDIANA

THE RECENT tornado which caused so much damage and loss of life in our nation completely destroyed our church at County Line, Indiana. Rev. Kent Bennett is the pastor. The church is located just a few miles south of South Bend, Indiana.

In a letter received from Mr. Walter J. Strope by the Missionary Board, the following information was given: "Rev. Bennett and his congregation surely need our help and prayers in this most crucial time. You would never believe the vast and costly destruction of that terrible storm. Rev. Bennett is so concerned about some of his people who not only lost their homes but were badly injured. Please join us in prayer for County Line."

In Goshen, Indiana, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Biller was completely demolished. The Billers are members of the First Brethren Church in Goshen. Rev. Allison reports that the members of the church have come to the aid of this family in clearing the debris and the salvaging of possessions in order that the home might be rebuilt as soon as possible.

We know that others have suffered loss in this tragic event which has not been reported to us. Let us all remember these in our prayers.



THE COVER PHOTO is the remodeled sanctuary of The First Brethren Church (Park Street) of Ashland, Ohio. Dedication services for the new educational unit and remodeled sanctuary were conducted on Sunday, March 21. See article on page 16 of this issue of the magazine.

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the editor's editorial

Yesterday vs Today

The following article was sent to your Editor by Mr. Wayne M. Hawkins, member of the First Brethren Church, Milledgeville, Illinois. The article was written by Mr. Floyd Daub, Superintendent of schools in Milledgeville, and appeared in the March 31, 1965, issue of the school paper "The Epitome." Mr. Daub is a member of the Methodist Church, and certainly this is a fine testimony from a man in such a position.

Your Editor wishes to thank Mr. Hawkins for sending the article to us. S.G.

WE AS TEACHERS and Christians must stimulate individuals to assume a personal responsibility for restoring to the schools the spiritual truths upon which this nation of ours was founded and without which we cannot survive. Those who hate God, a few at most, have done much to upset the world by concentrating on the vital fields that touch the lives of most people: (education, government, video measures, labor relations, etc.). The brief strength of the evil doers has been the failure of the average good citizen to fulfill our individual responsibility.

Where were we Christians when Madalyn Murray was fighting and winning her case in the U. S. Supreme Court—concerning prayers in school. Mrs. Murray believed in atheism, why were Christians afraid to believe in our basic beliefs, why didn't we fight. As a result, it is against the law now to open school with prayers, or reading of the Scriptures, or grace before meals.

No matter where people may live in this great land of ours, we turn eyes toward Washington in peace and in war. Quite rightly, we expect to find there the leadership of our nation. For that reason, Washington commands the attention and respect of all Americans.

Relatively few Americans will ever have the great and thrilling opportunity of a personal visit to Washington, and the few who do visit that city may never notice the many tributes to the Almighty to be found there. The capital of our great nation offers a wealth of information and inspiration that should make every citizen proud of his country. For students in particular, there are countless reminders of the deep and solid roots from which America draws its great strength of spirit. None of these should be overlooked if the coming generation is to possess that complete and well-balanced sense of patriotism that is a requisite for our continuance as a free nation.

In no other place in the U. S. are there so many, and such varied, official evidences of deep and abiding faith in God on the part of government as there are in Washington. There are lasting tributes both to our national leaders and to the great people that distinguish America for spiritual values above its material might.

A visitor entering Washington by train sees the words of Christ from the Gospel of St. John prominently inscribed above the main arch leading into Union Station. Here at the very entrance to the seat of government of the U. S. are the words: "The truth shall make you free." Are we as free as we want ourselves to believe? What about those who are suffering in the South, the Negroes, who are afraid to attend school, afraid to go home at night, afraid of the unknown. God created man, no matter what color, race or creed.

On Washington's Monument we find: "Train up a child in a way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Remember Hitler's plan, indoctrinate the youth, for the youth of today are our leaders tomorrow. How do you think the way we as adults behave and teach, are we setting a good example for our children to follow? Remember, children are the greatest imitators. Christ said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

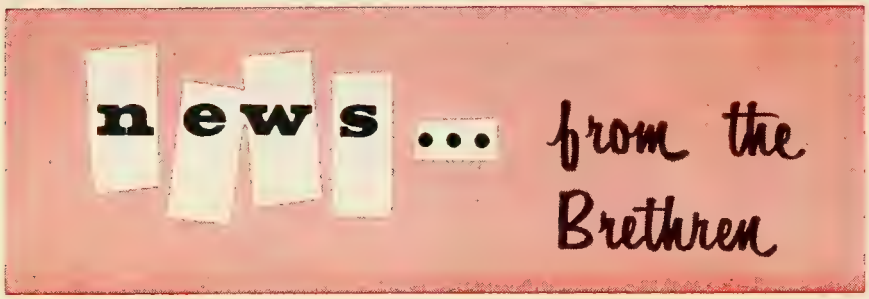
Justice William Douglas said, "We are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being. We guarantee the freedom of worship as one chooses. We make room for as wide variety of beliefs and creeds as the spiritual needs of man make necessary."

You, whoever you are, can strengthen the entire educational system in your country by doing something to restore to every classroom the basic truth upon which our nation is founded.

Yes, we do live in a wonderful world, but it is a troubled world. We must be able to cope with the outside temptations. We must fight for what we think is right.

As you teach today, our children will think and act tomorrow. What a power! What a magnificent opportunity!

Mr. Floyd Daub



Washington, D. C. Rev. Jerry Flora reports that five young people were baptized on Sunday, March 28, and received into membership of the church. Also, the "March to Sunday School in March" was successful in that there was an average increase of eighteen over a year ago.

Masontown, Pa. Rev. James I. Naff reports that on Sunday, April 11, 11 were received into membership of the church.

Pittsburgh, Pa. Through his bulletin of April 11, Rev. William S. Crick reported that he had been in the Shadyside Hospital for surgery to correct a cardio-vascular condition. Bro. Crick is slowly recovering from this condition, let us remember him in our prayers.

Bryan, Ohio. Rev. Smith F. Rose reports that on Sunday, April 11, 14 persons were baptized and would be received into the church very shortly.

Mansfield, Ohio. Rev. Spencer Gentle reports that the recent Every Member Canvass was quite successful. The attendance in both Sunday school and worship services has been on the increase. Also, plans are fast moving toward the building of the new church.

Ardmore, Ind. Rev. C. Wm. Cole reports that two persons were received into membership of the church recently.

The Bible is not like a slot machine. If you put in five minutes' reading time, you don't necessarily get a "blessing" (or anything else) out of it.

A. Morgan Derham in A CHRISTIAN'S GUIDE TO BIBLE STUDY (Fleming H. Revell Company)

To say, "I'm not good enough for God," is to sigh, "I'm too sick to go to the hospital."

David A. Redding in THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST (Fleming H. Revell Co.)

THE DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION

by ROBERT J. OEHRIG

EVERY DOCTOR has a few patients who do not follow instructions. And such patients can be most exasperating!

Sometimes, to his chagrin, the physician learns that he himself is at fault. In describing just what he wants done, he may have failed to explain in language the patient can understand. Or he may have failed to reinforce his verbal suggestions with detailed written instructions.

In either event, the patient cannot do what is expected of him. More often, however, the patient does understand but refuses to follow his doctor's advice. Perhaps he feels, "My doctor's treatment is too drastic; things can't really be as bad as he says."

Such failure to follow good medical advice can, of course, have disastrous consequences. Most of us recognize this fact. But do we recognize that the same is true regarding spiritual advice?

There was a day when I realized that God had given me a prescription. Over a period of time He had spoken to me through sincere Christians. He had also reinforced His message through His written Word, the Bible. His prescription had become unmistakably clear. Like some medical patients, however, I was not especially eager to follow God's advice. For one thing, it seemed to me that my spiritual condition could not be so bad as He said. Furthermore, His treatment seemed too severe.

What was God's diagnosis? The Bible record seemed to describe a self-centered existence repugnant to God.

And what did God prescribe? He urged me to confess my sinful state to Him, to admit my selfishness, and to ask for His forgiveness. Then, because the Lord Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for my sins, God urged me to receive His Son as my personal Saviour so that He might cleanse me and be Lord of my life.

Although sometimes I may become exasperated when my patients ignore my prescriptions, I recall that I once ignored the advice of God, the Great Physician. But when I did submit to Him, He did wonderful things in me and for me. Now I find that, having applied this first and most important prescription (that Christ become my Saviour from sin), I am in a position to ask my Heavenly Father for other remedies. His daily prescriptions now include:

His peace for my inner turmoil
His wisdom for my ignorance
His power for my weakness
His righteousness for my sins
His joy for my depression.

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CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Acts

Memory Scripture for the month — Acts 2:21

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

May 2 - 8

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 5:12-16

One Accord

"Such a pretty afternoon," said Mom.

"Can't we do something? Like take a walk?" asked Linda.

"That's a good idea," said Dad.

"Walk! Walk!" declared Betsy.

Gary jumped up from the floor where he had been playing with Mittens. "Let's go!"

Mom laughed. "We are all agreed on what we want to do."

As they started out the door Dad said, "Yes, we're all of one accord."

"One accord!" exclaimed Linda. "That sounds funny. What does it mean?"

"It means," explained Daddy, "that we are agreed on what to do. Some of us don't want to do one thing and some another. We want to do the same thing."

"One accord?" asked Gary "Isn't that used in the Bible?"

"Yes," Dad answered. "It tells us the Christians were in church with one accord. That means they were all there because they wanted to worship God."

"That's the way it should be when we go to church, too," continued Mom. "We shouldn't go just to see our friends or to show off some new clothes. We should go to worship God. In this we should be of one accord."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my church. May I always remember it is a place of worship. Help me to be reverent and attentive. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 3, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 5:17-20

Set Free

Linda ran into the backyard after school. "Oh, Queenie," she exclaimed. "What's wrong?"

Queenie looked at her and whined. Her front legs were tied together with a piece of rope. Her back legs were tied together, too.

"Who did this?" wondered Linda. She sat down on the ground and began untying the ropes.

When at last Queenie was free, she jumped on Linda and began licking her.

"That's enough, Queenie! That's enough!" laughed Linda. "I know you are glad to be free. Go tell someone else."

Queenie raced around the house, barking as she went.

"What's Queenie so happy about?" asked Gary as he came into the yard.

Linda told him about finding the dog's legs tied.

"I wonder who did that to our Queenie?" muttered Gary. Then he grinned. "She must feel like the apostles did when the angel opened the prison for them."

Linda laughed, too. "She's even acting like them. I told her to go tell someone else and she is."

God has never had to send an angel to release you from prison, but He's done many other things for you. Have you told others about Him?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that I know You love me. Thank You for all You've done for me. Help me to tell others about You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 6:1-7

It Grows

"Steve and I are going to have a club," said Gary as the family was eating supper.

"What kind of a club will it be?" asked Dad.

"A hiking club," Gary told him. "We'll take hikes on Saturdays."

"That sounds like fun," Mom said.

"Who will be in your club?" Linda wondered.

"Lots of fellows," answered Gary. "Everyone we've talked to wants to be in it. The way it is growing it will be a big club."

"I know something that grew faster," smiled Dad.

"What?" questioned Gary.

"The church," Dad replied. "Those who believed Jesus was the Savior sent from God told others. They believed and told others."

"And it's still growing," reminded Mom, "in the same way — believers tell others."

"Some of the fellows in our hiking club don't go to church," said Gary. "I'll tell them about Jesus. Perhaps I can help the church to grow more."

"Of course, you can," encouraged Dad. "Each of us who loves Jesus should be telling others and helping His church to grow."

Prayer:

I'm glad, dear God, that the disciples long ago told many people about You. I'm glad I've learned to know and love You. Show me ways I can help Your church to grow. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 6:8-15

The Face

The children were getting ready for bed. Mom was in Linda's room.

"The children's prayer service was really good tonight," said Linda. "Mrs. Weaver was in charge."

"Then I know you had an interesting service," Mom replied. "She tells better stories than almost anyone I know."

"Yes, I like her stories," agreed Linda. "I like to be with her even when she doesn't tell stories. I like to look at her face. It seems to glow. Does that sound funny?"

"Not at all," answered Mom. "Mrs. Weaver loves God very much. She tries to obey and follow Him.

Stephen in the Bible was like that. We are told people thought his face looked like the face of an angel."

"That's it! That's just the way Mrs. Weaver looks," declared Linda. "You and Daddy have that special look, too. Do I?"

"Yes," Mom told her. "All God's children have it when we are especially close to Him. When we are cross or unkind then it leaves. It's God's love shining through that gives us that special look."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad Your love can shine through me. Help me to be kind and thoughtful and loving so You can shine through me at all times. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 7:51-60

Mudballs

"Some boys are really mean!" cried Linda as she put her books on the table.

"What's wrong, Dear?" asked Mom going to her.

"Just look at my back," replied Linda.

"It's covered with spots of mud!" exclaimed Mom. "What happened?"

"Some of the big boys threw mudballs at us," said Linda. "We ran but they still hit us with lots of them. They make me so mad! I'd like to throw mudballs at them!"

"It was mean of them," agreed Mom. "Throwing mud back would not help any. Do you remember Stephen in the Bible?"

Linda nodded.

"What did he do when people threw stones at him?"

"He prayed for God to forgive them," remembered Linda.

"Yes," said Mom. "And do you remember what Jesus did when He was being crucified?"

Again Linda nodded. "He prayed, too. He asked God to forgive the ones who were crucifying Him."

"It is not easy to pray for those who are unkind to us," said Mom. "But God's Word shows us this is the best thing to do."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to always be kind to others. If there are those who are unkind to me, may I remember to pray for them. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 8:26-38

Understanding

"Why are you frowning, Son?" asked Dad.

"I'm reading about the city council meeting last night," answered Gary. "They passed some new laws. I don't understand them."

Dad took the newspaper, read it with Gary, and explained the new laws to him.

"Now I understand," smiled Gary. "You know all about them and helped me to understand. Thanks, Dad."

Many times when we read the Bible it is hard for us to understand what it means. At such times ask someone — your mother or father, your Sunday school teacher or minister or an older friend to explain it to you.

Soon you will understand better what you have read. Then like the Ethiopian in the Bible story you wi say, "I believe."

By the way, after you truly believe Jesus is you Savior you will want to be baptized. Do you believe Have you been baptized?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the Bible. Help me to unde stand it better and to follow its teachings. In Jesu name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 9:1-9

The Hike

Gary and Steve were going on a hike. As they walke along the country road they each munched an appl They walked quietly so they wouldn't disturb the wi life along the way.

They saw a rabbit hopping in a field. They stoppe to watch a turtle make his way slowly across the roa They laughed at a sassy squirrel sitting on a tree lim

The sun was high in the sky when they started bac towards home.

"The sun's really bright today," said Steve.

"Yes," agreed Gary. "I've been thinking about th Sunday school lesson we had last week. That mu have been a very bright light that blinded Paul."

"Jesus had to do something powerful to make hi listen," Steve said.

"I want to always listen for Jesus' voice," said Ga thoughtfully. "He speaks to us in so many ways through the Bible, through our parents, even throug the thoughts He places in our minds. He's a wonderf Savior and I want to always hear when He speal to me."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to be listening when You spea to me. Help me to be willing to obey and follow Yo In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Spiritual Meditations

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"TOO CHEAP"

The chief captain answered, With a great sum ob tained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was fre born (Acts 22:28).

DR. G. CAMPBELL MORGAN was at one time con ducting an evangelistic campaign, when ther came to him one of the Yorkshire miners seeking t justify himself for refusing the offer of salvation. H declared that he would like to be a believer and Christian, but couldn't believe God would forgive man if he just turned to Him. "It is too cheap," th miner insisted.

Doctor Morgan turned to him and asked, "How di you get out of the pit today?"

"The way I always do," replied the miner. "I got int the cage and was pulled to the top."

Again Doctor Morgan queried the miner, "And ho much did you pay to get out of the pit?"

"Pay!" the miner expostulated, "I didn't pay anything."

"Then, were you not afraid to trust yourself in that cage? Was it not too cheap?" the minister asked.

"Oh, no!" said the miner. "It was cheap for me, but it cost the company a lot of money to sink that shaft."

As we view the cross let us think of what it cost God to sink the shaft from the eternal regions to the depth of human sin to redeem mankind from the slavery of sin. *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life* (John 3:16). "WHAT A PRICE!"

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST

A FULLER CONCEPTION of the "many things" Christ suffered for us (Matt. 16:21) will give us a deeper hatred of sin that gives birth to all suffering and also a greater love for the souls of the unsaved. The prophecy of the suffering Messiah in Isaiah 53 has well been called "the Gospel of the Old Testament" (vs. 4-7). Jesus laid aside everything but His deity that we might be made rich through His poverty (II Cor. 8:9). In His suffering hunger He was made as weak as we ever could be, and yet resisted Satan successfully as our Example (Matt. 4:2-4). It was the divine intention that He should be tempted (v. 1) "in all points like as we are" (Heb. 4:15), in order that He might sustain us under any trial (Heb. 2:18).

In His earthly life and ministry our Lord suffered fatigue (Jn. 4:6), homelessness (Matt. 8:20), and sorrow (Matt. 26:38) and anguish of soul over the terrific cost of sin. He suffered injustice (Matt. 27:26) even though Pilate had declared Him innocent (v. 23). He suffered physical torture and ignominy (shame and disgrace) as described in Matt. 27:28-31. He suffered mocking and reviling (Matt. 27:39-43). He was scorned by sinners (Matt. 27:44) who deserved punishment and death, just as we, because of sin, are worthy of spiritual death.

Do we love Christ and His redeemed or are we on the side of those whose hatred He suffered (Jn. 15:18)? He suffered pursuit and persecution (Jn. 5:16; Lu. 11: 53, 54; 22:2). Time and again He was the victim of misunderstanding (Mk. 3:21; Lu. 4:26-30). Incidentally, it seems that some church members have the perversity to be critical of all preachers (Lu. 7:33-35). Th Lord Jesus suffered betrayal by a self-styled affectionate friend (Lu. 22:3, 4). He suffered unmerited death (Acts 2:23; I Cor. 2:8). He suffered debasement from the heights of glory to the depths of hell (Eph. 4:9). To taste our death and hell for us He suffered temporary separation from the Father (Matt. 27:46). He was "made a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13). He suffered ALL for US (Jn. 11:33-35; Gal. 1:4).

By Christ's great sacrifice He purchased our pardon (Heb. 12:2); and by His resurrection has purchased eternal life for all who believe on Him (Heb. 7:25). Now it is ours to repent of sin, acknowledge Him as our Lord and our God (Jn. 20:28), and willingly suffer all things to carry out His last command (Matt. 28:19, 20).

O Christ, what burdens bow'd Thy head!
Our load was laid on Thee:
Thou stoodest in the sinner's stead
To bear all ill for me;
A victim led, Thy blood was shed;
Now there's no load for me!

Death and the curse were in the cup—
O Christ, 'twas full for Thee!
But Thou hast drained the last dark drop,
'Tis empty now for me!
That bitter cup—Love drank it up:
Left but the love for me.

For me, Lord Jesus, Thou hast died
And I have died in Thee!
Thou'rt risen; my bonds are all untied;
And now Thou liv'st in me!
The Father's face of radiant grace
Shines now in light on me!

—Anne Ross Cousin

What is Happening to MODERN CHRISTIANITY?

If Paul Harvey is right, then,

The 116 million churchgoers in the U. S. are more than ever—an increase of 30% in the last ten years, BUT, in the same period, illegitimacy has increased 300 per cent.

Pornography has become a 500-million-dollar-a-year business, and venereal disease has increased 72% in one year!

Our crime bill is 20 billion dollars a year; and crime is increasing four times faster than our population—juvenile crime is increasing five times faster.

For every dollar our nation spends on churches, we spend $12,000 on crime.

We have 5 million alcoholics and 3½ million problem drinkers—and we have 175,000 MORE taverns and liquor outlets than all houses of worship combined.

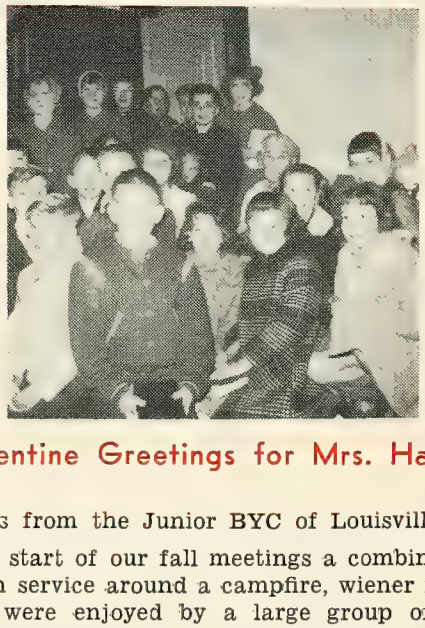
What makes a nation strong? If commerce would do it, Tyre would never have fallen; if political organization would do it, Rome would never have fallen; if military power would do it, Germany would never have fallen.

De Tocqueville said, "America is great because she is good, and if America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Now we must pray, "GOD SAVE AMERICA."—Christian Victory

Brethren Youth Crusaders

Louisville presents . . .



Valentine Greetings for Mrs. Hankey

Greetings from the Junior BYC of Louisville!

At the start of our fall meetings a combination installation service around a campfire, wiener roast and hayride were enjoyed by a large group of juniors.

For our Christmas project we made popcorn balls for a volunteer organization and decorated bars of soap which we sent to Kentucky.

As one of our special events this year, we presented our February 14 devotional program at the home of a shut-in. The group then enjoyed a valentine party with ice cream, heart cookies and punch. We are shown above at the home of Mrs. Hankey.

Our team is working diligently on the study of the book of Acts in preparation for the Bible Quiz.

We pray the Lord will bless us as we work together and witness for Him.

Becky Hawks, secretary

Answer to last week's
Spotlight on Scripture . . .

Matthew 5:13, 14

Easter . . .

Yes, Easter . . . and then? Then what do you plan to do with your life and your time? According to the calendar, Easter has come and gone. Has Easter come and gone in your life?

Remember how recently you anticipated this Resurrection season? For many of us it seems as though we must store up the "Easter spirit" so we will have enough to last until next Easter, as if there were nothing more of Christ's glorious Resurrection to be shared during the remainder of the year.

Remember how short a time has passed since you followed the rush of events that brought betrayal to our Lord —

Judas consulting the Jews
Judas leaving the Upper Room
Judas receiving 30 pieces of silver.

No doubt you felt the crush and vacuum of impending doom as you saw the sinister betrayal unfold. But was Judas' betrayal the only one on that dark night? Is his fault the only one we recall from Easter to Easter? Are we guiltless?

Such a little time has ticked away since you watched the Savior agonize in Gethsemane. Did you once again feel the burden of His load? Did you wonder at the sleeping Disciples and become just a bit angry that they could not keep their eyes open long enough to share the Lord's agony? But how many of us are burdened enough to give up a little sleep?

And did you watch with horror the arrest of the Nazarene—the Christ? And did you see the deceitful



Remember!

Youth Week — May 9 - 16
Youth Sunday — May 16
Theme: **"Our Mission"**

Plans have been mailed to all pastors and youth leaders, and have appeared on the Youth pages of **The Brethren Evangelist.** Adapt them for your use and make Youth Week a memorable event!

Be sure to make all checks payable to **Brethren Youth.**

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Brethren Youth
524 College Ave.
Ashland, Ohio 44805

. . . and then?



Judas kiss the Master into betrayal? The angry Peter take up a sword to strike the high priest's servant? A very young believer fleeing into the shadows, leaving his coat behind? Look at that scene again. Can we find ourselves there? Deceitful, taking action when it is too late, fleeing when things get rough?

We might follow cautiously the mockery of a trial which Jesus endured. We hate His accusers—religious hypocrites! We dislike the weak, hand-washing Pilate. The mob's angry cry, "Crucify Him, crucify Him," makes us sick inside. But in all the talk and shouting, there is One we admire. He stood silent, calm, strong. We would be like Him. But are we? We admire Him, but do we follow His example?

Then our eyes are turned once again to Golgotha —the place of skulls. Now the silence and heaviness of gloom are broken only by hammering and crisp orders and muffled tears. And, oh yes, curses of two thieves. The crosses are raised against the skyline and we can hardly bear to look upon the suffering we helped create. In fact, we would rather believe it was something done 2,000 years ago by scheming Jews, greedy Judas, a weak Pilate, and a dumb mob, rather than ourselves. We would never do that, would we?

Our ears hear His words from the cross. We often call them "The Seven Words:"

Woman, behold thy son! . . . Behold thy mother!

Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

I thirst.

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

It is finished.

Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.

And with those final words the Savior dies amidst midnight blackness, thunder, earthquake and fear. Now all hope was gone. He did not save himself as He had others. It was over. We do not believe this but how do we live from Easter to Easter? Don't we often live as if He were dead?

We often forget the darkness between His death and Resurrection. The hopelessness of His disciples, their fear, and the inability to comprehend left them motionless. He was buried, but even in death the Lord was feared, His tomb guarded.

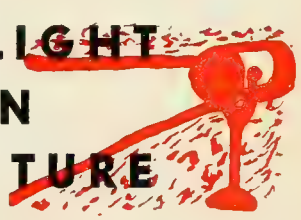
But then comes Resurrection morning! Easter! Recall how you thrilled at His new life, not unlike the new life you see in flowers and trees. Hope was bright and new and glorious once more. He lives! Christ arose! Christ the Lord is risen today! Hallelujah!

And so comes the climax of another Easter — successfully renewed, remembered, memorialized. "O foolish Christians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?"

Easter — and then? Is the thrill of Resurrection so soon gone? Did you heave a sigh of relief and mop a brow that finally all the special preparations were over and Easter was gone? Have you forgotten that each Lord's Day should remind us of His Resurrection? And have you forgotten that His Resurrection means that we, too, shall rise again? Or do you live 355 days of the year as though the Lord were dead?

Easter . . . and then?

SPOTLIGHT ON SCRIPTURE

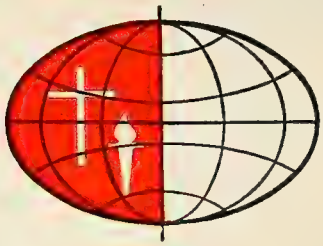


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Can you find the Scripture reference? Look in next week's *The Brethren Evangelist* for the answer.

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MISSIONARY NEWS



And ALL were ONE in Christ at Kaduna

by IVAN EIKENBERRY

You will remember references made by the Shanks and others to the NEW LIFE FOR ALL campaign being held in various parts of Nigeria. The following graphic account of the Kaduna Campaign in a letter by Ivan Eikenberry, veteran Church of the Brethren missionary, is so interesting that we want to share it with you.
—M. Virgil Ingraham

WE HAVE just completed an evangelistic effort here in our part of Northern Nigeria and I thought you might be interested in hearing about it.

"I Will Make You Fishers of Men," "Onward Christian Soldiers," "Are You Washed in the Blood" and other Christian songs were being sung as the several thousand Christians marched down the main streets of Kaduna on February 28. This was a united witness of all the Protestant denominations in the capital city of the North. They came from Church of the Christ in the Sudan—Fellowship of Christian Churches (of which our church in the Church of the Brethren area is a part), the Baptist Convention, the Methodists, the Anglicans, the Presbyterians, the Assemblies of God—marking the climax of the "New Life for All" campaign. They marched to the beautiful new Ahmadu Bello Stadium (seating 30,000) where the last service of the campaign was held. There was a large crowd already gathered and people still came and came. The crowd could not be counted accurately but 15,000 to 16,000 seems to be a fair estimate.

This huge crowd, at least 99% Nigerian, had come to this service because they were active Christians following Christ or because they wanted to hear more about the "New Life." The congregation stood and sang the National Anthem, "Nigeria We Hail Thee, Our Own Dear Native Land"; Howard O. Jones, a member of the Billy Graham Team, who lives in Monrovia, Liberia, and does Christian radio broadcasts on the large S.I.M. broadcasting station there, was the speaker. He had been in Jos for a week of meetings—in Zaria for another week and then, last, a week here in Kaduna. He and his wife are American Negroes from Ohio. He spoke in English and the sermon was interpreted into Hausa by a Nigerian who is a student in Bible school. Just five years ago this young interpreter was a Moslem mechanic, working in a motor garage. Christian friends showed him Christ, His love and way, and today he preaches it far and wide. He cannot return to his family or his home village because he has left the Moslem faith and become a Christian.

Babies cried——children moved about—mothers took children out—some people talked and whispered, but most of the 15,000 people there heard the story of Jesus' way of salvation and were challenged to live better and more completely in His will or to accept Christ for the first time and find a new peace. Those who stood when the invitation was given remained behind and counselors met with them one by one, for help and guidance.

The first week there were services in different churches for different language groups. The largest group was the Hausa, but the Yoruba, the Ibo, the Idoma, and the Tiv had ministers also who came from outside Kaduna for that week. There were between 150 and 200 people who came forward each of those evenings.

Counselors had been in preparation for many months. They had attended classes for about 4 months and had passed tests on the lesson material. They were divided into small teams of two to go into the different parts of Kaduna and distribute literature about the coming campaign and to invite people to come. The man who is our cook and has worked for us for 20 years says he and his partner contacted 200 homes in the area given to them.

The second week, Rev. Jones spoke each afternoon to a crowd of between 2,000 and 3,000. It ended with the large rally described earlier. There was an interdenominational choir to give special music. The chairman for the week was a Yoruba Baptist who is in charge of the Social Welfare offices in Kaduna. One evening Elder Madu Mshelia (from Marama and in Kaduna to attend as a member of the House of Assembly) led in prayer. Loud speakers made the message easily heard by all. People of all tribes and economic status came. Ushers directed the crowd in an orderly fashion to sit on the ground. Song sheets in two languages were passed out.

It is interesting to note that one evening the person sitting beside me was a lady with feet mutilated by leprosy; another evening it was a girl from Garkida who is in Kaduna now for mid-wifery training; still another night it was a Canadian woman whose husband is teaching here in Kaduna under a program of the Mennonite Central Committee. The last evening, Mrs. Comfort Dikko, wife of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, an active Christian, worshiped by my side.

This was not a meeting of the poor and needy. This was a meeting of brothers and sisters in Christ. They came from all tribes, races, cultures, economic levels, but they were one through the love of Christ. Many have accepted Christ for the first time; many more have rededicated their lives to Christ—with a keener desire to follow and to share the Gospel they know. Northern Nigeria is a Moslem Region; that is, a majority of the population are Moslems. How thrilling it has been to have these meetings here in the capital city of this Region, where all Protestant Christians can make a united witness. Give thanks with us for this freedom and pray we may use the opportunities that are here and to "God Give the Glory." Amen.

Why I contribute to the REVOLVING FUND

WHEN I first heard of the Brethren Home Mission Revolving Fund I dismissed it from my mind completely. I felt the Missionary Board was talking to people who had a lot of money to contribute or loan, *not me*. After I received the latest material on the Revolving Fund, and after reading it through carefully, it seemed the only logical and Christian thing to do. Why should I put my savings in the bank where I have no idea what it is being used for when I can place it in the Revolving Fund and know that my money will be working for the Lord. My money would be used to build churches or for the purpose of new additions to churches.

I was telling some friends about my new discovery and they began to ask questions. One of their biggest objections was the fact that the interest rate for loans to the Revolving Fund was up to 4%, while the local banks are giving up to 6% for certain types of investments. I was quick to point out that the Missionary Board has done this so that churches or groups borrowing this money would not have to pay the higher amount of interest they do at a local bank. This made some sense to them.

Another friend asked me what the Missionary Board was trying to do—become a loan company? I asked him if he had any idea what it costs to buy property and build a church in our day. Then I went on to explain how the Board, through the Revolving Fund, can help churches or groups who are unable to borrow sufficient funds from a bank for their building program. The remaining money needed can be borrowed from the Revolving Fund in the form of a long term loan, with these terms varied to accommodate special circumstances. Often the additional funds from the Revolving Fund provide that lacking amount essential for proceeding with building. He also began to see how helpful the Revolving Fund can be.

One of my friends was almost convinced to loan to the Revolving Fund when he happened to ask the question, "What if something happens and there is sickness and I need the money soon?" I pointed out to him that the Board has taken this into consideration, too. A reserve fund is maintained at all times for just such emergencies. Money loaned could be returned if needed, within a reasonable amount of time. He seemed satisfied with this answer.

Another question asked was, "Is it possible to give an outright gift to the Revolving Fund?" I pointed out, according to the booklet I received from the Board, the encouragement of such gifts to the fund. Of course, if gifts are sent, then there is no interest paid. I guess the Board must like gifts best of all!

The Missionary Board met in Ashland in February. I heard that the Revolving Fund is growing. This was encouraging to me. I hope there are many more people in the Brethren churches who will help this fund grow and grow by their gifts, loans, annuities and by naming the Brethren Home Mission Revolving Fund in their wills. This is putting our money to work for the Lord long after we are gone.

By the way, have *you* contributed anything to the Revolving Fund? Write to the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, 530 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio, today for more information. *You* can be a church builder too!

—by Reverend Donald E. Rowser
Chairman, Revolving Fund





For Brethren people and others who observe the three-fold Communion Service, the Eucharist is the climax of the entire service. A majority of Christian people only know of and observe the Eucharist. In many cases it is oft-repeated on a monthly or even weekly basis, so always runs the danger of becoming a mere form and a commonplace observance, which it should never be! There is less likelihood of the three-fold service dropping into mere form, yet we must admit that there are times and places where it also becomes just an outward observance without any inner spiritual meaning or depth. This becomes a dangerous deviation of which we will speak later.

It is clear that the Eucharist as Christ instituted it was bound up in the anticipated sacrifice of Jesus Christ upon the cross. Its later observance was to keep the church in constant memory of what had taken place upon the cross. It was to be observed in remembering Jesus Christ, the person. Its elements, the bread and the cup, were to bring back specific pictures of Christ to the Christian believers of every age. The broken bread was to be the reminder of how that

"THE EUCHARIST"

THIS MAY BE an unfamiliar term to many of our readers, although every Brethren person who attends the Communion Service partakes of the Eucharist. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia gives this definition, "The distinctive rite of Christian worship, instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ upon the eve of His atoning death, being a religious partaking of bread and wine, which, having been presented before God the Father in thankful memorial of Christ's inexhaustible sacrifice, have become (through the sacramental blessing) the communion of the body and blood of Christ." So, when we break the unleavened communion bread and eat it and drink of the communion grape juice in memory of the death of our Savior and in anticipation of His return, we are sharing in the eucharistic observance.

It was as the Love Feast was ending that Jesus gave the words of institution for the first observance of the Eucharist. Matthew records them as follows: *And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom* (26:26-29).

Mark's Gospel follows closely that of the Matthew record. Luke adds the personal emphasis to both the bread and the cup. Of the bread he quotes Jesus as saying, *This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.* Of the cup he records, *This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you* (22:19b, 20).

precious body of the Savior was broken upon the cross for our sins. The cup was to be a continuing reminder of the new relationship which the believer has through the shed blood of Jesus Christ; remembering that "the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin." Why remember these things, especially since they happened so long ago? Because our salvation is wrapped up in our continuing faith in that very sacrifice. All salvation must rest upon the sacrifice of the perfect Lamb of God who took the place of the annually observed offering of the Passover Lamb.

Both seasonally and historically the Eucharist has its beginnings long before in the old covenant relationship which God established with His people Israel. You remember how God, upon the eve of their deliverance from the bondage in Egypt, instructed each Israelite family to kill a lamb and to sprinkle its blood upon the top and sideposts of the door of their house. This was to protect them from the death angel who would pass over Egypt that night and destroy the first-born in every unprotected household. We sing, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you," as we remember this deliverance. Further, there was an identification with the sacrificed lamb as the family ate of its cooked flesh. In a sense the faithful observance of Passover was the assurance and a reminder of God's continuing protection upon His people.

So we realize that in many ways God's faithful were prepared for the Eucharist. Even the Lord, himself, in serious discussion with those who had shared the miraculously provided food at the feeding of the five thousand and of the four thousand, attempted to lift their hearts and minds to the place where they would accept Him for what He really was. He knew

that they followed Him because He had fed them physical food. He desired rather to give to all who would receive Him, the food He had for their souls. This involved faith in Him and acceptance of Him as the bread of life. For the time His detractors considered Him as less than Moses because He had fed them only two meals, while they believed that Moses had fed their ancestors daily for forty years. Jesus reminded them that their fathers had eaten the manna which God had provided, but they had died. His promise to them was that He was the living bread come down from heaven. To partake of Him was to live forever. He pointed out that it was His flesh which was the bread of heaven. His seemingly incomprehensible statement and requirement was, *"Except ye eat of the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day* (John 6:53b, 54).

It took the institution of the Eucharist to make clear the meaning of this earlier statement of Jesus. The partaking by faith gave the bread and the cup

by REV. SMITH F. ROSE

a new significance in the worship and lives of those who shared in the elements of communion. This personal identification with Him, with His broken body, and with His shed blood, was the mystical response of true faith to the outward visible elements used in the service, the loaf and the cup.

Considerable controversy has raged particularly in the Protestant churches as to the exact sense in which Jesus Christ is present in the elements of the Eucharist. All are agreed upon the basic truth that He is represented to the faithful in the elements of this service. All agree that the service is of supreme importance in the life of the true believer. Some churches determine the standing of their members upon the regularity of their participation in the Communion Service. While we all would recognize that this could degenerate into a meaningless formula for keeping up good standing in one's church, we would have to admit that the service is of primary importance spiritually in the lives of the members of the church. It is usually lukewarmness, controversy, or unconfessed sin which keeps people away from the Communion Service. Noncommunion is often Satan's tool to draw the troubled Christian farther away from the fellowship of the Master. Admittedly there is something spiritually wrong in the life of a Brethren church member who habitually absents himself from the table of the Lord. To do so is to refuse to remember and to honor the sacrifice of Christ upon which he and all other believers must depend for salvation in its present tense.

There are two dangers which face the believer in relation to the Eucharist. The first and more common is to neglect to partake in this service; to dare to feel or believe that anything is more important than the renewing of his relationship with his Lord in this way. Yet how feeble are the excuses so many give for being absent from the Lord's table. Some are even so "enlightened" that they have a sense of shame in participating in the three-fold service. Remember that to be ashamed of the Lord before men is for Him to be ashamed of us before the Father in heaven where He is interceding for the believers. We should approach this service in a sense of our need and unworthiness. Many misunderstand the service and feel that they should not come if they have a sense of unworthiness. The purpose of the service is to bring us to a remembrance that Jesus Christ died for our sins; that He still cleanses His people of their sins; that He wishes to fellowship with us now, and that He anticipates the greater fellowship with His redeemed ones in the day when He comes to receive His church unto Himself. Who does not sense unworthiness before this demonstration of God's love and grace! The partaking of the elements of the Eucharist is our pledge of continuing faith in the efficacy of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and a recognition of the validity of His continuing presence in our lives through the Spirit. How can we say we have the life of Christ in us, if we refuse the elements which speak to us of this life?

Paul refers to the second danger which is called unworthy communion. Paul warns, *For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew* (proclaim of witness to) *the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation* (condemnation) *to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep* (I Cor. 11:26-30). From these words it is quite evident that the great apostle attaches great spiritual significance to the Eucharist. So to take an unprepared and brazen attitude toward the service is likewise spiritually condemning. We have only one clear choice as believers. After due spiritual examination and preparation, we should humbly partake of the elements of the Eucharist, realizing to the extent of our spiritual perception of the presence of Christ in this service and the blessing which it conveys. It is a duty and an opportunity which should neither be avoided nor taken lightly. It is something which our Lord expects of us as a continuing witness to our relationship to Him, as well as an experience of renewal and spiritual strengthening as we remember the efficacy of the sacrifice at Calvary, and as we anticipate our meeting of our Lord in the air at the rapture of the church.

Some who read this will have just come through the

experience of the spring Communion Service in their churches. Others will be awaiting this service in the near future. In both cases the meaning of the service should be clear in your minds as you consider these words, *The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ* (I Cor. 10:16)? These words expect an answer from our hearts. It should be "Yes," or perhaps a fervent, "Amen," would be better! We may not be able to put it into simple words, and it may be that we are not expected to do so, but this we do know that these elements of the Eucharist remind us of a relationship or fellowship which comes in a way provided by no other service in the worship of the church. We are never nearer to our Lord and Savior, nor to the faithful of His people, than we are on Holy Communion night as we gather around the Lord's table to worship and to be blessed by Him! May it ever continue to be so in each of our lives until the day when we see Him as He really is!

The SEVENTIETH WEEK

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XXVII

THE END OF THE AGE will be the end of the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy. It is to be noted that the first *beast* came up out of the sea (Rev. 13:1). The sea in prophecy is the symbol of the nations outside of Israel. In verse 11 of chapter 13, there appears another *beast* coming up out of the earth. The *earth,* or the *land* is symbolical of Israel. The first beast out of the sea will be a Gentile, but the second beast out of the earth will be a Jew. He will be the *antichrist.* Note that he has two horns like a lamb, imitating the true Christ, but he speaks like a dragon (Rev. 13:11). He is the *man of sin, . . . the son of perdition, he that opposeth and exalteth himself against all that is called God or that is worshipped; so that he sitteth in the temple of God, setting himself forth as God* (II Thess. 2:3, 4—A.S.V.). Paul taught the Thessalonians about him in his second letter to them. He will not only set himself up to be worshipped but he will *doeth great signs, that he should even make fire to come down out of heaven upon the earth in the sight of men* (Rev. 13:13—A.S.V.). Moreover, this antichrist will cause a great image or statue of the first beast, the world ruling tyrant, to be made and through his satanic power cause it to *breathe,* and will order execution of all who will not worship it. The people will be brought into such straits as to receive *a mark on their right hand or upon their foreheads as a credential for trade.* On the hand of the worker and the forehead of the thinker. No wonder this is called *the time of Jacob's trouble.* Jesus said, *then shall be great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be* (Matt. 24:21).

Doubtless the remnant will pray for the *end of the age,* but Jesus said the *end is not yet.* There is one great work yet to be done before the end. Hear it from Jesus, *And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come* (Matt. 24:14).

Here, again, is another place where there is much error. Many sermons have been preached in church pulpits using the above quotation as a text, and ringing the changes on the theme, that, the gospel must be preached to all the world in missionary effort to hasten the coming of the Lord. What error! The end of the age, or the return of the Lord in no measure depends on the church witnessing or preaching. It is commanded to do that. Jesus about to make His ascension, said to His disciples that *repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. Ye are witnesses of these things.* The witness *believers* make in the Church Age and day of grace is the *gospel of grace, which is believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.* Believers do not preach the gospel of the Kingdom. John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness the *gospel of the kingdom,* saying *repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand* (Matt. 3:2). After John was arrested by Herod and prevented from continuing his preaching, Jesus began to call His disciples, and Himself went about in all Galilee teaching in the synagogues and *preaching the gospel of the kingdom* (4:23). Then He called unto Him His twelve disciples and sent them forth, and charged them, saying, *go not into any way of the Gentiles, and enter not into any city of the Samaritans: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand* (Matt. 10:2-23). The mission on which Jesus sent the disciples was never completed. When it became evident that the Prince, Jesus the Messiah, was being rejected by the religious leaders, as told in Matthew 12 when they charged Him with being in league with Satan, Jesus called His disciples in from the mission. Israel was blinded and hardened, and was set aside by the *prince.* The preaching of the *gospel of the kingdom* was also set aside for the time. The *Kingdom of Heaven* was at hand because the Prince of the royal line, from heaven, was present and ready to take over *His Kingdom, but His own* to whom He came rejected Him. Therefore, He rejected Israel and as suggested in Matthew 13:1, *on that day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.* He left the house of Israel and sat by the sea side; the Gentile world.

The interrupted preaching of the gospel of the kingdom must be resumed. Jesus declared when it must be. Yet answering the disciples' question about the *end of the Age,* He explained that the preaching would be just before the *end* and after the Tribulation would begin. In other words, the *John the Baptist* of the end time, the *remnant according to the election of grace,* the Jews faithful to the Messianic hope when the

seventieth week of Israel's history begins, will resume preaching the *gospel of the kingdom*. And Jesus said, *and this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto the nations; and then shall the end come* (Matt. 24:14—A.S.V.).

When the testimony is completed, the Age will have run its course and the Great Tribulation will end. The four hundred and ninety years of the seventy weeks will be complete. Then what? Hear Jesus again (Matt. 24:29, 30—A.S.V.), *But immediately after the tribulation of those days . . .then shall appear the sign of the son of man in heaven . . . and they shall see the son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory*. That will be the Second Coming of Christ, with His bride the Church, to Israel again, and as Zechariah the prophet foretold, thus saith Jehovah, . . . *I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplication; and they shall look unto me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son* (Zech. 12:10—A.S.V.). Then Israel will crown Him King, and He will restore and set up His Kingdom.

There must be kept in mind the reply of Jesus to His disciples *dost thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?* Hear it. *It is not for you to know the times or the seasons* (Acts 1:7).

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

STOP! Read Me

Indoor church bulletin boards either attract or bore, challenge or delude, enlighten or fatigue.

UNLESS a bulletin board cries out, "Stop! Read me," its notices only collect dust. Those who pause to read notices on an unattractive bulletin board will attend the announced services come rain or shine. But bulletin board materials are posted to attract new people into the church's program. A few pointers will help you make your church and Sunday school bulletin board almost pop off its fasteners at every passer-by.

Locate a bulletin board in a well-traveled area. The church vestibule or entrance seems most appropriate. The site choice, in a well-lighted area, should be considered with great care.

Many churches have a publicity committee whose tasks include keeping bulletin board materials up-to-date and interesting. As soon as any ordinary announcement becomes history, have it removed. Never let a parishioner exclaim, "There's that same old stuff."

Keep statistical reports to a minimum. Charts should be posted periodically, neither weekly or annually. Comparative charts should appear once each quarter.

Sectionalization of items is wise. Letters from missionaries, youth announcements, camp programs, regional meeting bulletins — all should have specific placing on a board. Give the most newsworthy items great prominence. A meeting of the teapot cleaners committee isn't as important as special evangelistic meetings.

Stories about what's happened to members always make people stop and read. An amateur photographer (if he or she isn't too amateurish) can supply a few action-type snapshots. So Mr. and Mrs. Octogenarian have lived together for 60 years. Post a couple pictures of the anniversary celebration. Or a missionary took his first member into the First National Church of the Upper Amazon Valley. Write it up. Get some first-hand photos.

A local church pastor contest will produce many creations that solicit attention. People will stop, look, and read posters produced by someone they know. Putting the poster creator's name on the poster promotes additional readership. Wording on posters should be bright but brief. A few words, well chosen, will get more attention than a dictionary. Use finger-pointing words —words that say, "Hey, you! Read me! Go! Do!"

Post no lost-and-found items on the bulletin board. The board is not for these. Such items haven't any announcement value.

The ministry of an attractive, challenging, enlightening bulletin board should never be underestimated. The exciting effort it produces among publicity committee members, the welcome it gives to invite the less active into activities, the information it gives concerning the world-wide outreach of the local congregation —all these demand sharp bulletin board materials.

Give your bulletin board a new look this week and you'll get new bulletin board lookers this weekend. Then next week you'll see some new people participating in old activities. Your bulletin board can be an unpaid minister to your entire congregation.

"Say, did you see that announcement on the bulletin board?" "I sure did!"

(Adapted from NSSA LINK)

One of the most hazardous things that any system of education could do would be to give youth intellectual capacity without character. When a young man imbibes the knowledge of chemistry, he has a twofold capacity either to concoct a deadly poison or to make a healing medicine. Character determines which he shall do.

Louis H. Evans in
YOUTH SEEKS A MASTER
(Fleming H. Revell Company)

1964 - 65 Theme Ephesians 5:15-20

"FULFILLING THE TIME"

DEDICATION SERVICES

THE FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH

Ashland, Ohio



The new educational unit

ON SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1965, the congregation of the First Brethren Church (Park Street), Ashland, Ohio, dedicated the new sanctuary and educational unit and furnishings just recently completed.

The new sanctuary has been completely remodeled and redecorated. The new chancel, with its furnishings and appointments, creates an inspiring setting for worship services. The organ chimes and the relocation of the choir add much to the musical atmosphere for worship. The new pews (allowing for a center aisle), wall-to-wall carpet, painted walls and woodwork, and new lighting fixtures add to the beauty of the place to worship. By placing new pews in the sanctuary and moving some of the used pews to the balcony, the seating capacity has been increased to 400.

A new entrance, vestibule and narthex were dedicated as well. The increased size of these areas (especially the narthex extending the entire width of the sanctuary) greatly aids the convenience and safety of all worshippers.

The new educational unit has been needed for many years. This 12,000 square foot addition includes five children's departments, church office, and pastor's study on the first floor; seven large adult and youth classrooms, library room, crib room, and a beautifully furnished parlor with kitchenette on the second floor. All these facilities assist the teaching of God's Word for all ages and encourage more effective work and fellowship with the congregation.

Special dedication services included open house both before and following the afternoon services. Dr. Charles L. Anspach, President Emeritus of Ashland College and Central Michigan University, was the speaker for the day. Dr. Anspach's message for the morning worship hour was "A Candle in the Dark."

The dedication service proper was held in the afternoon. Rev. H. H. Rowsey, former pastor, now pastor of the Garber Brethren Church, Ashland, read the Scripture and offered the prayer.

Remarks were then made by the following men: Mr. Elton Whitted, Moderator and Chairman of the Building Committee of the church; Rev. Charles Munson, Moderator of General Conference; Rev. Phil Lersch, pastor; Rev. James Henderson, President of the Ashland County Ministerial Association; and Rev. L. V. King, former pastor of the church, now pastor of the Gretna Brethren Church, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Several letters were read from members who could not be present for the services.

The Litany of Dedication was led by Rev. Phil Lersch, pastor. Dr. Charles Anspach was the speaker of the afternoon.

The church is to be congratulated for this accomplishment.



The auditorium before remodeling



A view of the remodeled auditorium

Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

MASSILLON, OHIO

THE CONTRACTOR, Joseph A. Huff, states the Massillon Brethren Church building will be completed and ready to move into on April 21.

The first Sunday services will be held in the new building, Sunday, April 25. Baptismal services will be conducted by the Pastor, Rev. J. G. Dodds, in the evening services on this Sunday.

The Northeastern Ohio Laymen's Rally will be held in the new building, April 26. There will be a special speaker. The theme for the rally will be, "Christian Service in Relationship to Laymen."

All are cordially invited to attend any or all services.

Mary W. Byler
Corresponding Secretary

ST. JAMES, MD.

DURING THE MONTH of March the Saint James Brethren Church conducted a "March to Sunday School in March" emphasis as sponsored by the National Sunday School Association.

Our Sunday school average attendance a year ago in March was 206, and we set our contest goal for 240. Attendance for the four Sundays in March were: 261, 263, 242, and 282 for an average attendance of 262 for the month. We were truly thankful to God for the faithfulness of His people in attendance and witnessing.

March 28 was Rally Day Sunday in our church and the climax Sunday to "March to Sunday School in March." Also on this Sunday, we received a Sunday school special offering to go toward the building of a proposed new church. We were overjoyed with the response of 282 people in Sunday school who responded with an offering of $5,806 for the Expansion Fund.

Certainly God's promise is true, *Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not* (Jeremiah 33:3).

PRIDE

Pride is seldom delicate; it will please itself with very mean advantages.

Johnson

Nuclear energy is the greatest source of power in the world; and we all know what very careful precautions have to be taken in handling the material—because of the fact that it can release tremendous forces. Similarly, in handling the Bible, we cannot assume that so long as we read it somehow, all will be well.

A. Morgan Derham in
A CHRISTIAN'S GUIDE
TO BIBLE STUDY
(Fleming H. Revell Company)

from the Woman's Outlook

Is the word "STEWARDSHIP" in Danger?

Gleanings from STEWARDSHIP FACTS

by MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

IS THE WORD STEWARDSHIP in the process of being condemned by churchmen to the same fate that befell the word charity? In the days of King James I, charity was a word rich in meaning. It is used in the Authorized Version of Scripture to describe the noblest of Christian virtues, involving compassion, understanding, concern, forgiveness, and kindness. Today charity is often equated with alms giving or other aspects of helping the less fortunate. The old meaning is nearly obsolete.

STEWARDSHIP, a rich, full word, with depth of meaning, appears to be in the process of similar debasement. In common church parlance it is more and more being used as though it were synonymous with generous giving. Local churches create committees on "Stewardship and Finance." Their chief concern is to get church members to give more. Usually stewardship sermons are focused on giving. We know that STEWARDSHIP means more than this, but in most discussions of the subject, giving gets the big play.

The Biblical call to STEWARDSHIP is to be a good trustee of the time, talent and money entrusted to our care.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for May 2, 1965
GOD DEMANDS OBEDIENCE
Text: I Samuel 13:5-14

". . . in the life of Saul a tragic illustration of how a man with great spiritual, intellectual and social assets, and with comparatively few liabilities can allow the latter to render impotent the former. Saul's two great liabilities were his willfulness and a spirit of jealousy. He could have conquered them. Instead he let them conquer him, to his ruin" (Peloubet's Select Notes).

It seems strange that with so many miraculous victories already experienced by these people, including Saul, himself, that they should suddenly begin to tremble with fear. Saul made the mistake of usurping the authority of Samuel by making a sacrifice. Saul did this for one or both of two reasons. Perhaps it was to gain the influence of God, thinking that a sacrifice of animals would certainly please Him. More likely it was that he wanted to impress the people and encourage them, leading them to believe that a sacrifice to God was all that was necessary to insure them of victory. He reasoned that it was not so much who did it as that it was done. Now Saul apparently knew this was not right for he confessed that he "forced himself."

God took this occasion to make it clear for then and all eternity that God will not be impressed with any sacrifice so long as there is disobedience. Moreover it was made known that it is not in the power of a king or a nation to become great without the help of God. Victory and defeat are entirely in the hands of God. Only obedience to Him will insure His divine favor.

How often we have the same disobedient mind of Saul doing what we know to be wrong because it seems expedient, because we think we would lose out if we were honest and righteous in our word and actions. With such a mind all the sacrifice in the world would not change God's attitude toward us.

I Sam. 13:13, "How fortunate for any nation, for any organization or institution, when within its directing membership there are men who are uncompromising in their loyalty to God and who see through all these superficial excuses and are able to call sin SIN, and can speak with divine authority"—Peloubet's.

SISTERHOOD

The SMM Mailbag . . .

VINCO JUNIOR SISTERHOOD

Dear Sisterhood Girls,

This is a report of some of our activities of the Junior Sisterhood in the Vinco Brethren Church.

Our meetings are held in the church fellowship house on Saturday afternoons. In December we had a Christmas party along with our monthly meeting.

In January we had an all day meeting at which we made bandages and squares. Each girl brought her own lunch. This is an annual meeting which we always hold in January. All the girls seem to enjoy it very much.

We entertained the members of the Laymen's Organization at our February meeting. Our regular program was given by the girls and our patronesses. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Our public program was given in March. The senior and junior girls plan this program together each year.

Yours truly,
Judi Bobenage, Secretary

BERLIN, PA.

Dear Sisterhood Girls:

The Junior and Senior Sisterhood groups of the Berlin Brethren Church held their public services on January 3, 1965. The invocation was given by the president of the Junior group, Mary Ann Mitchell.

The Scripture, Romans 12, was given by Jackie Brant, followed with prayer by Karen Brant and Ruth Menhorn.

The "Why of Sisterhood" was given by Miss Ida Kimmel, a former patroness and member of the Woman's Missionary Society. Music for the offertory was played by Jackie Brant.

Next, we had a quartet number entitled "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" by four of the Sisterhood girls. We then had a candlelight program of "The Lord's Prayer," followed by a solo "The Lord's Prayer" by Mrs. Dale Craft.

The Sisterhood girls sang the "Spirit of Sisterhood," and then closed with the S.M.M. benediction.

Junior Secretary
Ella Fritz

* Apply NOW for the SISTERHOOD SCHOLARSHIP

* You may obtain your application form from **DeAnn Benshoff, Myers Hall, Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio.** Do this NOW. Keep watching the Sisterhood pages for more about this.

NEW 'RUSSIAN' BIBLE COMPLETED IN PARIS

LONDON (EP)—A new translation of the New Testament into modern Russian has just been completed by the British and Foreign Bible Society after twelve years of work by Russian scholars associated with St. Sergius Academy in Paris.

The typescript will form the basis of a Bible translation into modern Russian when it is possible to produce it in Russia—or when permission can be secured to import Bibles into Russia.

Traditional Bibles now being used by the Russian Orthodox Church have remained unchanged for centuries, and are not in the Russian language as used in contemporary Russia. The Church regards the new translation with some reserve, although a copy of St. Matthew's Gospel in the new translation reportedly has been sympathetically received by Patriarch Alexei.

The translations secretary of the Bible Society, in commenting on the translation, said that small numbers of copies of the new version in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles are finding their way into the hands of Russians who appreciate their value for the future.

Considerable stocks of the traditional Russian Bible are held by the American Bible Society. Ten years ago the British Society sent plates of the Russian Bible to Moscow to print 20,000 copies. Since then, as far as is known, no new editions of the Bible have been printed in the USSR.

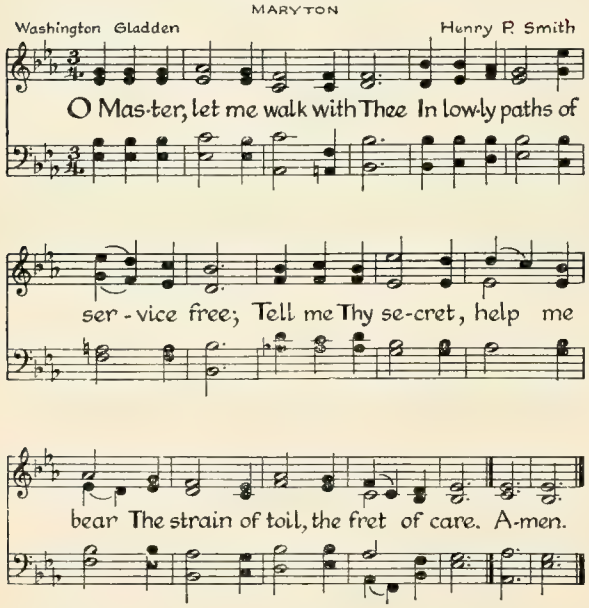
Why not join the TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

THE HYMN SCHOOL

by Jean Lersch

Hymn of the Month:

O Master, Let Me Walk



2

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

3

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee,
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

4

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live!

The prayer hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," is for Christianity in working clothes. Worshipers congregate at church to praise God, seek forgiveness, and be strengthened to "work out their salvation" in every-day life. In May's hymn-of-the-month we find help in expressing our dependence upon Jesus Christ for strength and wisdom in daily living and witnessing.

We who have found peace and joy in Christ want above all else to share Him with others. We want to walk where our Master directs, to "bear the strain of toil, the fret of care" for Him.

How many times we feel helpless in moving the "slow of heart" and guiding the "wayward feet." We need the patience that comes from the "closer, dearer company" of our Lord, from hard work that He ordered and from the trust He made possible.

When we learn to walk with the Master, we will live "in hope" and "in peace" as the final stanza of the hymn so beautifully states.

"This hymn reflects very clearly the conflicts of the days in which the author wrote and the life of Dr. Gladden, himself (1860-1892). The first two four-line stanzas, while an ideal expression of the normal Christian life, nevertheless reveal his sense of responsibility as pastor. And the present-day emphasis on service is there; this is no hymn of a monk in his cell, but of a man at grips with the problems of life" (from *Lyric Religion* by Augustine Smith).

Jesus expects us to represent Him wherever we are, and we should be where He directs. He decides where to walk; we walk with Him. "O Master, *Let Me Walk with Thee.*"

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SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

May 1, 1965

PROGRAM

10:00 Registration
Singing
Devotions

10:30 Inspirational Message Rev. Charles Munson
Ashland Theological Seminary

11:35 Age Group Workshops
Teaching Methods and Characteristics of:
Preschoolers Mrs. Austin Sachs
Primaries Mrs. W. St. Clair Benshoff
Juniors Mrs. Richard Kuns
Youth Rev. Marlin McCann
Adults Rev. Jerry Flora

12:15 Lunch

1:15 Workshops:
"Opening Assemblies" ...Rev. Charles Munson
"Grading to Grow" Rev. Richard Kuns
"Visitation Evangelism" Rev. Jerry Flora
"Why Sunday School?" Rev. Jim Rowsey

3:30 Evaluation

4:00 Benediction

The Brethren Layman

BOYS' BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM FOR MAY by Rex McConahay

"THE EASTER STORY"

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:11).

I. The Old Testament holds many examples of Christ's death.
Isaiah 53:2-12
Psalm 22:13-18
Genesis 3:15
Numbers 21:9

II. Christ knew of His death and tried to warn His disciples.
Matthew 26:31, 32
Matthew 26:11, 12
Matthew 12:20
John 3:14, 15
John 12:32, 33
John 2:19-22

III. As Christ prayed in Gethsemane, He shows how He felt about His death.
Luke 22:39-44
Mark 14:36

IV. The cross and death.
Luke 23:33-46
Matthew 27:45-50
John 19:28-30
Mark 15:33-37

V. Although Christ died, He rose again after spending three days in the tomb, conquering death.
Luke 24:3-8
Matthew 28:1-4
Mark 16:1-6

VI. If we but believe on Him, we, too, shall have victory over death!
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 49:15
I Corinthians 15:12-22, 54-57
I John 5:4, 5
Romans 6:23
John 6:53-58
John 11:25

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

Bryan, Ohio

On Monday evening, March 1, 1965, the Bryan Brethren Laymen were host to the Northern Indiana District Layman's group. There were some eighty men who answered roll call and enjoyed a fine meal served by the W.M.S. groups of the host church.

The program opened by singing two hymns led by Robert Perkins. Devotions were then led by Condit Newcomer, who used Matthew 26:57-68 for the Scripture reading. We were then favored with special music by Robert Perkins and his two sons. After a welcome by Robert Bever, president of the Bryan organization, Mr. Bever introduced Wayne Shaffer, a local attorney, who spoke from a lawyer's viewpoint on the trial of Jesus.

The meeting was then turned over to John Oberly, the district president, for the business meeting. John Porte, National Layman President, gave a report of some of his activities and what to look for at General Conference this coming year for the Laymen.

On Tuesday evening, March 9, the regular meeting of the Bryan Laymen was held with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sloan of Stryker, Ohio, showing slides of Christian work being done with the migrant worker camps in the Stryker area during the tomato-picking season.

Condit Newcomer

We cannot come to the miracles of Christ until we come to the miracle of Christ Himself . . . Nobody but disciples ever saw the Risen Christ. Nobody but believers will ever be prepared to believe that He could ever do the impossible.

David A. Redding in
THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST
(Fleming H. Revell Company)

World Religious News in Review

COURT IN HAWAII REJECTS ATHEIST'S SUIT ON 'PLEDGE'

HONOLULU (EP) — The Baltimore atheist who launched the case resulting in the U. S. Supreme Court ban on prayers and Bible reading in public schools is now urging another battle in Hawaii—but without success.

Mrs. Madalyn Murray lost a suit which sought to prohibit the phrase, "one nation under God," from the Pledge of Allegiance recited in public schools of the 50th state.

The suit was dismissed by Federal Judge Martin Pence who denied a request from Mrs. Murray to have a special three-judge federal court hear the case. She contended that her eleven-year-old son, Art, had been compelled to recite the pledge at a school here.

Previously she also filed a similar suit in Maryland on the grounds that the reference to God was "offensive" since her family did not profess a belief in God.

NATION'S CLERGY JOIN IN CIVIL RIGHTS DEMAND

WASHINGTON (EP)—Religion and religious leaders are exerting a strong influence in the national upsurge to guarantee voting rights for all citizens.

President Lyndon B. Johnson in his address to the joint session of Congress on his proposed voting bill reflected the impact of this pressure. He said, "I speak tonight for the dignity of man and the destiny of democracy."

The President called the current upheaval for voting rights "the outraged conscience of the nation." He said that the crisis is a challenge "to the values and purpose and meaning of our nation."

Then he asked a Biblical question: "For with a country as with a person, 'What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' "

Clergymen of the nation's religious groups have rallied to the cause of equal rights for all citizens. Protestants, Catholics, Jews have merged into one concerted effort to put moral and religious pressure on governmental officials.

SAYS BIBLE TO BE TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (EP)—Americans are being robbed of their right to have the Bible taught in the public schools, according to an upcoming article in the April issue of *Eternity* magazine, an independent Protestant monthly.

"This is the only possible interpretation of the Supreme Court rulings which, while outlawing Bible reading and prayers as religious acts, encouraged educators to teach the Bible both for its literary and historic qualities," states the lead editorial: "We Can Teach Bible in the Schools."

Just recently the influential American Association of School Administrators approved the idea of teaching religion in the public schools and steps have been taken to work out objective and effective curricula, says *Eternity*. In it Christians are urged to take steps in their communities to request the inclusion of Bible and comparative religion in the public school curriculum.

The magazine passes up other approaches to the problem such as a Constitutional amendment, which it declares unnecessary.

HAWAII CRUSADE DRAWS OVER 65,000 PEOPLE

HONOLULU, HAWAII (EP) — More than 65,000 people turned out to hear Evangelist Billy Graham in an eight-day Crusade here, where less than ten per cent of the population profess Christianity. Inquirers who came forward to be counseled totaled 2,907.

The Crusade was held February 14-21 in Honolulu's International Center arena. Rev. Walter Smyth, director of Crusades for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, said the percentage of ministerial involvement was the greatest witnessed in any Crusade.

Not everyone was enthusiastic, however. Two voices were raised in protest.

One of these was that of the assistant professor of religion at the University of Hawaii, who said that Graham preached a "happiness religion and reinforced religious prejudice, which was probably the most basic prejudice of all."

A Unitarian minister said the effect of the Crusade would be a sidestepping of social reform, and added that he suspected certain "unheralded sponsors" were fostering the crusade for this reason.

RAISE 'DRINKING AGE' TO 21, CHURCH COUNCIL URGES N. Y.

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (EP)—The legislative commission of the New York State Council of Churches announced here that it would support legislation prohibiting sale of alcoholic beverages to persons under twenty-one years of age.

Two bills now before the Legislature in Albany would carry out the council's recommendation.

The current "minimum drinking age" in New York State is eighteen —and it has caused difficulties for five neighboring states and two Canadian provinces, all of whom bar drinking to those under twenty-one.

Connecticut and New Jersey have urged New York to hike its drinking age, noting that many of their young residents, eighteen through twenty, drive to New York border towns to do their drinking. A heavy traffic toll has resulted.

CHURCH-RELATED COLLEGE URGED TO TOLERATE DRINKING

PARK RIDGE, ILL. (EP)—Church-related colleges should adopt a tolerant attitude toward student drinking, according to a student-written article published in the March issue of *Together*, national publication of the Methodist Church.

Charles H. Lippy, a senior preministerial student at Methodist-related Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., said that "whether for good or for ill, alcohol is present in our world—the social atmosphere of a college should prepare the student for assimilation into the world beyond the campus.

"If college authorities try to enforce prohibition, liquor will be

smuggled into dormitories and fraternity houses, bars will be set up in vehicles in back alleys."

In Mr. Lippy's view, "The liberal arts are the liberating arts and they free mankind from narrow-mindedness, ignorance, superstition, and the easy way out."

A liberal arts college, he said, "should require each student to examine his views and to recognize that others hold equally valid, well-reasoned, but opposing views . . . each must see the issues and, in freedom, make up his own mind. Neither church nor college should or could do this for him."

Mr. Lippy, who plans to enter the ministry upon graduation, held that all too often college administrators err in treating cases of unbecoming conduct "as disciplinary matters when they should be regarded as counseling situations."

My Experience with a KLEPTOMANIAC

by DON HILLIS

I WOULD NEVER have dreamed he was a thief! Our acquaintance has been so friendly and casual. "An entertainer turned salesman," was his smiling approach to me. I prodded him about his background. It came out that he had ties with several distilleries. He also had an account with a tobacco company. "At present," he continued, "I'm an agent for a national magazine."

So I let him come into my living room.

"There is no place in my life for such things as liquor or tobacco," I told him deliberately. "As a Christian, my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit." He was totally undisturbed by my convictions. He would hold his views, I could hold mine.

As you can imagine, I had reservations on the truth of many of his stories. Still, I must admit his experiences often excited me. I invited him to come back the following night. "I may have had a helpful influence on him," was my naive hope.

It took my wife to remind me his return visit often conflicted with Mid-week Prayer Meeting. "I should attend," I confessed, "but I must stand by the invitation I have given this friend." She was reluctant to accept him, "I just don't trust him." She grew steadily more concerned as he took up more of our family life.

My entire day was boring in comparison with this character. He had an imagination that was captivating. I would sit and laugh myself sick at his experiences. His scrapes with the law were absolutely breath-taking.

If his stories were true, he was also an "extra" in motion pictures. But he couldn't talk about this without including sex. This forced me to cut him off time and time again.

Leave my Children Alone

Then he began to affect my teenage son and my nine-year-old daughter. They just couldn't wait to catch his latest quip or some hair-raising tale. They would have stayed up at all hours if we had allowed it. All this distraction was hurting their studies and did their health little good. I began to worry about this fellow's presence in our home.

And then it came. The "straw that broke the camel's back." One day several of my books turned up missing. "This fellow may be something of a thief," I concluded. "If he is," I continued, "who can tell what else he's taken from us?"

It looked suspicious. I was so wrought up I decided to check on him next door. Sure enough, he had taken things there, too. I was amazed by his subtle maneuvers. They certainly confirmed my wife's original point of view.

In one home he had entered as a religious teacher. Another neighbor, a salesman down the block knew him as an efficiency expert. "The sort of thing a successful salesman can put to use."

To these people I suggested a check of their belongings. Most found something missing. At one home I noticed no more Christian magazines. In another the Bible had disappeared. I was surprised to hear that their Sunday and Mid-week church service time was spent with this fellow. As I left this house the husband told me their family altar was missing, too.

A Thief in the Woodpile

At long last I realized my visitor was afflicted with kleptomania. Like an inveterate thief, he had stolen my books, magazines and time. But the chief things missing were my close friendship with Christ and the evenings spent in talking with my friends and family.

Some have lost things of real value, not trifles, but precious family things. Spiritual, social and intellectual experiences have been taken, replaced by only a moment's crackpot amusement.

This fellow is not at our home now. Though if I could keep him in his place, he would be quite harmless to have around. Kleptomaniacs are not always deliberately bad. Even this one might profitably drop in with his tidbits of news and a light word or two. But you must keep your eyes open, or such a one will continually steal things from you.

I still see him now and then at my neighbor's. And he still keeps them laughing or excited hour after hour. I've been trying to recall his name so you will be alerted about him and his many subtle methods. It escapes me. But I will never forget his initials. They were "T. V."

I wonder: what T.V. has robbed from you. Time? Devotions? Good reading? Wholesome conversation? Church attendance? Check your list and see! You may be very surprised at what you'll find missing!

—The Pioneer

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NOTES and COMMENTS

BRETHREN YOUTH

BE SURE to read all of the material included in this issue of the magazine on Brethren Youth. The month of May has been set aside for Brethren Youth by General Conference. Youth Week is May 9-16; Youth Sunday is May 16.

We urge you to support this organization with your prayers and financial gifts. Send all monies to Brethren Youth, 524 College Ave., Ashland, Ohio.

YOUR ZIP CODE

THE TIME is fast approaching when your zip code will need to be on your magazine when it is mailed from here, therefore we are working at getting all zip codes on our mailing list as soon as possible.

If, in the near future, you have correspondence with our office, would you be so kind as to include your zip code on it. We are now placing these codes on our address stencils and it would be of help if you would let us know yours.

A CORRECTION

IN THE APRIL 17 issue of *The Brethren Evangelist,* on page 23 in the next to the last paragraph of the article "The End of the Age" by Rev. Albert T. Ronk, there is an error in words. Rev. Ronk tells us that where the word "Parusia" is found that the word should be "Rapture."



There is no burden of the spirit but is lightened by kneeling under it.

OUR COVER

THE THEME of Youth Week—May 9-16—in the Brethren Church is "Our Mission." Our cover this week portrays the first essential of this "Mission"—GO. The front cover, back page and all drawings in the Brethren Youth spread were done by Mrs. John Vance, Packerton, Indiana.

the editor's editorial

Tornadoes

ON TUESDAY afternoon, April 20, Mr. John Porte, Field Representative; Rev. Virgil Ingraham, General Secretary of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church; and your Editor journeyed to Lakeville, Indiana, to attend a congregational meeting of the County Line Brethren Church, which was destroyed in the Palm Sunday tornado. We would like to make a report of this trip in this Editorial.

We saw a small portion of the damage which such a tornado can cause as we travelled on highway 224 in Ohio several miles northwest of Ashland, however, the damage was minor in scope to that which we saw later.

As we neared Wyatt, Indiana, we began to see more damage. Wyatt was badly hit. Several homes were destroyed along with the mill and the lumber company.

As we drove on to the Lakeville Methodist Church where the County Line Congregation was to hold its meeting, we noticed the damage which this tornado caused.

Upon arrival at the church, the room in which we met began to fill with the members of the County Line Brethren Church where decisions were to be made relative to the church, the congregation and to God. It's hard to describe the feeling of these people. Some were stunned, some were dazed, there was the air of "did it really happen to us?" and "where do we go from here?" But amid all this seemingly frustration there was the determination to rebuild and go on.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles King were there—their home was completely demolished (except the bathroom) as they and their children huddled near the south wall of the basement. They are thankful that they were not injured. Mr. King and Mrs. Harold Barnett of Lost Creek, Kentucky, are brother and sister.

The congregational meeting was called to order by the moderator, Mr. Dick Mangus, who presented three avenues of procedure: (1) the congregation could disband; (2) the congregation could meet at various places until a decision could be made to rebuild at a later date; or (3) plans could be made to rebuild immediately on present church site.

Mrs. Gladys Warren, a deaconess in the church, made a motion that the congregation proceed immediately to rebuild, for, as she said, "we are not quitters!" The vote was unanimous to rebuild. The cost will be from $80,000 to $125,000. **There is no hesitation on the part of the congregation to go forward in this adventure!** We three from Ashland were thrilled with the course of action which these people are taking!

Following the meeting which lasted approximately three hours, and following a visit to the Everett Gilis home, we went to the County Line Brethren Church site and viewed the destruction of the church. Also, the parsonage is damaged considerably. It was hard to sleep that night after seeing and hearing of the experiences of these people for our minds kept returning to the meeting which vibrated with determination and enthusiasm!

On Wednesday morning as we travelled to Nappanee for an executive meeting of the Missionary Board, we stopped at Wyatt and visited for a few moments with Mr. John Oberly, owner of the lumber yard there. Mr. Oberly is a member of our Publications Board. His material loss is great, but his faith in God is stronger and he, too, has the determination to rebuild out of the destruction.

At Nappanee the executive committee of the Missionary Board voted to establish the **"Tornado Disaster Aid"** to assist the County Line Church in rebuilding. Preliminary notices have already been sent to all pastors; further information will be mailed in a general mailing very soon along with information which will appear in the next issue of **The Brethren Evangelist.** We must support this appeal!

On our way back to Ashland, we saw the destruction north of Goshen where the Biller family of the Goshen Brethren Church lost everything. Also, we saw the destruction at highways 15 and 20 in Indiana, and further east on highways 5 and 20. Several people were killed at these places. The destruction was great.

Let us all support the **"Tornado Disaster Aid—Rebuild the County Line Church"** program! S.G.

news ... from the Brethren

Hagerstown, Md. Rev. W. S. Benshoff was the speaker on the program "Moments with the Minister" over radio station WHAG during the week of April 18. Rev. Benshoff reports that four persons were recently received into membership of the church; two by letter and two by baptism.

Berlin, Pa. Rev. Ralph Mills reports that seventeen were received into membership of the church recently. Fifteen by baptism and two by letter.

Johnstown III, Pa. Rev. Jerald D. Radcliff reports that five were brought into membership of the church on Sunday, April 18; three by baptism and two by letter.

Gretna, Ohio. One person was recently received into full membership of the church according to Rev. L. V. King, pastor.

Mansfield, Ohio. At the quarterly congregational business meeting on Wednesday evening, April 21, it was voted the congregation should enter contract with the Evangelical Church Building Corporation of South Bend, Indiana, for the purpose of making plans for the new church. It is hoped that the building will begin by spring of 1966. The vote was unanimous.

Oakville, Ind. Mrs. Donna Sollars, corresponding secretary reports that Mr. Ralph Offord, who is a student at the Church of God Seminary in Anderson, has been given a call to pastor the church. Mr. Offord and his family are now living in the parsonage in Oakville.

Warsaw, Ind. Rev. Paul D. Tinkel reports that six were recently received into membership of the church; three by baptism and three by letter.

Elkhart (Winding Waters), Ind. There were sixty-one charter members reported at the dedication of the Winding Waters Brethren Church. Forty-six by transfer of letter from the First Church in Elkhart; six by transfer of letter from other churches; and nine by baptism.

Cerro Gordo, Ill. Rev. Elmer Keck reports that the revival services with Rev. W. E. Thomas as evangelist were quite successful. He also reports that twelve persons were baptized and brought into membership of the church.

Waterloo, Iowa. Rev. James Black reports that a committee has been appointed for the purpose of investigating sites for church relocation. Also, fourteen persons united with the church recently; two by letter and twelve by baptism.

Tempe, Ariz. The April 11 bulletin reports that Rev. Duane Dickson, pastor, spent some time in the Scottsdale Baptist Hospital for tests. Also, one person was recently received into membership of the church.

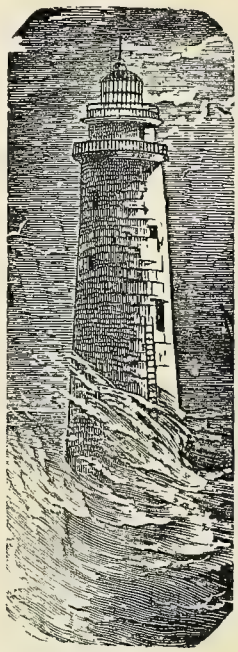
Derby, Kan. Groundbreaking for the new church building was conducted on Sunday afternoon, April 4. On April 15, two members were received into membership of the church by baptism.

TWO BRETHREN MINISTERS PASS AWAY

Rev. Roger Darling of Los Gatos, California, passed away on Sunday, April 4, 1965, following a short illness.

Rev. Wm. S. Crick, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Pittsburg, Pa., passed away on Tuesday afternoon, April 20, 1965, at the Shadyside hospital. He had been ill for several weeks.

More details relative to these deaths will appear in later issues of **The Brethren Evangelist.**



The highway is for Civil Men
And not for men who drink,
For it is only wide enough
For people who can Think.

Someone has said that if one hundred members of a church each gave a postage stamp a day they could support a missionary.

"There is no knowledge like that of a man who knows he is saved, who can look up and see his title clear to mansions in the skies."

1964 - 65 Theme Ephesians 5:15-20

"FULFILLING THE TIME"

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Acts

Memory Scripture for the month — Acts 2:21

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

May 9 - 15

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 9:10-20

Called

Daddy was playing with Betsy. Gary and Linda were setting the table for Mommy.

"I was surprised," said Gary, "that Mike went forward at church this morning."

"Yes," agreed Linda. "He said he was going to be a minister."

"He's been in lots of trouble," added Gary. "Seems funny to think he would be a minister."

"You're just like the early Christians," Daddy told them. "They didn't think Paul should be a minister because of the way he had treated them before he became a Christian."

"Oh, that's different," said Linda. "Jesus spoke to him."

"Jesus has spoken to Mike, too," replied Daddy. "Not in a blinding light as He did to Paul, but He has spoken to him just the same. This fall Mike is going to college. In a few years he will be serving one of our churches as minister. He will be a good one because he is obeying God."

"I'm glad Mike has heard God's call," said Gary. "I'll pray for him every day."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my minister who has heard Your call and is serving You. Thank You for the young men who have heard Your call and are preparing to be ministers. Help me to listen for Your call and to serve You in whatever way You want me to. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 9:36-42

Like Dorcas

"Mom," called Linda, "You should see what Mrs. Weaver has at her house!"

"What does she have?" asked Mom.

"Twelve pretty summer dresses, twelve cute sunsuits and twelve fluffy sweaters," replied Linda. "All for the girls at the children's home. Next, she's going to make outfits for the boys there, too. Isn't she thoughtful?"

"Indeed she is!" agreed Mom. "She reminds me of Dorcas. The Bible says she was full of good works."

"That's Mrs. Weaver alright," nodded Linda. "I want to be like that, too."

"You are learning to think of others and to help them," said Mom. "When you children fixed the boxes of things for the Wagners you were being like Dorcas. God is always pleased when we think of others and try to help them."

Prayer:

Help me each day, dear God, to be kind and thoughtful and helpful. I want to show my love for You by doing things for others. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 10:34-43

Doing Good

"Sorry I'm late, Mom," said Gary. "Mrs. Wilson asked me to go to the store for her. She needed some milk and bread."

Mom smiled at the boy. "I'm glad you helped her."

"Where's Linda?" asked Gary.

"She's taking Betsy for a walk," answered Mom. "It's such a pretty day and Betsy wanted to go out so badly."

"Linda's a good helper," added Gary.

"Yes," agreed Mom. "The Bible tells us Jesus went about doing good and that God was with Him. You and Linda try to follow Jesus by doing good. It's easy to see that God is with you."

"Any boy or girl can do it," said Gary.

"Yes," nodded Mom, "but not all of them do. People are always pleased when someone is helpful. What is more important, God is pleased, too."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad the Bible tells me of things Jesus did. I want to be more like Him. I want to help others and to know You are near. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 11:11-18

For All People

"Today's the day, isn't it, Mom?" asked Linda.

"What day?" wondered Mom.

"The day Uncle Jim will help with the baptismal service for the Nigerians."

"Oh, yes," remembered Mom. "They wrote about that in the last letter."

"It seems strange," said Linda, "that people so far away are being baptized just like we do."

"Jesus came as the Savior for all people," reminded Mom. "Each one is told to believe and be baptized."

Are you telling others about Jesus? Even the ones that look or talk differently than you? Jesus expects us to love all people and to tell them of Him.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I'm glad all people everywhere are Your children. Help me to show my love for them by telling them of You. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 12:5-10

Locked Doors

Gary went downtown with Daddy. They went to the bank. They stopped at the bank president's desk.

"Hello, Tom," said Dad.

"Hello, David," smiled Tom Leader as he looked up.

They talked for awhile. Then Dad said, "My son, Gary, is interested in banking. He wonders where you keep all the money."

"Well, let's show him!" said Mr. Leader.

They went through one door and then another.

They came to a heavy metal gate that reached to the ceiling. Mr. Leader spoke to the guard by the gate. He unlocked the gate and let them enter.

In this small room Gary saw a thick door ajar.

"This is the vault," said Mr. Leader. "Look in."

When Gary did, he saw bags of money. He felt the door. It was heavy and very thick.

"Boy! I guess this money is safe!" declared Gary. "It reminds me of the prison Paul was in — all those doors and the guard and everything."

Mr. Leader nodded. "Yes, Gary, we try very hard to keep certain things in what we think is a safe place. Yet at a command from God all the locked doors in the world can be thrown open."

Prayer:

Dear God, I know You are very powerful, very wise, and very kind. Help me to follow You today and everyday. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 13:44-49

Publishing

"Steve got a toy printing press for his birthday," said Gary. "We're going to print a neighborhood newspaper."

"Oh," laughed Daddy. "You're going to be publishers!"

"Is that what the early Christians did?" asked Linda. "I read in the Bible that they published the word of the Lord."

"When we say published today," explained Daddy, "we usually mean to print something. The word really means to make something known."

"I didn't think they had printing presses," said Linda. "How did they make the word of the Lord known? How did they publish it?"

"You know," Gary said. "They told their friends. They preached to crowds of people. They traveled from place to place to talk to the people."

"Of course!" laughed Linda.

"Today," added Daddy, "we have many ways to publish the word of the Lord. We can print it. We can use the radio and television to broadcast it. We can show it with filmstrips, flannelgraphs, and many other pictures. No doubt, the best way is still the way the early Christians did. To tell others ourselves."

Are you helping to publish the word of the Lord?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the many ways we have to tell others of Jesus. Show me ways I can publish the news. In His name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 16:25-34

Believe

In prison Paul and Silas lay.
The others heard them sing and pray.
The prison doors shook open that night,
But not a prisoner took flight.

The jailer was filled with fear;
He could not believe his ear!
"We are here," Paul was saying.
"God heard us as we were praying."

"Your God is faithful and true,"
The jailer said. "What shall I do?"
"Believe on the Lord, Christ Jesus,"
He was told by Paul and Silas.

The jailer believed that day,
And the Lord he did obey.
He was baptized and knew
He was serving the Savior true.

Believe is the message for you.
Believe and be baptized, too.
Believe and the glad news share,
That others may believe everywhere.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that I know Jesus is my Savior. Help me to obey and trust Him. In His name I pray. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

"HE PLEASED GOD"

Concerning one of old, a line
In Holy Writ appears —
That he pleased God and walked with God
For full three hundred years.

I wonder how it came to pass
That he should stand apart
From multitudes unchronicled
As one with perfect heart.

It must have been he looked ahead,
Saw dimly, yet believed,
Drank of that Rock which followed him,
His triumph thus achieved . . .

I, too, may walk as Enoch walked!
(How bright the way appears!)
May please and be approved of God
E'en to my end of years.

—T. O. Chisolm

ENOCH, the son of Jared (Gen. 5:18), lived three hundred years after the birth of his son, Methuselah, whose birth seemed to be the occasion for his dedication to God (5:22-24). As a reward for his sanctity he was transported into heaven without dying, and thus the doctrine of immortality was plainly taught under the old dispensation (Heb. 11:5). It was a wicked world in which he walked with God, and he denounced sin and preached the second coming of Christ (Jude 14, 15). Enoch and Elijah are thought by many to be "the two witnesses" mentioned in Revelation 11:3. Of only one other in the Bible it is said that he "walked with God" (Gen. 6:9). Both Noah and Enoch were saved from the flood — Noah by preservation, rep-

resenting the Jewish people to be preserved during the Tribulation (Ezek. 22:17-22; Zech. 14:2), and Enoch by translation, typifying the rapture of the saints before the Tribulation (I Thess. 4:13-17). To walk with God as Enoch and Noah did is to be in agreement with God (Amos 3:3). These men were saved because they walked in the light of the saving blood of Christ (I Jn. 1:7).

He went away from his home one day,
When the evening shades were falling,
To meet a friend at his journey's end,
Where a voice was sweetly calling.

He calmly trod, in his walk with God,
From this world where he was hated;
But saw no death, as the Scripture saith:
For by faith he was translated.

Among his foes many doubts arose
When they searched and could not find him;
For nameless dread of the things he said
As a warning stayed behind him.

To doubt the Lord is a thing abhorred;
Nor can human works appease Him.
By faith alone, let this truth be known,
Is the only way to please Him.

—W.M. Czamanske

When STRIKES the HOUR?

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XXVIII

IN THE PROGRESS of our prophetic story, as well as in reference to this present year of our Lord, 1965, how near is the timeclock of God to striking the hour? How near is *the trump of God,* or the sounding *voice of the archangel?* How soon may we hear the *shout of the Lord himself* as he descends from heaven (I Thess. 4:16) saying, *Come up hither* (Rev. 4:1)?

The next great event in God's plan for the ages is the Rapture of the saints. The Lord told the disciples that it was expedient for them that he go away in order that the *Comforter, the Spirit of truth* might come. It was expedient because, He, the Lord incarnate could only minister to one locality at a time but the Spirit could minister to all men everywhere at the same time.

Moreover, while the Spirit works in His special sphere, the Lord is occupying His place at God's right hand as our representative. He is our Advocate before the Father. He pleads the cause of the saints.

Jesus is the Christ (Anointed) of God to Israel. He was made the Savior by His work on the cross. *For God hath made him both Lord and Christ* (Acts 2:36—A.S.V.). But God did more — *God hath made him both a Prince and a Savior* (Acts 5:31). Jesus has never been crowned King. He is the *Prince in the House of David.* His coronation will take place when He comes again *with power and great glory* (Matt. 24:30). He is not King to the Church and never will be. He is Lord to the believer and Bridegroom to the Church.

A part of the present work of the Lord is preparing a place for his Bride. He said to his faithful disciples, *I go to prepare a place for you* (John 14:2). He said little about that place but He was clear about the hopes of it; *I will come again and receive you unto myself* — He is coming to receive His Bride unto Himself. His Church which He is building (Matt. 16:16) is His Bride. His coming for His Bride is often called the Rapture, when, according to Paul the resurrected dead and the transformed living saints *will be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air* . . .(I Thess. 4:17 —A.S.V.).

After being caught away to the Lord unto the place prepared, the saints each *must appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that he may receive the things done in the body* (II Cor. 5:10); *for each man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it is revealed in fire* (I Cor. 3:13—A.S.V.). The judgment seat of Christ is not an appearance for judgment as to salvation, but an answering for one's life of saintly service and receiving of awards. *Awards,* not rewards. Awards are the honors of His grace. Rewards, if given, would be in recompense and no saint will be recompensed for his loving service.

After the judgment seat of Christ will come the heavenly nuptials, *For the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And it was given unto her that she should array herself in fine linen, bright and pure: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints* (Rev. 19:7, 8—A.S.V.). What joy in foretaste of the eternal service to be united with the Lord, and what prospect in the preparation for the soon to follow next great event.

What of the world from which the Lord shall have caught away his Bride, during these heavenly scenes? This is the duration of the seventieth week of Daniel. This is the last seven years of Israel's prophetic history. This is the time of the apostate church and her destruction (Rev. 17 and 18). The world rule shall be set up dictated from Rome with its *covenant with the many for one week* (Dan. 9:27). The broken covenant in the midst of the week will usher in the great tribulation (Matt. 24:21). The great tribulation is graphically and pictorially portrayed in the book of Revelation (ch. 4:1—19:10).

What shall be next? See the next issue for the procession of the King and His Queen.

Missionary item by author unknown: You cannot spell Gospel without "go"; neither can you say brother without saying "other."

MISSIONARY NEWS

CAMP DIQUECITO — 1965

DURING the months of January and February over 100 campers enjoyed the camping program in Cordoba. The first camp was for Adolescents, ages 13 to 18, and was directed by Pastor Juan Arregin. He and his wife, Amelia, are certainly to be commended on their organizing of the first two camps. The second camp was Young People's for 18 years of age and up, directed by John Rowsey. Rob Byler was the director for Family Camp.

Adolescents

Those of us who formed part of this camp believe it was very complete, fulfilling the purposes for which our camps were established, with the help and presence of the Lord.

One of the wonderful things which characterizes all our camps is the fellowship and companionship which unites us in the Lord.

The themes of our classes were presented clearly and in depth.

Senor Voth, director of the Christian Missionary Alliance Institute of Buenos Aires, taught us the various aspects of stewardship as applies to our time, our money, our life and our talents. He showed us the contrasts in two lives; Gideon and Samson.

Senor Escobar, formally of Peru and now helping in the work with university students of Cordoba, taught us each of the Beatitudes, with a corresponding number of Bible verses which was really surprising.

In the sports, we are fortunate to have the marvelous contribution of nature, the beautiful river which passes a few meters from the foot of the property, for boating and swimming; the lovely sierras which surround the camp and invite us each year to a mountain hike.

We also have a volleyball court and adequate space for our contests and races.

Among the youth were a number who expected to receive answers and directions from the Lord. I am sure that many were answered.

A new camper from our Nunez Church here in Buenos Aires accepted the Lord.



Young people at the bus station in Rosario ready to go to camp.

Young People

Many of our churches were represented at Young People's camp. Although we have no churches in Northern Argentina we had five young people from Jujuy and Tucuman. It was so typically "gaucho" to have a guitar accompanying our gospel choruses and to sing some folklore in the evenings. John recorded some of these songs for a filmstrip that is in the first stages of development.

Robert Propopchuk, a professor from the Russian Bible Institute in Buenos Aires reveiwed each one of the Ten Commandments. Pastor Pedro Annoni from Corrientes brought some excellent messages on self-commitment and full-time service. At the end of the week, among the five young people who went forward as life-work recruits, were two of our girls from Gerli.

Since the radio studio was shut down for vacation period, two of John Rowsey's Argentine helpers attended camp, plus two girls from the offices of C.A. V.E.A.

Some of the memorable events of Young People's camp included: warm volleyball games and cool mountain river—soup every day and sweet watermelon—the cow who knew how to climb the steps to camp and attend the evangelistic meetings in the evenings—a visit to Cosquin for a day at the beach—the hike to Dique San Roque—washing your own dishes and every now and then pots and pans—lots of singing and praying. It was a refreshing time for all and already some are planning a return for next year to Campamento Diquecito."

Family Camp

This camp is always open to families from our churches who can arrange their vacation time for these dates and who desire to spend time apart in a spiritual retreat.

There were about 10 adults and fifteen children this year, a smaller group by far than usual. A train strike plagued the country right during the height of the vacation season and may have affected the plans of would-be campers.

This year we had the faithful collaboration of the Aspinall family, Ray giving a class on "Happiness in the Christian Life" and leading morning devotions in a series of meditations from the Psalms. Marilyn made her big contribution in the kitchen, when our camp cook failed to materialize. A Methodist minister joined our staff this year in a series of classes on Personal Evangelism and Testimony in every aspect of our daily living. They were most excellent. The Junior Missionaries, or M. K.'s, took turns helping with a Children's Class. Their first efforts were rewarded when one of the girls accepted the Lord.

On several days, the men of the camp did a lot of work cleaning up the property. It has been several years, since a work camp was held and there was much to be done and all joined in with enthusiasm.



Rob Byler's station wagon packed ready to leave camp.

The fellowship, rest and recreation were a welcome change from normal family living within the walls of one's own home. All seemed reluctant to leave the beauty of life in the Hills; but our hearts had been reminded of our constant need to "Lift up your eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help. Our help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and Earth."

—Regina Rowsey and Rob Byler

RADIO MINISTRY

HAVE YOU heard "Platicas Cristianas" broadcast from South America? You can hear it every Sunday evening at 8:30 P.M., 800 Kilocycles, Standard Broadcast. The rapidly growing radio ministry has a tremendous outreach. The offices of C.A.V.E.A. are now receiving mail from Spain, Cuba, all of South and Central America and many from Puerto Rico, and even some from Miami, Florida. There are many requests for New Testaments and the supply will probably be exhausted about July at the rate they are now being sent out. New volunteer workers are needed to help do the follow-up.

Cordell Loken, a young and recent graduate of Le Tourneau Technical School in Texas, has been helping with the campaign of the Pocket Testament League in Argentina the last six months.

As his work with them is completed, the Lord has graciously led him to offer his services to our efforts here at O'Higgins 3162-68 in Nunez for a brief period of time. Pray that the Lord will bless his manual and spiritual labors with us. He will also be helping in the radio work, singing in the choir and quartet temporarily.

We thank the Lord for those who dedicate their hands, their minds, their training, their voices, their means, their hearts, their lives in reaching the lost of this great country to the Lord.

Surely the Lord will continue to speak to Youth in North and South America, so that His WORD and His WORK will continue to grow and bless hearts in all these two continents.

—Rob Byler

IN JANUARY THE TEN DOLLAR CLUB MEMBERSHIP WAS 1410

MEMBERSHIP AT THE PRESENT TIME IS 1427

TO DATE WE HAVE RECEIVED $6074 TOWARD THIS CALL

The last two Ten Dollar Club calls had receipts for over $10,000, we could anticipate much more this time with the increased membership!

KEEP THINKING, TALKING, PRAYING AND GIVING FOR THE TEN DOLLAR CLUB SO THAT THE CHURCH EXTENSION PROGRAM WILL ADVANCE IN THE CROWDED TOWNS AND CITIES.

The Brethren Layman

Views and Comments

Floyd S. Benshoff

"BRETHRENISM" . . . What Do YOU Know about It?

For one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

Despite the fact that there have been publications from time to time down through the years on our doctrinal position, this editor for the Laymen feels pretty strongly that, as a denomination, we need a revival of and a stronger teaching and preaching of Brethren doctrine.

Another paragraph would be too late to say that — I can hear the protests as the above is read — the fact that we belong to the Brethren Church does not guarantee our salvation; that to emphasize our Brethren tenets to any great lengths would mark us as bigots who feel we have all the truth, to the exclusion of others, even many other Protestant-evangelical groups around the world. It is not in that spirit that we pen this short essay.

The ecumenical movement has made great strides in the last twenty years. This scribe can recall rather vividly, and was very close to, some ill-starred attempts at uniting churches on a local level as a possible prelude to denominational union.

Fraternal relations, yes; co-operation, yes; organic union with a submerging of beliefs and doctrines long held to be important and vital, no.

Therefore, in the conviction that as we teach and preach the doctrines of our Church and as we teach and preach the Bible, we ought to give a more earnest heed to the faith of our founding fathers. As suggested above, we do not have a dearth of material. As of this moment, our brother Rev. Albert T. Ronk is working hard on updating our store of historical material, at the direction of our last General Conference and its Central Council. Prior to this up-coming publication, we can suggest that books such as Dr. C. F. Yoder's **God's Means of Grace**; Rev. Freeman Ankrum's **History of the Tunkers**; a pamphlet entitled **Brethren Emphasis Lessons,** edited by brethren George S. Baer, Willis E. Ronk and Claud Studebaker in 1941; and recent publications of **Our Faith** and **Our Church Guidebook** are among a pretty fair supply of doctrinal material. **The Message of the Brethren Ministry,** a pamphlet, makes a fine addition to any reading table. This is by no means a complete listing of the fine writings of Brethren men through the years.

Now the fact that we have available to our people a wealth of printed material does not say that the Brethren are using them, teaching them, preaching them, or even living them. An ever present danger to Christianity, our Church and the individual is lack of information and teaching to the young convert (a loud "hurrah" for Pastors' classes).

I believe in the Brethren Church. I believe she has a distinct and important message for even the roaring, moon-bound '65's. It would be easier and ofttimes more convenient to be a member of another and more affluent church, but I reject the path of least resistance and especially where eternal values are concerned.

A danger of our being swept off our feet by a general enthusiasm for "religion" is current. It seems to this scribe that we shall best further the general interests of the kingdom of God on earth

by furthering and strengthening our own denomination. Alexander Mack surely must have thought this; and his successors, for the most part, have steered in this direction.

Some of our number seem to have been caught up in the general megalomania of the day. Things must be large in order to be either useful or good. Anything that is small is, by that very fact, inferior; such as a college, an automobile, or even a church. The "prestige of numbers" seems to be taking hold. Anything that is large is impressive, and is to be sought after. Quick to find expedience, some have a tendency to ignore basics. Now there is neither truth nor logic in this approach to life. Effective smaller groups have had a great effect on the course of history.

Who's against growth and progress? No one with a grain of concern for the world's frustrated millions. But to veer our good ship of state, "Brethren," into liberal, fuzzy-thinking waters would be the betrayal of the century and the worst possible course to take to "fulfill the time."

What better way to celebrate Youth Month in your Brethren Church than to inaugurate a series of studies on our denominational background and distinct Bible teachings of our Church, using books such as mentioned above. A note to the Brethren Publishing Company, Ashland, Ohio, will bring you information. Remember, brother Layman, just as Christianity is only one generation from extinction, so is the Brethren Church. What about our children and grandchildren? F.S.B.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for May 9, 1965
THE COST OF SELF-WILL
Text: I Samuel 18:5-16

THE RESULTS of self-will and jealousy is the theme of this lesson. There is a time when these traits may, with the help of God, be mastered. If not mastered they will surely become the masters. Saul had every advantage of power and position to be as David. To think that these alone are all that is necessary to happiness and success is to reckon without the warnings of God against such disobedience.

Saul had been warned before by the prophet Samuel that his self-will was costing him and his whole house to lose the kingdom of Israel. Since Saul had made no effort or appeal to God to save him from his sin, God began to raise up another to take his place as king. With this lesson we want to remember that David had already been anointed as succeeding king. As the traits of character that destroyed Saul appeared early in his reign as king, so the traits that made David a great king were prominent early in his reign of office. He served his king and country with faithfulness and in humility. He recognized and accepted the fact that God could make him and his country what they ought to be. Such a spirit won greater applause for David than the people gave Saul. Saul should have been pleased to have such a faithful, obedient and brilliant man to serve him. Instead he allowed jealousy to destroy his own life.

What Jealousy and Self-will Did

1. It put murder in the heart of Saul (18:10, 11, 17).
2. It made him a liar (18:19).
3. It was a major factor in causing the people to lose their respect of him (18:7).
4. It cost his house the throne of Israel.
5. He wasted months pursuing David among the hills attempting to kill him.
6. He lost all contact with God (I Sam. 28:6).
7. He ended his life by suicide (I Sam. 31:4).

Spiritual Meditations

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FREEDOM — NOT A BEQUEST BUT A CONQUEST

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery (Gal. 5:1—R.S.V.).

A SPIRITUAL LESSON comes from the story of the little boy who one day came to his mother with this question, "Mommie, when will I be old enough to do what I please?" "Not until you are old enough to be pleasing in what you do," was the mother's reply.

Jesus said, "He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." The challenge of "freedom" in our day is much made of, and when rightly interpreted is a lawful one. We cannot save ourselves unless we are willing to lose ourselves for the sake of others. We cannot make the world or ourselves free, save as we are willing to think of others and the world, and do for both.

Paul declares in our text that "For freedom Christ has set us free," but "freedom" must be maintained — it is not self-perpetuating — we must help to maintain it. We must grant to the other fellow as much freedom as we demand for ourselves.

General George Washington once said to a group of defeated and dispirited colonial soldiers: "This liberty will look easy by-and-by when nobody dies to get it." *Liberty is not a bequest, but a conquest.* There is but one way to keep it, and that is by daily securing it anew. It may be as Sir Winston Churchill challenged the English soldiers in seeking to inspire them to the supreme sacrifice for the salvation of the British nation: it may be by "blood, sweat and tears" — but it is worth the sacrifice.



Brethren Service Opportunities

For Whom?

Brethren of suitable age and education who are interested in serving the Lord and the Brethren Church.

For What Purpose?

To use those who wish to serve by dedicating their extra hours to the Lord and the church.

How Does It Work?

The individual is placed near a Brethren Church needing his abilities and help. He earns his livelihood in the occupation he prefers, or is trained for and uses his "extra" hours in service for the church.

How Do I Enter the BSO Program?

Send for a personnel application at the address below, fill it out and return it as an expression of your desire to further investigate the program. This is not a binding contract —it merely establishes your interest and makes contact with us for possible use in BSO. If you are placed in an area, this is not necessarily permanent.

How Does A Church Enter the BSO Program?

Should you desire the aid of Brethren Service Opportunities, send for a church application at the address below, fill out the form, give all information requested, and return promptly.

Send for applications to:

Brethren Service Opportunities
524 College Avenue
Ashland, Ohio 44805

Brethren Service Opportunities is a new program of the Brethren Church, and one of the young people placed near a Brethren Church is Lois Staley of Hagerstown, Maryland. Actually, Lois was placed before the formation of the BSO program, but her testimony to the worth of Brethren Service Opportunities is given here.



ear BYC'er,

You know, I really can't believe all that has happened to me since raduation — it's not at all what I had planned just about eighteen months go. God certainly moves in mysterious ways for His wonders to be performed.

It seems only yesterday that Joe Shultz stopped by the admissions fice at school to ask me what I was going to do after graduation. When told him that I had planned to move to Indiana and teach near established Brethren churches, he really let me have it. "We don't need you oung graduates out there," he said, much to my surprise. "We need ou at new works, like Chandon or Derby, or any other new mission area."

Well, what could I say? Sure, I had thought of helping in a mission rea, but not by myself, and certainly not my first year "on the job." his was a mighty big step to take. I mulled the idea over and over in y mind and continued to follow the growth of Chandon with a new terest.

With the help of Jerry Flora, Joan Nalley, John Porte and E. S. Corany, doors began opening and the possibility of my teaching in Fairx County became a probability.

Meanwhile, I had sent two requests for applications and for interews during spring vacation to Hagerstown and Fairfax.

My first real testing began. Confirmation of an interview from Fairx County didn't come before I left school. Naturally, I was upset. *This as the only time* I could have an interview before commencement. The tter was found in the post office by Ben Davis, our ecretary's husband. June called me immediately and ft the information that I could have my interview.

On the appointed day, Daddy, Mom, and I set out arly enough but managed to get lost because a road hat was shown on our new map had not been finished. s a result I was *twenty minutes late* for my job inerview — a thing that never happens if you really ant a job, and by this time I really did want this ne.

The interviewer asked me where I'd like to teach, nd he tentatively placed me in Floris School — *the nly opening near Herndon.*

You know the rest — I got the job and have been ertified for ten years. But was this just a stroke of good luck? I hardly think so. No one but God could have taken the impossible and worked a miracle.

I'm constantly aware of God's guiding in my efforts. I feel He definitely used me to help our entire school through a period of grief when one of our teachers died suddenly. Was it only coincidence that it was my room's turn to lead inspiration over the intercom? Was it coincidence that I was asked to include a memorial service for Mrs. Burton?

I'm aware of His using Sunday school teachers to lead boys and girls to a better understanding of Christ and their acceptance of Him as Savior.

I'm very much aware of His help when two public school teachers come up to me and tell me they're glad I have their nephew and that I've helped him so much. I know I haven't helped him so much. I know I haven't helped Kevin, but I know who's used me to help him.

I know I'll be very much aware of His strength in the days to come. You see, I have a little girl in my room whose mother is dying from cancer. Debbie doesn't know it. I realize there'll be questions to answer. I don't have those answers now, but I know I'll get them at the exact time they're needed.

Well, part of my plan has come true. I am near a Brethren church and I am teaching school. I'm still in the east and I still haven't snared Prince Charming, but that really doesn't matter right now. I think I'm realizing and accepting more each day that:

All the choosing and the planning,
I must leave to Him, All-wise;
For whate'er is His appointment
Will but good for me devise.
If it is God's will for me,
'Twill no disappointment be,
I want God's way to be
My way every day.

See you at Conference,
Lois



ois Staley (holding book at far right)
eacher at Herndon, Virginia

1965 Bible Quiz . . .



THE SECOND Bible Quiz sponsored by Brethren Youth is being conducted this year over the book of Acts. Last year's quiz engendered interest and enthusiasm which came to a dramatic climax in the National Finals at Conference in 1964. The winners of the National Finals last year were:

Division I—Ardmore
Division II—Roann

The runners-up of the National Finals last year were:

Division I—Gretna
Division II—Derby

Three divisions of the quiz are being held this year as follows:

Division I—grades 4-6
Division II—grades 7-9
Division III—grades 10-12

Dual eliminations in each division will be held during Youth Conference this year and several rule changes have been made. One of these changes is that questions in the finals will be rephrased questions of those sent out, and new ones. Also, a team consists of three members and an alternate, and the rule has been made that a second alternate is permitted in the eventuality that the first alternate cannot be present.

Each quiz this year will have 25 questions rather than 20. After indicating you have the answer and being recognized, you have ten seconds to begin your answer and 20 additional seconds to complete the answer.

Last year each district was represented except Arizona and at least one of the Arizona churches is working on the quiz this year. Therefore, we hope the participation will be even wider than the '64 quiz.

The purpose of the Bible Quiz is for young people to learn the Word of God. We realize that questions and answers are not always the most effective way of learning, but it should be just a starting point. Quizzers and sponsors should not limit themselves to just learning answers to questions. **Know** the Word! That should be our watchword.

Eliminations during Youth Conference will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from approximately 10 to 12 noon. The finals will be held on Saturday afternoon before the entire conference in Memorial Chapel.

Winner and runner-up trophies will be presented in each division at the finals on Saturday, August 21.

YOU plan to be present for the thrill and excitement of the Bible Quiz eliminations and finals.



Summer Crusading . . .

How About You??
Do You

1. Like Children?
2. Like Travel??
3. Like Leadership???
4. Like Experience????

We Have Just the Thing for You . . .
In Summer Crusading You Can

1. Be a Counsellor!
2. Be a Helper!!
3. Be a Teacher!!!
 but above all
4. Be a Worker for Christ!!!!

As a Crusader You Receive

1. $15.00 per week toward your tuition at Ashland College
2. Invaluable experience working with others for Christ

The 1964 Summer Crusaders and their weeks of service are listed here:

Jim Benshoff 5 weeks
Phyllis Berkshire 9 weeks
Doris Draper 2 weeks
David Felthoff 9 weeks
Nancy Keffer 8 weeks
Rex McConahay 8 weeks
Alice Oburn 6 weeks
Jim Sluss 1 week
Lois Staley 7 weeks

Places the 1964 Summer Crusaders served were:

Massillon, Ohio
Herndon, Virginia
Lost Creek, Kentucky
Krypton, Kentucky

The Summer Crusading program is designed to give young people an opportunity for on-the-field experience in Christian service. Each Crusader attests to the fact that they receive more in experience than they feel they have given and yet their service has been of great value to the Lord and the Brethren Church.

Any young person completing his sophomore year in high school is eligible to apply for a crusading position during the summer. Prospective Crusaders and churches wishing the aid of Crusaders must apply to the Youth Office by April 1 of any given year to be considered for the summer program.

How About You, Anyway?

Why not plan to give your summer in service for the Lord and the Brethren Church through Summer Crusading?

"fill the DERBY hat" — $10,000



Brethren Youth

Look at the all-new 1965 Brethren Youth Catacomb Conference! We want YOU to be with us for this special Youth Conference. You will be glad you did!

The entire General Conference program has a new format and atmosphere for 1965.

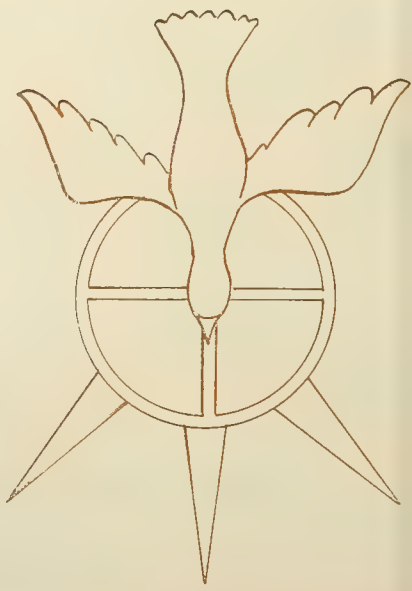
The College and Seminary night has been switched to Thursday and the Missionary Board has the Friday evening program. This will begin the Missionary Conference with Dr. Clyde Taylor. The weekend has been reserved for this Missionary Conference with Dr. Taylor speaking Friday and Saturday nights and again on Sunday morning. Everyone will want to stay for the entire week, and if you can come only for the weekend, you will find this special program inspiring to you.

On these pages you see several symbols of the Church. These are to remind us that Brethren Youth are having a Catacomb Conference this year. We will be attempting to capture the spirit of the early Church and, although the Brethren Church has never used many symbols, they were important to the Christians of the early Church. Our Youth speaker, Rev. Jerry Flora of our Washington, D. C., Church, will be bringing messages of the early Church from the book of Acts. Of course, the Bible Quiz covers the book of Acts this year and the eliminations and finals will be held during Conference Week.

Here is a typical day of the Catacomb Conference — in fact this will be the Tuesday program:

8:00- 9:00	Brotherhood and Sisterhood sessions
9:10- 9:30	"Praise through Song"
9:30-12:00	"The Lord's Business"— Moderator Jim Gilmer
	"The Lord's Word"—Bible Quiz, all divisions
1:30	"Messages of the Early Church"— Rev. Jerry Flora
2:30	"The Lord's Work"
	Soul-Winning Workshop— Rev. Herbert Gilmer
	Workshop No. 2 to be announced
	Junior Hour—Mrs. William Ankrom (For all BYC'ers up to 13 years old)
4:00	Conference Choir Rehearsal— Little Theater

The descending dove is the symbol for the Holy Spirit. The three-rayed nimbus around the head indicates the Deity. This symbol is one of the earliest and most significant in Christian art.



Catacomb Conference



The Chi Rho (pronounced Ky Ro) symbol is the oldest monogram referring to Christ. The word for Christ in ancient Greek capital letters was XPISTOS (pronounced Kristos). The first two letters are X (Chi) and P (Rho) and these are combined to form the symbol.

6:40 Vespers—Rev. Jerry Flora
7:25 Attend General Session—
Layman Service
"Youth Parade"
9:15 Antiphonal Singing
Leaders: Richard Kuns,
Robert Keplinger

There are many other highlights of the 1965 Catacomb Conference you will not want to miss, such as:

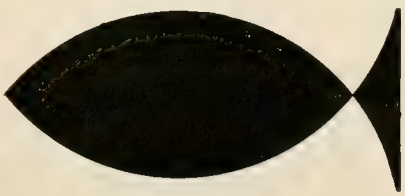
Monday evening—"Running the Race"
Thursday morning—We hope to have Rev. Robert Bischof, missionary to Nigeria, with us
Thursday afternoon—"Feasting Together" (picnic)
Thursday evening—"Breaking of Bread" (communion)
Film for half of youth delegates
Friday evening—Missionary Conference with Dr. Clyde Taylor
"Breaking of Bread" (communion)
Film for half of youth delegates
Saturday morning—"Having All Things in Common" (project ingathering)
Saturday afternoon—National Finals—Bible Quiz
Saturday evening—"Feasting Together"
(Youth Awards Banquet)
"Mission Challenge" (Dr. Clyde Taylor)
Sunday morning—Missionary Conference
(Dr. Clyde Taylor)

The 1965 Catacomb Conference **will** have new and interesting features as you can see. We know you will enjoy every message presented by Rev. Flora and many of you know him as a fine person and friend.

You will receive your own souvenir Conference songbook this year, which is being prepared especially for this Youth Conference. We hope to have both piano and organ for the Chapel hour and a fine program of praise through song with the piano in the morning.

We want to see the familiar faces and many new ones at Youth Conference this year. Plan now to attend the 1965 Catacomb Conference!

The fish is the earliest symbol used by Christians. It was to signify that they were "Fishers of Men" and thus Christians. Because of great persecution, the Christians of the early Church used this symbol to identify themselves with a fellow Christian while cloking their identity from persecutors of the Church.





"fill the DERBY hat"

1964 - 65

NATIONAL YOUTH PROJECT

GOAL: $10,000

THE DELEGATES of the 1964 Youth Conference, after a successful project in 1963, selected Derby, Kansas, as the new Youth Project.

The great enthusiasm which set the goal at $10,000 has carried through the year and youth groups across the United States are working hard to complete the Derby project. It will take everyone's concentrated effort to reach the goal.

The Derby Brethren have been meeting in the house shown below which serves as parsonage, Sunday school and church. Imagine forty to sixty people invading your home each Sunday and for services during the week! Add to this the fact that people of the community are not drawn to a simple house for worship as they are to a church and you can realize the deep need for this project.

We hear that gallon jugs are being filled with pennies, money trees are growing, derby hats are being filled, churches are competing in saving pennies, money calendars are being observed, pape drives are being conducted and on and on goes th list of efforts to make the 1965 Youth Project suc cessful.

The pastor of Derby, Kansas, Rev. M. W. Dodds and other members of the Derby congregatio have expressed their appreciation for being se lected as the project for this year and are follow ing the progress of our goal. Land has been pur chased adjacent to the present building, buildin plans have been considered and perhaps by th time you read this ground will be broken for th new church.

The 1965 Project Ingathering will take plac on Saturday morning, August 21, in the Littl Theater. This is always an exciting hour as th names of churches are called and the offering i brought forward.

Plan now to be present with your offering t boost the 1965 Project goal to the top!



This building has served a dual purpose since it was purchased by the members of the Derby, Kansas, Brethren Church. It is the parsonage and church, all in one.

YOUR GIVING IN 1964—



May and quarterly offerings received in 1964 are listed here. This does not include project or other special offerings received. Please notify us of any corrections or additions and we will check our records.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Bethlehem	$ 25.00
Chandon	
Cumberland	30.00
Gatewood	
Haddix	
Hagerstown	336.90
Krypton (gave to Crusading fund)	
Liberty	
Linwood	15.00
Lost Creek	
Mathias	
Maurertown	16.00
Mt. Olive	
Oak Hill	40.00
St. James	163.15
Washington	90.00

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT

Berlin	200.78
Brush Valley	50.00
Calvary	15.00
Cameron	
Conemaugh	
Fairless Hills-Levittown	20.00
Highland	15.00
Johnstown I	25.00
Johnstown II	118.00
Johnstown III	105.00
Masontown	25.00
Meyersdale	43.75
Mt. Olivet	27.50
Mt. Pleasant	
Pittsburgh	10.00
Quiet Dell	
Raystown	
Sergeantsville	60.40
Valley	8.00
Vandergrift	27.85
Vinco	40.00
Waynesboro	86.27
White Dale	

OHIO DISTRICT

Akron	
Ashland (Park Street)	661.45
Ashland (Garber)	23.36
Canton	30.00
Columbus	
Dayton	375.00
Fair Haven	9.00
Fremont	8.00
Glenford	19.11
Gratis	
Gretna	74.09
Louisville	196.00
Mansfield	
Massillon	
Newark	9.08
New Lebanon	200.00
North Georgetown	
Pleasant Hill	55.44
Smithville	100.70
West Alexandria	
Williamstown	92.25

INDIANA DISTRICT

Akron	
Ardmore	59.89
Brighton Chapel	13.00
Bryan	150.00
Burlington	50.00
Center Chapel	61.61
College Corner	35.10
Corinth	38.72
County Line	27.00
Denver	33.00
Dutchtown	15.00
Elkhart	376.42
Flora	
Goshen	610.02
Huntington	25.00
Kokomo	32.00
Loree	60.00
Matteson	
Mexico	70.00
Milford	72.00
Mishawaka	12.50
Muncie	33.50
Nappanee	510.00
New Paris	44.30
North Liberty	50.00
North Manchester	98.77
Oakville	100.00
Peru	25.78
Roann	33.00
Roanoke	33.75
South Bend	300.00
Teegarden	11.00
Tiosa	31.50
Wabash	10.00
Warsaw	100.00

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Cerro Gordo	47.91
Lanark	214.96
Milledgeville	126.00
Udell	8.30
Waterloo	300.00

MID-WEST DISTRICT

Carleton	
Cheyenne	5.00
Derby	25.00
Falls City	75.00
Fort Scott	
Morrill	12.00
Mulvane	

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Lathrop	
Manteca	50.00
Stockton	

ARIZONA and FLORIDA

Papago Park	
Tucson	51.50
Sarasota	90.00

from the Woman's Outlook

Your National President Speaks . . .
OUR BRETHREN YOUTH

MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

THIS MONTH of May, our denominational emphasis is on BRETHREN YOUTH. So let us ask ourselves a few questions. How much do we believe in them? What do we expect of them? How much encouragement do we give them? Last, but not least, what kind of an example are we setting for them in the home and in the church? I want to share this article with you that our Sunday school teacher read to us recently.

"A little boy was just learning how to read. His mother had given him the morning paper to practice reading. The first page had the story of a murder on it. The second had the story of the latest government scandal.

"He turned to the sports page and read about the Air Force Academy basketball players who had been thrown out of school for violation of the school's honesty code. His mother had told him that there were a few dishonest people in the world.

"Then Daddy came home. He told a very interesting story about how he had sold a used car at his lot for more than it was worth by lying to the customer. Then he had recorded the sale price wrong to make money that was tax free. Daddy was very smart.

"Mommy was very smart, too. When they went to the movie yesterday they got Sister in for half price even though she was over twelve. And when she got caught speeding she talked the cop out of it with a good excuse and ten dollars.

"The little boy went back to the newspaper. The pages were still the same — the murder, the government official and the basketball players.

"And the little boy will grow up like the world that is around him. He will cheat because 'everyone else does.' And, hopefully, he will not get too good at cheating because the perfectionists are put in jail to atone for their sins and those of their jailers."

Our Brethren Youth are growing up in a world such as this. NOW, are the influences of your home and your church and the example YOU are setting strong and true enough to sustain and protect the youth in face of this temptation in the world in which they encounter each day? Whether you realize it or no either your faithfulness or your indifference to th services of your church are planting a pattern in th lives of your children. If you attend only the Sunda morning service of your church, chances are tha is exactly what your children will do when they e tablish homes. But if you are faithful to all the servic of your church being good stewards of your time an talents, then you are assuring the Church of tomorro of faithful workers. However, I am afraid there is sense of excitement and joy about our faith whic the Church and parents often fail to give our your people.

I hope the following article, entitled "A Strange Fam ily," will have a special meaning for you.

" 'I know a strange family,' said a pastor. 'The fa ther has never missed church or Sunday school i twenty-three years. The mother has had a perfe attendance record for eleven years. A son has n missed for twelve years. A daughter has been teach ing in Sunday school and hasn't missed for near seven years.

" 'What's the matter with this family anyway? Don they ever have Sunday company to keep them awa from church? Don't they ever feel tired on Sunda mornings? Don't they belong to any clubs that kee them out late on Saturdays, or that invite them ou for weekends? Don't they ever have headaches, have calls out of the city, or business trips, or picnic or such things? Don't they ever get a lot more out reading a sermon in a book? Don't they ever g fed up with hearing the same old gospel Sunday aft Sunday? What's the matter with this family anywa and why are they so happy and cheerful? What sa ye?' "

Rev. Walter B. Knight

Let us give our Brethren Youth all the encourage ment we can. Let us be careful to practice what w preach.

How many of YOU are helping them fill their ja and jugs with pennies for "Derby, Kansas"?

May we pause and consider our responsibilities.

"fill the DERBY hat" — $10,000

SISTERHOOD

What about Easter?

Have you forgotten already? I don't mean the day of goodies and new clothes — go right ahead and forget that. But how about the living message of Easter, does it live in your heart even now that Easter day is two weeks gone? Is your life richer and far more meaningful because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

As a Christian girl, you have a mission to perform — the mission of telling of resurrection and eternal life in Christ. On that first Easter morn, women had a foremost place. It was the women who found the empty tomb. They were the first to see the Lord and worship Him. It was to the women disciples that the angel gave the message, . . . *go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead* (Matt. 28:7a). And it is *your* mission, also — go and tell the glorious message. Keep this message of resurrection alive within you that *you* may be a witness of the Truth. Live and share this Truth daily (not just on Easter Sunday), for it is your privilege and duty. *Jesus saith . . . I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me* (John 14:6).

May this "Easter Prayer" by Frances Ridley Havergal be your prayer, too:

Oh, let me know
The power of Thy resurrection!
Oh, let me show
Thy risen life in clear reflection!
Oh, let me soar
Where Thou, my Saviour Christ, art gone before!
In mind and heart
Let me dwell always, only, where Thou art.

Oh, let me give
Out of the gifts Thou freely givest;
Oh, let me live
With life abundantly because Thou livest;
Oh, make me shine
In darkest places, for Thy light is mine;
Oh, let me be
A faithful witness for Thy truth and Thee.

Oh, let me show
The strong reality of gospel story;
Oh, let me go
From strength, from glory unto glory;
Oh, let me sing
For very joy, because Thou art my King;
Oh, let me praise
Thy love and faithfulness through all my days.

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

SUGGESTIONS ON LESSON PREPARATION

IT IS A SHODDY WORKMAN that goes to his task without preparation. Even for the sake of one's own character, he should never permit himself to do badly any task undertaken. And how can a person do well without preparation?

Teaching a class is no accidental, haphazard, filling-in job. It is a great work — a work of love and unselfishness, as well as a service to the Master and one's neighbors. Surely a teacher ought to do and be his best by thorough lesson preparation. Do not feed your conscience on that badly doped soothing syrup, "I haven't time." You know better and everyone else does, too.

Every teacher should have the best helps available and plenty of them, to assist him in his lesson preparation.

Here is a definite plan for your lesson preparation:

Turn to the lesson in your Bible — Begin at the chapter before and read through to the end of the chapter which follows the lesson text. This will give you the setting of the lesson.

Read all you can find in your helps about the lesson geography — Study the maps and look for the locations of cities or places. Check on the pronunciation of unfamiliar names. Find out the size, importance, etc., of the cities or places, and also if the surroundings had any effect upon the characters and events of the lesson.

Consider the date of the lesson — This should include all you can learn about the civilization, government, and customs of the times.

Study about the characters mentioned in the lesson — Consider every detail of their lives.

Study the lesson verse by verse — Read carefully the explanations and comments on each verse that can be found in your quarterly and commentaries.

Close your books and your eyes — and imagine that you are telling the lesson story to some one who had never read it or heard it.

Figure out the most important truth of the lesson — so that you can drive this lesson truth home to the hearts of the pupils.

Make out a list of thought provoking questions — Word them carefully and make them as interesting as possible.

Plan some way to teach the lesson through the eye gate — This can be done through the use of a blackboard, an object lesson, flannelgraph board, stand-up characters, filmstrips, etc.

Formulate a good lesson plan — It is important to know where you are going and how to get there.

Search for good illustrations — They will hold the interest of your pupils.

Pray for each pupil daily — so that your teaching will meet their spiritual needs.

Ask the Lord to inspire you — as you study the lesson, and as you teach it — so that you will have results.

From Sunday School Progress

Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

TIOSA, INDIANA

THE TIOSA BRETHREN CHURCH has just concluded a week of Revival Services with Rev. William H. Anderson as revival speaker. The weather was extremely bad that week which cut down on the attendance, but the membership turned out faithfully. Needless to say those outside the church made no effort to brave the elements.

On the whole, the church feels rewarded as several renewed their vows. One lady who has long attended the services was baptized that she might more fully work with the Brethren, and one young lady came forward and she, too, was baptized and received into the church.

However in the last couple months two of our members passed away and a young married woman requested her letter that she might accompany her husband to his church.

The church is well pleased with our young student minister, Gene Eckerly, and has extended his call for another year. He is working well with our young people and we are hoping for results in the future.

The prayer band is very active and they meet in each other's homes with one of the group acting as leader.

The church sends greetings to all the brotherhood and pray that with God's help the church as a whole may enlarge its borders.

Carmen Kath
Church Correspondent

TUCSON, ARIZONA

THE FIRST QUARTER of 1965 has been a very bu one for the First Brethren Church of Tucson, Ar zona. Evangelistic services were held the last we of January. These were conducted by our own past Rev. Clarence Stogsdill. One first commitment w made and several others rededicated themselves.

We were privileged to have Dr. Joseph Shultz a Rev. Virgil Ingraham as guest speakers during t month of January.

A course in BBB (Be a Better Brethren) has ju been completed in "Understanding the Pupil." Th was taught by Marge Grisso. Rev. Stogsdill is teachi a course on the New Testament.

We have enjoyed our winter visitors with us aga this year. Among these were Rev. Stogsdill's moth and father from Illinois. Most of these visitors ha now returned to their homes back East.

We have just concluded the Easter Season. We h our Easter Sunrise Service once again in the mountai by the opening of a large cave. There is a large bould at the entrance. One cannot help but feel and kn the nearness and the wonderful works of God.

Alice Smith

LANARK, ILLINOIS

BIBLICAL GARDENS was the theme of a special pr gram given on Palm Sunday evening. In a ve scenic ravine near the Wisconsin Dells, the Life Christ is depicted with sculptured figures. Color slides from this Biblical Garden was shown with a propriate music and dialogue, beginning with Chris birth to the Crucifixion. This program was present by the Sunday school classes.

PRIDE

I have been more and more convinced, the mo I think of it, that, in general, pride is at the botto of all great mistakes. All the other passions do o casional good; but whenever pride puts in its wo everything goes wrong; and what it might really desirable to do, quietly and innocently, it is morta dangerous to do proudly.

Ruskin

Perils are accentuated when we confront them alone. We are foolish to give the devil this advantage over us, if we can avoid it. The "fellowship of kindred minds" can banish many a temptation!

Herbert F. Stevenson in
THE ROAD TO THE CROSS
(Fleming H. Revell Company)

Why not join the
TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

World Religious News in Review

SUPREME COURT: CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR NEED NOT BELIEVE IN GOD

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The U. S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that any person whose beliefs cause him to oppose war can qualify as a conscientious objector. It thus struck down a law which limited qualification to those who profess belief in a Supreme Being.

The historic decision was reached on the test of whether a person's belief occupies a parallel place in the life of him who professes it to that possessed by the person who claims to have an "orthodox belief in God."

In the decision handed down by Justice Tom C. Clark, the Court interpreted the language of the Universal Military Training Act to embrace all those who oppose military service because their beliefs require it, irrespective of formal religious convictions, including any type belief in God.

An amendment to the Act in 1948 said objection to serving in the armed forces must derive from a belief in a Supreme Being "involving duties superior to those arising from any human relation."

JUDGE RETURNS REFERENCE TO GOD IN OATH FOR GRANDJURY FOREMEN

PITTSBURGH (EP) — An Allegheny County judge has returned a reference to God to the oath for Grand Jury foremen after it had been eliminated by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

As prescribed by a committee of 13 judges and lawyers appointed by the State Supreme Court, the oath began: "You, as foreman, do solemnly swear . . ."

Judge William F. Cercone changed it to: "You as foreman, do swear by Almighty God . . ."

At the end of the oath he added the phrase: "as you shall answer to God in the last great day."

Commenting on the change, Judge Cercone said: "This country was founded on a belief in God and has prospered in that belief." He said he felt that reference to God "adds to the significance and the sacredness of the oath and cannot offend the concept of the separation of the church and state."

According to Judge Cercone, state's high court had said the prescribed form was to be "followed substantially," a stipulation which he felt allowed some modifications.

CLERGYMAN: LENTEN SACRIFICE SUPERFICIAL EVEN PAGAN

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (EP) — The practice of Lenten sacrifices—or "giving up" for Lent—is often superficial and even rather pagan, according to a Methodist chaplain here.

The Rev. Richard Bright, director of the Methodist Wesley Foundation at the University of New Mexico, said: "The whole idea of a physical sacrifice for Lent is kind of pagan."

Merely depriving oneself of some temporary pleasure does not solve any long-range problems in the Christian life, he held in a forum published by The Albuquerque Journal.

"Sacrifice is something you offer to the gods, not necessarily to God," Mr. Bright said. "Sacrifice is done before the gods in order for the gods to smile on you. It is in this sense that I mean sacrifice is pagan, in terms of paying homage to the gods to keep the gods from being angry. Some element of this idea still is in our Christian heritage."

UNITY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH FIRST NCC WITHDRAWAL

PORTLAND, ORE. (EP)—The National Council of Churches has lost its first member—the Unity of the Brethren Church, a Moravian denomination.

The General Board of the NCC voted here to "accept with regret" the decision of the Brethren Church to withdraw its membership.

Unity of the Brethren was the smallest of the Council's thirty-one member communions. Its 6,030 members are centered in Texas. It has been a member of the NCC since the Protestant and Orthodox agency was formed.

Unity of the Brethren voted to leave the NCC at a special convention last April. At that time it was announced by the Church that the step to withdraw was being taken because of "some of the trends indicated in some of the actions of the National Council of Churches and because it feels that this decision to withdraw is in the best interests of this denomination at this time."

PROPOSAL TO END BAN ON ATHEISM, BLASPHEMY DRAWS FIRE IN N. H.

CONCORD, N H. (EP)—An old law prohibiting disbelief in God or using His name in vain may stay on New Hampshire's statute books.

A hearing on a bill which would abolish a $200 fine for atheism and blasphemy drew strong opposition here.

Senate Majority Leader William R. Johnson (Rep.-Hanover), who was surprised at the controversy stirred up by the measure, said he introduced it at the request of a group concerned with repealing obsolete statutes.

Senate Minority Leader Louis I. Martel (Dem.-Manchester) argued that "if a person does not wish to believe in the Deity, that's his business, but respecting the Deity is the business of the majority."

Sen. Paul Rinden (Rep.-Concord) said the old law is "simply a protection of the belief in God incorporated into our government. I'm certainly opposed to repealing it."



"What a drab world this would be if the things that 'couldn't be done' hadn't been done!"

YOUR MAY OFFERING for BRETHREN YOUTH



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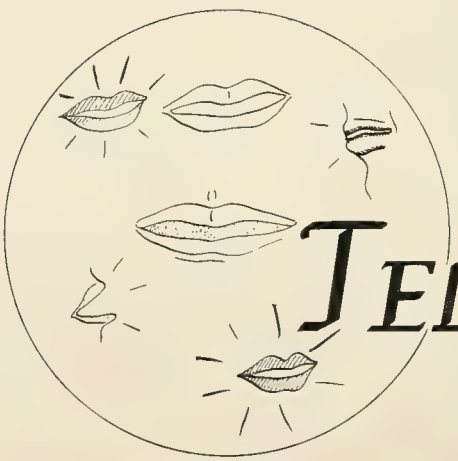
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CONGRATULATIONS —

A NEW SON has been born to Rev. and Mrs. James Naff, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Masontown, Pennsylvania. He was born on Tuesday, April 20, weighed in at seven pounds and three ounces. He has been named Mark Alan.

The Naffs have two other children: Kaun Sue, age 8; and Craig Stephen, age 5.

"ETERNAL LIFE INSURANCE"

ON PAGE 17 of this issue of the magazine you will find a most interesting article entitled: "Eternal Life Insurance." This article was written by Herman W. Gockel and permission to reprint the item was given to us from *This Day* magazine, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis Missouri.

Be sure to read this column!



OUR COVER

This week's cover depicts the *TELL* of "Our Mission" which is the Brethren Youth Week theme. Mrs. John Vance is the artist.

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Brethren Youth

THE MONTH OF MAY is designated as "Brethren Youth" month. All during this month Brethren Youth is to be promoted in our local churches. Youth week is May 9-16 with Brethren Youth Sunday on May 16.

We need to take note of the importance of this organization from time to time. Your Editor can remember the days when we did not have such an organization in our denomination; every local group went its own way without regard to any national organization unity. In those days our young people were stranded as far as the Brethren Church was concerned. But it is different today!

In the late forties a group of interested people met to form the Brethren Youth Board in the Brethren Church. Charles Munson was chosen as the first National Brethren Youth Director. This board was approved by General Conference and our youth work was well on its way.

The early years were not easy ones, however. Finances seemed to be a problem from the beginning. It has always been hard to keep within the budget, yet it had to be done. Our local churches can help this situation by supporting Brethren Youth in a greater way financially.

At the moment, there is no National Brethren Youth Director. The Board feels that it is wise to build up the finances before hiring such a man, thus Brethren Youth can be kept within the budget.

The Board, however, has some very definite plans in the future for a man who will again serve as Brethren Youth Director.

Brethren Youth has done much for the youth of the Brethren Church. A National Brethren Youth office is maintained on Ashland College campus for the purpose of assisting local organizations throughout the denomination and also to give assistance to Brethren students in college. Miss Beverly Summy has been the office secretary for some time, now, and is at present the Acting Brethren Youth Director.

One of the greatest events is the Youth Conference conducted on Ashland College campus during General Conference week. This conference has grown considerably during the past few years, and it will continue to grow. It is here that our young people learn the procedures which are so necessary to our church. Special speakers of renown in the Christian world are brought in to speak to our young people. Workshops in various phases of Sunday School and church work are conducted during this week. Bible studies are conducted by Brethren men. There are banquets, snacks, picnics, movies and other forms of fellowship which are important to youth. We cannot afford to do away with these conferences.

Special training in Sunday School work, in Bible School work and in church work is given through the summer Crusading program sponsored by Brethren Youth. During the summer, High School students are engaged in such work in many of our local churches. It is here that much experience is gained which tend to make better workers of these people in the local churches. Also, a given stipend is set aside for the individual to assist him in his tuition at Ashland College when he enters as a student. This is a most important phase of Brethren Youth work.

One of conference highlights has been the speech contest in years past sponsored by the Board. At present, Brethren Youth is sponsoring a Bible Quiz Contest where local organizations may participate. A contest is sponsored for each of the three youth groups in the church. The national runoff is during General Conference week. Trophies are awarded to the winners of each of the three groups, Juniors, Junior Highs and Seniors.

As you consider Brethren Youth this month, we urge you to support them with your prayers and possessions. Let's see to it that our youth are not neglected in any way! S.G.

news ... from the Brethren

Hagerstown, Md. Rev. W. S. Benshoff will be the speaker at the Baccalaureate Services on Sunday morning, May 16, for the seniors of Riverside Christian Training School, Lost Creek, Kentucky. This will be the first Baccalaureate service in the new Drushal Memorial Brethren Church.

Dayton, Ohio. Rev. Clayton Berkshire reports that five persons were baptized and brought into fellowship of the church on Palm Sunday, April 11.

Flora, Ind. Rev. Smith Rose was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Sunday, April 25, at which time he conducted the ordination services for deacons and deaconesses.

Nappanee, Ind. A Missionary Conference was conducted at the First Brethren Church on Sunday, May 2. Mr. Ken Anderson, producer and director of a Gospel film company of Winona Lake was the guest speaker at the morning worship service. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Kraft presented the afternoon service. Miss Shirley Gall who had served as a missionary at the Hillcrest School in Nigeria was the evening speaker.

Tempe, Ariz. Rev. Duane Dickson reports through his bulletin that a committee has been appointed for the purpose of securing a parsonage for the church and that the committee is working.

Cheyenne, Wyo. Rev. Buck Garrett reports that five persons were baptized on Sunday evening, April 25, and that seven were received into membership of the church. Two were received by transfer of letter.

Cerro Gordo, Ill. On Sunday, April 18, six persons were received into fellowship of the church according to Rev. Elmer Keck, pastor.

New Paris, Ind. The First Brethren Church of New Paris has extended a call to Rev. Waldo Gaby of Ashland, Ohio, to become pastor. This call has been accepted by Rev. Gaby and he and his family will move into the parsonage sometime during the week of June 14.

Memorials

BRENTON. Mrs. Grace Brenton, age 76, of Sarasota, Florida, passed away on Saturday, February 20, 1965. Mrs. Brenton was a former member of the Warsaw, Indiana, Brethren Church and a charter member of the First Brethren Church, Sarasota.

Interment was in Palms Memorial Park, Sarasota, Florida. Services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Hamel assisted by Rev. Fred Vanator and Rev. Clarence Stewart.

Rev. J. D. Hamel

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BRINING. Mrs. Florence Lenora Brining passed away on Saturday, April 10, 1965. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Pleasant Hill, Ohio. She is survived by her husband and several brothers and sisters.

Services were conducted at the First Brethren Church, Pleasant Hill, on Tuesday, April 13 by the undersigned and Dennis Randall. Interment at the Harris Creek Cemetery, Bradford, Ohio.

Rev. Cecil Bolton

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DEETER. Louis Deeter, age 89, passed away on April 14, 1965, at the Brethren's Home in Flora, Indiana. He was one of the founders of the First Brethren Church, Pleasant Hill, Ohio, where his membership was. He had resided at the Brethren's Home for the past six years.

His funeral was conducted at the First Brethren Church, Pleasant Hill, on Saturday, April 17, with Rev. S. J. Adams and the undersigned in charge. Burial in the Sugar Grove Cemetery.

Rev. Cecil Bolton

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LOWRY. Lova I. Lowry passed away on April 25, 1965, at the age of 74. Funeral services were conducted at the First Brethren Church on Tuesday, April 27, with the undersigned and Rev. S. J. Adams in charge. Burial in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Rev. Cecil Bolton

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OLINGER. DeVon Olinger, age 68, passed away on Wednesday, April 7, 1965. Mr. Olinger was a member of the First Brethren Church, North Manchester, Indiana. He is survived by his wife and four children and fifteen grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Woodrow A. Immel.

Mrs. J. Raymond Schutz

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Mother of Mrs. J. Milton Bowman Passes Away

Funeral services for Mrs. Rosa C. Brokaw, age 90, who passed away on Thursday, April 15, 1965, at Lansing, Michigan, were held in the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home in Lansing.

Mrs. Brokaw was the mother of Mrs J. Milton Bowman, wife of Rev. Bowman who is president of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church. Two other daughters and one son survive along with thirteen grandchildren and twenty-eight great grandchildren.

Mrs. Brokaw was born in Akron, Ohio, but has lived most of her life in Lansing.

Services were conducted by Rev. Harold Reese of Williamstown, Michigan, assisted by Rev. J. Milton Bowman.

Southeastern District

BRETHREN YOUTH RALLY

Church of the Brethren

Dayton, Virginia

May 15 — 2:30 P. M. (E.S.T.)

Cost — $1.00

Hosts: Bethlehem Youth

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Acts

Memory Scripture for the month — Acts 2:21

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 17:22-28

God's Children

"Let's hurry!" said Linda. "I can hardly wait to get to Sunday school."

"What's the big rush today?" asked Daddy.

"This is world-wide day," explained Linda.

"Yes," continued Gary. "There are going to be displays at Sunday school today. There will be things made by people in other lands. There will be pictures of people from all parts of the world."

"We're going to talk about how God made all people," added Linda. "Many of them don't know it, but He did and He loves them."

"No wonder," laughed Daddy, "that you are anxious to get to church. You have lots to see and lots to talk about. It would be good if we all had a world-wide day often. It is important to remember that God did make all people and loves them."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that I have learned of Your love. Help me to be kind to all people because they, too, are Your children. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 17, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 18:8-11

Speak!

Tonight was Brotherhood. Gary wondered if Joe would go with him.

"Mom," he asked, "may I leave early? I want to stop by Joe's house. I want to invite him to go to Brotherhood with me."

"That's a good idea," replied Mom.

Gary whistled as he walked the few blocks to Joe's house.

Joe's neighbor's dog ran toward Gary barking fiercely. "Oh," thought Gary, "perhaps I better turn around." Then he remembered Joe who never went to church. He remembered, too, that Jesus said, "I am with thee."

As Gary started on a man came out of the house and called the dog.

Gary went up Joe's walk. He heard loud voices. Someone was quarreling. "This might not be a good time to ask Joe," thought Gary.

Again he remembered what Jesus had said, "Be not afraid, but speak."

Gary knocked at the door. The quarreling stopped. Joe came to the door.

"Tonight is Brotherhood," said Gary. "Will you go with me?"

"Yes," answered Joe. "It will be good to get away from this arguing."

As the boys started down the walk the loud angry voices could be heard again.

"I'm glad," thought Gary, "that there is love and kindness in my home. Perhaps I can help Joe to learn of Jesus. Then he can help God's love to grow in his home, too."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my family. Thank You that we know You. Help me to be brave enough to tell others of You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 19:8-12

All Heard

One day Linda and Gary had exciting news! Aunt Doris was sending them a package from Africa. What would be in it? When would it arrive?

On the way to school they told their friends of the package that was on its way to them. When they got to school they told their teachers.

Everyone was invited to come and see the wonderful package when it arrived.

When we have exciting news we want to share it with our friends. Those of us who love Jesus have the most exciting news of all. Are you telling everyone about Him?

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for my friends. I want all of them to hear of You, too. Show me ways to share this news with them. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 20:7-12

Like Eutychus

"I liked the special service tonight," said Gary.

Linda giggled. "Did you see Mr. Peters? He was asleep in church."

"Just like Eutychus," laughed Gary.

"Yes," said Linda. "Only Mr. Peters didn't fall out a window."

"Wait a minute, children," said Dad. "Before you laugh about people sleeping in church, think of some of the things you do. Do you ever whisper, or write notes, or read?"

"Well, sometimes," admitted Gary.

"I guess so," said Linda.

"When you do those things you aren't listening any more than those who are asleep," Dad told them.

"Besides that," added Mom, "you bother other people so they can't listen as well."

"I never thought about that," said Linda.

"From now on," declared Gary, "I'll try to be more attentive."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad for my church and my minister. Help me to remember to be reverent and attentive at all the services. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 20:32-36

Giving

Betsy was going to a birthday party. She had on her blue dress and white shoes. Mommy combed her hair and put a blue ribbon in it.

Linda was going to walk with Betsy to her friend's house. "Here is the present for Susan," Linda said.

"Pretty. Pretty," said Betsy as she reached for the package. "Mine. Mine pretty."

"No," laughed Linda. "It is not yours. It's for Susan."

"Mine. Mine pretty," declared Betsy holding the package tightly.

"Why is Betsy acting like that?" asked Linda. "Doesn't she know the gift is for Susan?"

Mommy nodded. "Yes, she knows. We've talked about it and she helped wrap the present for Susan. Little ones do not understand the blessing that comes from giving. They think they should have everything to keep for themselves. One of the many things we need to help Betsy to learn is the joy of giving and sharing."

Prayer:

Dear God, I have so many things. I do not know, as many children in the world do, what it is to really need something. Help me to share gladly what I have with others. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 21:10-14

Ready

Gary's Boy Scout Troop was going on a hike. They would leave early in the morning.

Gary put his mess kit and canteen on the kitchen table. He scrubbed a potato, wrapped it in foil, and put it on the table. He washed and polished an apple. It went on the table, too. Two slices of bread wrapped in wax paper were added to the other things.

From the refrigerator Gary took some hamburg. He made it into a patty and wrapped it in foil. He put it back into the refrigerator.

He got his small pack from his room. He put a hatchet and some matches in it. Then the things from the table were put in, too.

"I'll put the hamburg in the pack in the morning," he said. "I'll fill my canteen then, also."

The phone rang. Gary answered it. It was Steve wanting to know if Gary had everything for the hike.

"Yes, I'm ready," Gary told him. "Everything is packed and ready to go."

Whatever we plan to do we have to get ready. While you are young you are getting ready for the jobs that will be yours later. Most important of all, though, we need to be ready to do God's will. Like Paul of old can you say, "I am ready"?

Prayer:

Dear God, I want to be ready to do whatever You ask me to do. Guide me and help me in the ways that are best. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 23:9-11

A Good Witness

Gary looked tired when he came home from the hike.

"Did you have fun?" asked Mom.

"Sure did," replied Gary. "Look, I found something for everybody."

He opened his pack. "This is for you, Linda. Fo your rock collection."

"Oh, what a pretty stone!" exclaimed Linda. "I don' have any like that. Thank you, Gary."

"Here, Betsy, this piece of wood is for you. I'll mak it into a boat for you."

Betsy reached for the wood. "Mine. Gary make boat."

"This is for you and Dad, Mom," said Gary. "It' a plant for your wild flower garden. The scoutmaste helped me dig it and wrap it so I could bring it home."

"Thank you, Gary," said Mom. "We'll take it righ out and put it in our garden. It was very thoughtfu of you to think of all of us. Now would you like to tak a bath before supper?"

"Yes," answered Gary. "First I want to tell yo something. There were four fellows with us toda who don't go to church. I invited all of them to g with me tomorrow."

"Good for you," said Mom. "Someday God ma tell you as He did Paul that because you've been good witness here, He wants you to witness somewher else, too."

Gary was whistling when he went upstairs for hi bath. The girls went outside with Mom to put the ne plant in the garden.

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to be a good witness for You a home, at school, at play. May the things I say and th things I do tell others I love You. In Jesus' name pray. Amen.

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

MAKING CLASSROOM PRAYER MEANINGFUL

by William J. Krutza

MOST OF OUR classroom prayers are so cliche ridden that they are practically meaningless i helping pupils to direct their thoughts into a silen conversation with God. Some teachers feel that the must open all lessons with "a word of prayer." The feel that it's the "spiritual" things to do—"before w get into the lesson let us look to the Lord in prayer."

Classroom prayer must be more than a time-fille It must be more than a part of a weekly pattern It must be more than a way to "quiet our hearts be the lesson." Classroom prayer should always be th means whereby the teacher brings pupils into a direc vital, vibrant contact with their Lord. This canno be accomplished when the teacher uses prayer in an of the above mentioned ways.

Two main considerations are necessary in determin ing the content of classroom prayer: (1) the needs o the pupils, and (2) the theme of the lesson mate rials for the day. The needs of the nursery child ar quite different from the needs of the teenager or th adult. To pray about the Viet-Nam war in the nurser class is to violate the comprehension and trust of th

nursery child. But to pray for the child who has broken his wrist in a fall is to lead the children to sympathetic understanding of the needs of others and the goodness of the Great Physician.

The theme of the Sunday school lesson should be involved in your prayer. Of course you are not instructing God; but you help provide the atmosphere of learning when you incorporate the lesson theme in prayer.

Prayer centered in the theme of the lesson will also keep the teacher from praying in generalizations. It will make the classroom prayer more specific. It will relate the teacher as well as the pupils to what God wants them all to learn from the lesson. Too many of our classroom prayers encompass the globe without making any specific requests besides the often-uttered "Lord, bless our class now."

When praying in the classroom the teacher should strive for simplicity and reality. Using well-worn cliches or words beyond the comprehension of the pupils does not demonstrate that the teacher has a special "touch" with the Lord. It will often indicate a lack of that touch. Above all, it will indicate a lack of communication between teacher and pupils.

Simplicity in prayer needs no apology. The Lord understands all the words of men, but pupils who listen as the teacher prays often do not. One would do well to study the lists of words for the age-level which he is teaching and then use this against the words being used in his classroom prayers.

Reality in prayer is more difficult to explain and practice, but it is essential. Here the teacher must get beyond words to meanings. He must pray out of personal encounter with God. He must lead the pupils in prayer because he has been led into the presence of God in a vital, vibrating life-giving experience by the Holy Spirit.

Classroom prayer can be meaningful, but this does not come either because the teacher is "spiritual" or because the pupils aren't worldly. It comes through an honest appraisal of the present prayers and an honest attempt to pray in such a way that all of the class members become mentally, emotionally and volitionally involved. Let us really pray!

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Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

The Scriptures have survived the threat
 Of sure defeat and rout;
They are an anvil that has worn
 All human hammers out.

Far sharper than a two-edged sword,
 They pierce each joint and part,
Till every secret is explored
 That lurks within the heart.

Through all the Scriptures, as we read,
 There runs a crimson thread
That tells us why Christ bore the cross
 And why His blood was shed.

The Scriptures are God's final Word,
 Unchanged from age to age,
Man's treasure-trove of saving truth,
 Our precious heritage.

—W. M. Czamanske

THOUGH THE BOOKS of the Bible were written within a period of 1500 years, they fit and harmonize together as well as the quarried stones of Solomon's temple (I Kgs. 6:7). The Bible is a revelation from God to man (II Pet. 1:21), profitable for teaching from youth through old age (II Tim. 3:15-17). It reveals God's character, His purposes and His will concerning man (Rom. 1:20). The book of nature speaks of His glory and power (Ps. 19:1-3; Job 38:31-33). We cannot know God by the catastrophes of nature but rather through the revelation of himself in His Son (II Pet. 3:9; Jn. 3:16). The Bible reveals God's purpose concerning man (Ps. 8:6; Gen. 1:26). Adam lost his right to dominion over the earth through sin (Gen. 3:17-19). But Christ, the second Adam, came to redeem that which was lost (Rom. 8:19-22), and He shall have dominion (Zech. 9:10). The Bible is the only reliable source of information concerning the future (Rom. 4:21). Its information concerning life beyond the tomb is trustworthy (II Tim. 1:10). More than speaking authoritatively on immortality Jesus demonstrated and illustrated it by going into death and coming out again to live forevermore (Rev. 1:18). The Bible was written that we might believe and be saved (I John 5:13). The heart of the Bible is Christ, about whom all God's thoughts and plans revolve (Heb. 1:1-3). He is the full revelation of the character of God, and redeems back to God a sin-ruined race of beings (Col. 1:13-17).

Oh may these heavenly pages be
 My ever dear delight:
And still new beauties may I see,
 And still increasing light.
Divine Instructor, gracious Lord,
 Be Thou forever near;
Teach me to love Thy sacred Word,
 And view my Saviour there.

—Anne Steele

We should live in the Word of God (I Tim. 4:18; II Tim. 3:14) so that the Word may grow mightily and prevail (Acts 19:20; I John 2:14). The "conflict of the ages" will be ended by the living Word of God (Rev. 19:15). All else may pass away but never the Word of the Lord (Matt. 5:18).



Brethren Youth Crusaders

SPOTLIGHT ON SCRIPTURE

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Can you identify this week's spotlighted Scripture? Check next week's *The Brethren Evangelist* for the correct reference.

NEO RALLY

"In Times Like These" was the theme for the N.E. Ohio Brethren Youth Rally held at the Fremont, Ohio, Brethren Church in February.

Joyce Burkett welcomed all youth and advisors present, then led in singing. Scripture was taken from Proverbs 3:1-12. Several special numbers were presented by various churches present.

Rev. Taylor of Fremont was the guest speaker at the inspiration hour. The business meeting with the election of officers followed. Duane Conroy, NEO president, conducted the meeting.

A delicious meal of spaghetti, salad, cherry supreme, and drink was provided by the host church.

Answer to last week's
Spotlight on Scripture . . .

Philippians 2:5-7

PROJECT PATTER



The Project Ingathering will be held Saturday morning of Youth Conference, August 21, in the Little Theater. Be sure to be present for the excitement and thrill of seeing another project completed. To see a successful conclusion to this effort you will all have to work hard *now* to gather your share of the $10,000 goal, so let's fill the DERBY hat!

The Derby Brethren are now pressing toward the finish line! The erection of a first church unit is now in sight. Actual construction began during the month of April. Ground-breaking services were held on April 4. Completion is expected sometime during July or August.

Rev. M. W. Dodds' Family



From left to right: Marcylynn, 8 years; Mrs. Dodds Stevie, 2 years; Bruce, 11 years.



Dwight Bishard, Sunday school superintendent, on left with Rev. M. W. Dodds at Derby, Kansas, church site.

The first unit will include provision for more than 200 in worship and Sunday school. It will be possible to conduct seven Sunday school departments and fourteen classes. A contract has been completed with Goodvin Church Builder Service, Inc., of Wichita, Kansas, for this work. The estimated cost will be $40,000.

The crossing of this finish line will mean a new beginning! Four new homes are being built in Derby each month. Each home has an average of 2.6 children of school age. There is a large missionary field right at the front door of the church.

Pray that the Lord will supply the material means and enable the Derby Brethren to reach souls for Christ.

Rev. M. W. Dodds

Crazy Hat Party



Shown here are some of the S.M.M. girls of Derby with "self-designed" hats worn at their "Crazy Hat Party."



MAY OFFERING INFORMATION

Several churches have asked for information concerning the Brethren Youth May Offering so we felt a general statement for all churches would be valuable at this time.

The May Offering for Brethren Youth is each church's opportunity to share in the work of youth in our denomination. This is an offering and not an assessment —it is taken as a freewill offering just like the mission offerings, White Gift offering, and others. May 16 is Youth Sunday this year, but the offering can be taken any time during May. Some churches have begun budget systems and designate a certain percentage to go to Brethren Youth, and these amounts are then sent quarterly to the Youth Office.

The May Offering goal for 1965 is $9,000. We are operating on a strict budget and the amount of work we can do for our youth depends on the amount of the May Offering. This offering is used to maintain the youth work of the Brethren Church by producing youth materials and suggestions, sponsoring the Bible Quiz program, supporting the office, conducting the Summer Crusading program and various other programs, including the Life Work Recruit and Brethren Service Opportunities. Because the May Offering was quite low for several years it was necessary to reduce the office personnel to one person, which is not adequate. We are glad to say that your support has been greater the past two years and urge that this fine effort be continued. To expand the work and to be able to add a joint field director, we must have this continuing support.

The young people themselves aid in maintaining Brethren Youth by sending in monthly offerings to the Youth Office. The May Offering is the opportunity for the entire church to share in this vital program and invest in the future of the Brethren Church.
Please make all checks payable to: Brethren Youth.
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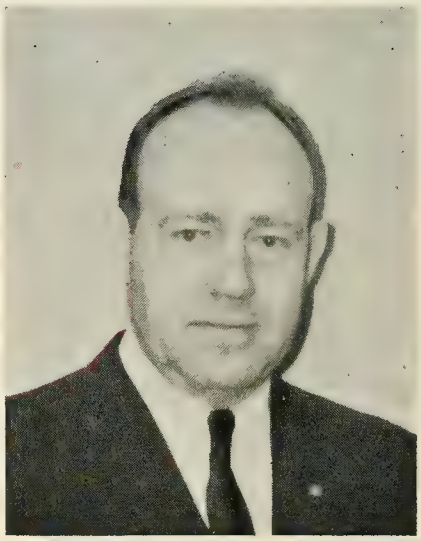
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The Brethren Layman

Searching the Psalms

PSALM 19

by W. E. COOKSEY



THE NINETEENTH PSALM is God's message to all people through His creation. The message of the heavens has ever been a consistent one. It has never changed. Like the eternal One who made them, their message was the same yesterday as it is today, and will be the same forever.

The message of the heavens is one message, their Creator is one. Each star tells the story, each sun tells the story. Together they tell the same story. The smallest and the largest have their part in telling the glory of God.

The heavens did not speak once and then lapse into everlasting silence. From the very first day when God hung the sun, moon, and stars in space they have been telling of His glory. They have praised their Creator constantly. No power has been able to silence them. They will continue praising until the One who called them forth to speak for Him says, "It is finished."

The heavens have no words, yet they speak with an eloquence beyond that of mortal tongues. They speak no language, yet they speak every language. The message of the heavens is a universal message. It speaks openly to all people of all ages. It has no national boundaries, recognizes no color barriers. King and pauper alike have listened to the message and have rejoiced.

What does the message of the heavens tell us? It reveals that the hand that made us is divine. It tells of the craftsmanship of the divine Architect and Builder. When we look at the marvelous design and purpose in the world about and the heavens above, only a fool would say, "There is no God." Yes, the heavens tell us that God is.

The heavens tell us of God's greatness. God has shown something of himself, His power and His love. We speak of God as omnipotent, omniscient, eternal; but these terms only begin to express the greatness of the living God.

The heavens reveal to us the goodness of God. He gives the stars to guide the travelers on the seas and on the land. The stars show the course to reach home.

God gave the sun for light and life. He gives us food for growth, clothes for warmth. God made all things good, for He loves us.

The heavens tell of God's wisdom. We speak of man's great deeds, but we must remember that man works with what God has already created. With His wisdom He tilted the earth at just the right angle so that we may have the seasons. He set the sun at just the

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right distance from earth so we could have the right amount of light and heat. Too close and we would burn, too far away and we would freeze. All life would perish. The wonders of nature show His wisdom, which no man can duplicate.

Although the heavens tell of God's great power and glory, the message does not tell of sin and God's efforts to draw men away from sin. The message does not tell of God's love and mercy or the story of Calvary, the shedding of the precious blood of Jesus and its meaning. The heavens can tell of God's great glory, but men share in the greatest love story of all (John 3:16).

The One who made the heavens also made man. If the heavens tell of the hands which made them, surely man should equally speak of the Creator who also made him. We should pray to God for help to receive the message that the heavens are telling. Pray also for the strength to be faithful in telling the story of His goodness, love, and mercy as the heavens are in declaring His glory.

Far too often our mouths snap shut like a clam when the opportunity comes to witness for our Lord and Savior. How many Christians will dare to open their hearts and say, "Here am I Lord. Use me"? How many Christians will be willing to go forth in their daily lives, telling others of our Creator by word of mouth and by action, letting God show through their living for Christ?

We, like the heavens, were made to tell of God's love and greatness, to tell of His plan of salvation to those in darkness so they may see the light. We, too, are to tell all the world—this is His command. God is with us and will keep us as He keeps the heavens unto the end.

We are the prized of all God's creation, and although He is our Master He serves us daily. What are you doing for Him?

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for May 16, 1965

A LEADER COMMITTED LIFE TO GOD

Text: II Samuel 5:1-7, 9-12

IT SEEMS to the habitual thinking of masses of humanity that the rise to power or place of authority must come through force, political manipulation, or some other underhanded means. While this may be the practice of many, the case of David reveals that it is not true, but God will honor the upright in heart and bless them in all their ways. David did not play up to God or man in order to be king. God selected David because he was one man who from his youth went out in the name of God and conducted himself wisely before God. David was by no means faultless but he was a man after God's own heart.

Successful Minister of War

While Saul was yet king, David proved his military genius. The people saw that David was blessed with victory after victory (I Sam. 18:13; II Sam. 5:2). He conducted himself with humility in all things. He never used unlawful or underhanded methods with the people whom he led. Therefore the people of the tribes of Israel said, because you are our relative, because you have won our confidence in you as a good leader, and because the Lord has said that you should be our king, we accept you as king. Not before nor since had the twelve tribes of Israel known such unity and devotion to a king.

God's Blessings:

1. God blessed David with great military success.
2. He blessed the ten tribes with internal peace and unity.
3. The people were blessed with prosperity.
4. He blessed the people with great spiritual growth.

The leaders of people, those occupying high offices are in places of power and influence. Important decisions are theirs to make. In a large measure the pace for justice, mercy, moral conduct and spiritual interest and development is set by them. Their righteous conduct is honored by God in real ways as shown in the life of David.

Spiritual Meditations

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ARE THE WALLS CAVING IN?

From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God (Psalm 90:2).

A WRITER, who was living on the western seaboard, tells of an experience which befell him. As he glanced into a large mirror one day he caught the impression that the walls of his room were caving in. Knowing the frequency of earthquakes in that region, it seemed like a likely possibility. But a second glance at the mirror was reassuring. It appeared that a breeze from an open window had rocked the mirror, and that not the walls themselves, but only the *reflection* of the walls moved.

Sometimes as we glance back over an old year we are tempted to feel that Truth and Goodness and the Divine Purpose have suffered defeat. But we may reassure ourselves that God has not wavered, even though our human reflection of His nature has too often given that impression. God's mercy, His righteousness, His compassion are unshakable and everlasting; His love never fails, He never forgets, never ceases His efforts to redeem us from the worst, and to set our feet upon the plain of abundant living.

Even though we are made with the imprint of the Divine upon us, we know that our lives do not always reflect that divine image accurately. If we become disturbed over the seeming breakdown of justice and goodness in our time, may we be assured that our impression is the distortion we see when we look at the reflection of God as set forth in human life? The image itself is perfect, it is the reflection that wavers.

from the Woman's Outlook

Bible Study for June

WALK HONESTLY

by REV. DONALD ROWSER

Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying (Romans 13:13).

IN OUR BIBLE STUDIES we have been taking different kinds of walks—walk by faith, walk in the Spirit, walk in the light, walk circumspectly, walk and not faint. Now this month our subject is *Walk Honestly.*

All of us walk differently! You have seen people walk as if the weight of the world's problems was upon them. Others walk carefree, with a light step. Still there are those who are all business, they walk with a quick step. Sometimes it is possible for our walk to reveal our character or true nature. For instance, a woman of the street will walk in a different manner than the housewife. However, our topic is more specifically concerned with our spiritual walk. As we often reveal our earthly nature by how we walk so it is true that our spiritual nature may be revealed by our spiritual walk.

Our text comes from Romans 13:1-11. In the three verses preceeding the text, Paul had given the Romans the principle of love, stating that love meets all the requirements and is the fulfilling of the law. In the closing four verses of the chapter, Paul gives us the purifying motive of hope.

To enforce the duties as citizen of the state—the major subject which Paul has been discussing—he now appeals to the hope of the completed salvation which Christians are to enjoy at the return of Christ.

In verse 11, Paul points out since the Romans knew how critical the hour is—that is, the coming of the Lord—he exhorts them to arouse themselves from all spiritual indifference because their perfected salvation, when they are to be glorified with Christ, is nearer than when they first believed on Him. Time has brought Christ's return nearer.

Verse 12 exhorts us to cast off the deeds and habits which belong to the unbelieving world and to the kingdom of darkness. Then Paul tells us to put on the bright armor of the Christian soldier; the armor of light. This is strong armor indeed, that a man may see through. A good man's armor is that he needs none; likeness to God is our true armor.

Now we come to verse 13, the heart of our lesson—"Let us walk honestly, as in the day—." This word "honestly" in the Greek is an interesting one. It means to walk honorably and becomingly, as befitting a Christian. Someone has said, "It pays to be honest." In our dealings with men, honesty pays off. We ought to walk honestly in our work, in our relationship with Christ, and with our fellow men. We must walk honestly in our stewardship. Some people say they give a tithe unto the Lord, but what they may really mean is that they give just enough to ease their conscience. We ought to be honest in our giving.

"Walk honestly as in the day . . ." Martin Luther says, "It is a common saying that the night is without shame; for men often do those things in the night which they fear to do in the day, lest their acts should be discovered and they be brought to shame and punishment." This then is why Paul says to walk honestly or becomingly as in the open light of day. If, as Christians, we are walking honestly then we will not take part in reveling (carousing) and drunkenness, not in immorality and debauchery, not in quarreling and jealousy, as the rest of the verse states.

Paul closes the discussion by exhorting us that if we are walking honestly we are to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ means possessing His righteousness offered to us. Christ makes the robe, and then fits us to wear it. Christ is to be a complete wardrobe for us Himself, and by simply receiving His person we are to have the holy texture of His life upon us, and live in the enfolding of His character. We must put on Christ, himself, and none but Him. In this we can walk honestly if we put on Christ. We must put Him on just as he is, wear Him outside, walk in Him, bear His reproach, glory in His beauty, call it good to die with Him, thus be found in Him; not having our own righteousness, but the righteousness that is of God by faith.

When we are walking honestly in Christ, our care of the natural life will be regulated and moderated by God's Holy Spirit. When we are walking honestly in Christ, unlawful desires of the flesh subside because

our spiritual natures have been changed by Christ. No more do we have lust for property, fame, power, and appetite for the enriched spiritual life takes the place of the lust of the flesh.

A little woman came into the Christian book store. The day before she had purchased a devotional booklet for ten cents and wanted to buy another one for a friend. The clerk told her the price was twenty cents. There was some question about the price so it was verified by another clerk. When she started to pay, the little lady insisted on paying the extra dime on the booklet she bought the day before. The clerk said it would not be necessary, but the little lady insisted that it was the honest thing to do.

"It always pays to be honest," observed a man standing near by. "No, it costs to be honest! It cost me a dime," the little lady replied. "God is honest, and I try to be like Him."

The little lady turned and walked out. The whole store seemed to light up a bit because she had been there.

This little woman was walking honestly! But she was motivated by the great honesty of God. God is perfectly honest with us, He never gives us death without offering life. He never gives us a burden but what He supplies the strength to bear that burden. Yes, in all things God is perfectly honest with us.

If we want to be able to look our fellow men in the face and not turn away, if we want to see our Master face to face and not have to turn away, then we must obey the exhortation of St. Paul—"Walk honestly, as in the day."

Special Study
Brethren Missions in Review

The MISSIONARY BOARD of the BRETHREN CHURCH

Part II

LAST MONTH as we began our review of the Missionary Board, we noted its aims and purpose. We learned it is made up of fifteen members elected by General Conference and two members elected by the Woman's Missionary Society. Each member serves on at least one committee which cares for specific duties of the Board. Three of these committees are concerned with the business of the specific areas of outreach of our church. They are the *Home Missions Committee, Nigerian Committee,* and *Argentine Committee.* There is also a *Kentucky Committee* which attends the board meetings of the Riverside Christian Training School and is primarily concerned with the mission work in that state. The *Revolving Fund Committee* promotes the Home Mission Revolving Fund and has recently published a new pamphlet concerning this fund. The *Missionary Home Committee* functions regularly in renting the property and taking care of its upkeep, cleaning, stocking supplies, etc. The *Personnel Committee* corresponds with and interviews prospective missionary candidates. These committees usually meet only at the time the general Board meets but are sometimes called upon when special needs arise.

The officers of the Missionary Board are: President—J. Milton Bowman; First Vice President—William H. Anderson; Second Vice President—Everett Miller; Third Vice President—Donald Rowser; Treasurer—Joan Ronk.

It is interesting to note where these Board members live and also their occupations. We will readily see they come from many walks of life.

The representative of the California District is Alvin Grumbling, pastor of the Manteca church. From the Mid-west District is Earl Clyburn, an active layman. C. Y. Gilmer of Lanark, Illinois, is also a minister while Harlan Hollewell of Milledgeville is a farmer.

Two representatives make their home in Pennsylvania—John Golby, who is associated with the Conemaugh and Black Lick Railroad and George Leidy, who is employed by the Jackson Township School Board. The Southeastern District is represented by Ronald Conaway of Washington, D. C., where he is a Nationwide Insurance agent, and by W. S. Benshoff, pastor of the Hagerstown church.

Hoosiers serving on the Board are Rev. Bowman, a retired pastor; William Anderson, pastor of the Nappanee church; C. A. Stewart, also a retired minister; and Everett Miller, formerly in the lumber and manufacturing business.

Members of the Board from Ohio include Dennis Randall who is a farmer and school bus driver, Donald Rowser and George Solomon, both busy pastors.

The two ladies who serve as representatives from the Woman's Missionary Society are Mrs. Joan Ronk, a busy housewife and mother, and Mrs. Dwight Miller, also a housewife, mother and grandmother. These people give unselfishly of their time and talents to administer the important work of missions in the Brethren Church. They are to be commended for an excellent job, *well done!*

Next month our Missions in Review will spotlight the general secretary and the office secretary.

Topic for June

TAKE TIME TO ENTERTAIN

AN OFT' HEARD expression today is, "I just don't have time to entertain anymore. I'm just so busy with the clubs and other groups I belong to, and I'm constantly on the run from here to there, that there isn't any time left for entertaining. And then, if I did invite someone to my home, they would have so many excuses that we would probably never find a mutual free time. Why, I'm lucky if our family and relatives can get together for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners!" Yes, entertaining — like good conversation — seems to be a lost art.

But—need it be a lost art? What gives more joy and satisfaction than entertaining one's friends, relatives and even strangers in the home? We must *take time to entertain.*

In Grandma's day she spent much of her time preparing for "company." A Sunday rarely went by without a new face or two joining the smiling circle about the dinner table. Families got together for a time of fellowship at the slightest suggestion and for the smallest of reasons, usually just because they enjoyed themselves so much. Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving were gala occasions and even less important holidays provided opportunities for entertaining. Grandma would invite all the aunts, uncles, cousins, children and grandchildren and any other relative within traveling distance to enjoy the bountiful spread, the good conversation and the hilarious good times of the youngsters. At least once during the year Grandma would press her finest linen table cloth, polish her grandmother's silver, roast her plumpest chicken and invite the pastor for dinner. She always volunteered to entertain the visiting evangelist and any missionaries who might be at home on furlough.

We all have memories of such wonderful times, but why do we modern housewives fail to avail ourselves of this blessed privilege of entertaining? We read in the Scriptures of a little home in Bethany where the Master was entertained many times, the little home where He could find much needed peace and rest. We know that Jesus was not only entertained royally with excellent food but He was also offered the quiet solitude and the sympathetic understanding He so badly needed by the two sisters and brother who lived there. Too often, we think of entertaining only in the light of a meal, deliciously prepared and beautifully served, but Jesus teaches us that it goes much deeper than this. Entertaining also includes the gracious hospitality, the sympathetic listener and the gentle kindness of a Mary. The Lord was not unkind in His remark to Martha, "Thou art careful and troubled about many things," He merely wished to remind her there were more important things than food for the body and that is food for the soul. He reminds us of this, too, "But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Whenever we consider this subject of entertaining we are reminded of a verse of Scripture found in Hebrews 13:2—*Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.* The New English Bible translates this verse in this manner, *Remember to show hospitality. There are some who, by so doing, have entertained angels without knowing it.* The American Revised Version reads this way, *Forget not to show love unto strangers . . .* I like this translation because isn't our entertaining or hospitality a way of showing love? It certainly cannot be done grudgingly or half heartedly but with hearts filled with love for our fellow men and for our Master.

We are reminded of an incident in the Old Testament where strangers were entertained by a family; this incident had a rather startling conclusion. You will recall the story of Abraham as he sat before the door of his tent in the plains of Mamre. It was the hottest time of the day and Abraham looked up to see three men walking toward him. He ran to meet them and bowed himself before them. The three strangers were probably hot and dirty and Abraham asked them to rest in the shade of his tree. He provided water to wash their feet and food for their bodies. Abraham was indeed a gracious host as he cared for the physical comforts of the three men. He never expected any reward for his efforts but he received a blessing that he could not believe—at first. The three informed Abraham that Sarah would have a child and that Abraham would become the father of a great nation. We know these strangers were really messengers of the Lord sent for a specific task. How great was the reward which Abraham and Sarah received after they had offered the hospitality of their home.

We will rarely receive such a spectacular reward when we entertain strangers or friends—but the reward is there, just the same. A sense of accomplishment, the inner glow of happiness and satisfaction—these are our rewards.

I have often thought about the verse found in Hebrews. A few years ago after my husband and I entered a pastorate this verse was "brought home" to me. One day a knock sounded at my back door and glancing out the window I saw one of the most bedraggled humans I have ever seen. When I finally got to the door, the old fellow asked me if I might have a little food I could spare for him. I had never encountered a hobo before but I did my best to provide a lunch for him. I was glad I did because I learned later that he had also stopped at the home of a neighbor but that his knock was not answered by the lady of the house! When my husband came home I related the

incident to him and asked if I had done the right thing. He gently reminded me that as a Christian I must share of our abundance with all people despite their outward appearance. He quoted the verse in Hebrews for me and I learned a great lesson. About six months later my friend returned for another lunch and since that time I have fed him on several occasions. Although he never appeared to be "an angel" to me, I learned about Christian hospitality!

Many of you have read the touching story of little Robin Elizabeth Rogers in the book, *Angel Unawares*. Dale Evans writes of the little Mongoloid child which was responsible for bringing her and her husband, Roy Rogers, closer to the Lord. She says that had they not kept their baby at home and learned to love her in spite of her terrible handicap they would never have received the blessings the Lord had planned for them. These two people entertained a little stranger who truly became an angel who ministered to their great spiritual needs.

When St. Paul wrote to both Timothy and Titus he listed the requirements of a bishop. Among these qualifications was "given to hospitality." This trait should also be listed among those which describe every Christian. Jesus said that we will be judged on the basis of how we treat our fellow men. He will say unto us, *Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me . . . Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me* (Matt. 25:34b-36, 40b).

One of my favorite poems is entitled, "The Master Comes." It tells the story of the good news which is spread abroad that the Master is coming for a visit. The author tells how she cleaned and polished her home, hoping that it might be perfect for the Master. During the day she had three visitors—a woman who came to talk of her sorrows, a crippled man who wished to rest, and a little child who needed comfort and care. In each case the visitor was turned away. At last when evening came the Master did not appear and the one who had worked so diligently was heart-broken. That night in her sleep, the Master appeared and revealed to her that He had come to her three times during the day and each time had been denied His needs. The writer realized too late that her three visitors were in reality the Lord, himself. She begged for His forgiveness. The poem ends with these haunting words:

"The sin is pardoned,
But the blessing is lost to thee;
For comforting not the least of mine,
Ye have failed to comfort me."

We must *take time to entertain*—to entertain in such a manner as if we were doing it for Christ, himself!

POWER and GREAT GLORY

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XXIX

OUR LAST CHAPTER rehearsed the events of the saints during the seventieth year week of Israel's history. Listing the reception of the Church by her Lord, the judgment seat of Christ and the marriage supper of the Bridegroom and His Bride, only includes the most meager catalog. The Holy Spirit would inspire the writers of the Scriptures to report no more than should be known now. Paul, you will remember, said there were things he had seen, things in the revelations to him, that he could not relate. We may be sure that those seven years of time as prophetically measured and experienced by the earthlings, will not be the measure of the timeless Christ and His Bride in the heavenlies. Of what scenes, what revelations, what preparation to be made for the next great event, nor of the glories of that time, we shall not know until received into His promised presence.

What will be that noted event, but the culmination of the Great Tribulation, when the Bridegroom shall lay aside His wedding garments and don the royal purple of His princely robes. Then shall be seen, together with His Bride become His Queen, *the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory* (Matt. 24:30—A.S.V.) *and every eye shall see him, and they that pierced him; and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn over him* (Rev. 1:7—A.S.V.). *And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look upon him whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn* (Zech. 12:10). *And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the mount of Olives shall be cleft in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove to the north, and half of it toward the south . . . And it shall come to pass in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea. And Jehovah shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall Jehovah be one, and his name one* (Zech. 14:4, 8, 9).

Then the Prince of the house of David shall be crowned King of Israel and He shall set up His Kingdom and reign for a thousand years. And who shall reign with Him? *Blessed and holy is he that hath*

part in the first resurrection: over these the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years (Rev. 20:6—A.S.V.). Who will have a part in the first resurrection? It will be the Church caught up to be with the Lord (I Thess. 4:13-17). And with them the tribulation saints, *Such as worshipped not the beast, neither his image, and received not the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived, and reigned with Christ a thousand years* (Rev. 20:4—A.S.V.).

There is no revelation that defines the part the saints will have in the reign with the King, but Jesus' parable of the talents commended both of the faithful servants and promised, *I will set thee over many things* (Matt. 25:21). Of what things we have no knowledge, but since the Lord in the parable gave the talents to his servants *To each according to his several ability*, we may be well assured that the part of each in the reign will be according to his ability.

Who are the tribulation saints as referred to above? They are none other than the righteous remnant of Israel who will take up the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom, where the disciples left off when the Lord called them in from their work two by two (Luke 10:17). They will preach during the final seven year period of Israel's age. This is the time referred to by Jesus in Matthew 24. *Then shall they deliver you up into tribulation, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all the nations for my name's sake . . . And many false prophets shall arise, and shall lead many astray . . . But he that endureth to the end* (of the age), *the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come* (Matt. 24:9-14—A.S.V.). When the final witness is preached and the Jewish preachers of the Gospel of the Kingdom are returned to Jerusalem they will be slain. They are the *two faithful* witnesses preaching the Law and the Prophets, that are called *two olive trees* and *two candlesticks* in Rev. 11:3-6. Their finished testimony, their martyrdom, their dead bodies lying in the streets, together with their resurrection and catching up to heaven are shown in Rev. 11:7-14. Their resurrection is a part of the first resurrection. The first resurrection will occur after the law of the harvest. Israel, by law, gathered the first fruits of each harvest to present to God. The main reaping came when the whole field was ripe. But the reapers were not permitted to completely clean the field. They must leave the fallen sheaves and corners for the gleaners. Just so, the first resurrection will be completed in three phases—the first fruits, which was Christ presented to the Father; the main harvest will be the ripened field of those who are His at His coming in the Rapture; the gleanings will be those who are martyred for the testimony in the tribulation. Hence they are called the tribulation saints.

"ETERNAL LIFE INSURANCE"

by HERMAN W. GOCKEL

Jim Henderson had just said good night to the life insurance agent. After a long and friendly visit in the Henderson living room, Jim had bought a $10,000 life insurance policy.

Settling himself in his favorite chair, he confided to his wife, "Well, dear, I'm glad I did it. A good life insurance policy surely gives you a feeling of security."

Just then little Tommy, who had been sprawled out on the floor with his comic book, looked up and innocently inquired, "Does life insurance mean you're not gonna die, Daddy?"

Jim and his wife laughed off the little boy's question and evaded a direct answer. But that night in bed Jim couldn't get the child's query out of his mind, "Does life insurance mean you're not gonna die, Daddy?"

As he pounded his pillow until the small hours of the morning, he kept answering to himself, "No, Tommy, it means that Daddy *IS* going to die!" And there was something frightening about the answer. Somehow it had never occurred to Jim Henderson that what he needed before life insurance was death insurance — something that would insure his own happiness after he had been taken from his loved ones.

How different the believing Christian! How different the apostle Paul! Paul had taken out a life-and-death policy which he knew was absolutely reliable. "I know whom I have believed," he could say, "and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that Day." (2 Timothy 1:12)

Paul had staked his entire hope of eternity on Jesus Christ, his Lord and his Redeemer. He knew beyond the shadow of a doubt that Christ had won for him a clear title to a mansion in His Father's house above. And he knew that this Lord, who was "the same yesterday and today and forever," would never fail to keep a jot or tittle of His promise.

Had not his Savior said: "My sheep hear My voice and I know them . . . and I give unto them eternal life . . . neither shall any man pluck them out of My hands"? (John 10:27, 28). Paul believed that. And in that divine and unshakable assurance of his Lord he found his "eternal life insurance."

This is the assurance which is offered, without money and without price, to you and to me and to every member of the human family. And since it is guaranteed by God's own Word, we can trust it — to the uttermost.

(From *This Day*)

SISTERHOOD

S. M. M. SCHOLARSHIP

IF YOU ARE a senior in high school and are planning to attend Ashland College next fall, it is time for you to send for your S.M.M. scholarship application. All applications must then be returned to me by May 29. Send them to: **DeAnn Benshoff, Myers Hall, Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio 44805.** Make **your** application NOW!

The following is a letter received from a former Sisterhood scholarship recipient.

Dear Sisterhood Girls,

As a former recipient of the National Sisterhood Scholarship, I would like to tell you just how much this aid has meant to me, not only financially, but also spiritually.

When I applied to Ashland College, money was nearly an insurmountable obstacle, but the Scriptures tell us to have an active faith. So I decided on the basis of this promise to go ahead as though all problems were solved by the power of God. Our courage for facing the problems of tomorrow comes only in the faith that God gives. By this faith we do not simply learn to put up with life, but faith, as our Lord would have us experience, is the discovery of life itself. Our Lord pioneered this faith for us and we must learn to live in trust of the heavenly Father.

I feel the Lord is preparing me for His great and wonderful work and is meeting my problems in a wonderful way. He is truly a loving Master and Savior. One thing we must always remember is, only things that seem impossible give God the glory. Expect great things from Him.

Yours in His service,
Judy Kaufman

(Thank you, Judy, for your letter. We hope it will be an incentive for others to seek this aid.)

APPLY NOW FOR THE S.M.M. SCHOLARSHIP

A BEAUTIFUL CLOUD OF DESTRUCTION

by RICHARD MANGUS

ON PALM SUNDAY EVENING, 1965, I was doing the evening milking at my father's farm when the destructive tornado struck our County Line Brethren Church and many of our neighbors' farms and homes. The farm is located about one mile north of the church on a hill.

I was in the milking parlor listening to the baseball scores being given over the radio when I heard a terrific noise that sounded like a train on the railroad one-half mile from the barn. As the noise grew louder I went outside to investigate. To the southwest I saw a large mass of whirling debris. I yelled for my father, mother and two of my sons, aged five and seven, to come watch it.

As we were watching, it became obvious to us that it was a tornado from pictures we had seen of them. We then saw it hit the new LaVille High School which was under construction. It seemed to pause a second at the school site and then it moved quickly across U. S. 31. The next thing we noticed was what seemed to be a large section of a roof go up in the air. Someone said, "There goes the church!" We stood there awe-struck as we watched it destroy buildings, trees and everything that was in its path.

My next thought was of my wife and daughter who were planning to go to a B.Y.C. meeting scheduled for 6:30. I looked down home and the car was still parked in the driveway. I thanked God for their safety.

Knowing that they were safe I drove my folks and boys to the church to see if Rev. Bennett survived the tornado. Upon arriving at the church site, we saw nothing but litter and wreckage, but soon found that Rev. Bennett was safe. Our next task was aiding those that weren't so fortunate and searching for victims in the debris.

At the spot where I stood watching the funnel cloud, the sun shone brightly. The funnel was a fascinating and beautiful sight to watch. Yet, within it was more devastating power than anything ever devised by man. So it is within our lives—the seemingly fascinating and beautiful may have the power to destroy our souls.

TRIUMPHANT TWIST OF FATE

by REV. KENT BENNETT

AT 6:08, Palm Sunday evening, 1965, the County Line Brethren Church was leveled in less than one minute by a murderous tornado. This twisting killer stormed through our state like a giant two-fisted devil blasting, striking, destroying everything and everyone in sight. At least eighty-six have died as a direct result of the storms in Northern Indiana. Damage estimates have reached as high as $100 million. The governor has declared at least thirteen counties as disaster areas. Nearly eleven churches have been destroyed. Whole communities have been wiped off the map. **The South Bend Tribune** quoted Legrange County Deputy Joseph Benanti as saying, "I was at Iwo Jima and most of the South Pacific during the war, but I never saw anything like this." This deputy speaks for all of us who have undergone this holocaust.

At 5:50 Sunday evening, I left the church and sat down to study in the parsonage. Several minutes later my stereo went off in the middle of Beethoven's Ninth. I went out to see why and glanced out the window. A young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Smith, saw my face in the window and ran into the house to warn me of danger. Their concern for me saved them, too, for they were heading for the church to escape the tornado. In they ran calling out "Head for the basement." I instantly obeyed. Thirty seconds later as we crouched against the basement wall (southwest corner), **The Terrible Twister** struck. Seconds later we ran upstairs.

The first thing I noticed was that **the church** was gone. How strange that the work of sixty to seventy years can be wiped out in less than a minute. Then I saw a car out in the highway with doors open, windows gone, occupants scattered everywhere. Two women were bathed in blood, a man, the driver, was lying behind the car dazed, glassy-eyed and two boys (eleven and fifteen) came screaming for help with their own faces bleeding. Within minutes the State Police were on the scene. Minutes later the scream of sirens from ambulances filled the air.

The three houses of my neighbors were gone. I suddenly thought of them and went searching. The King family (Brethren) had been saved by a poured basement. The Hale family (a minister in another denomination) was gone when the storm hit. Their home was gone when they returned. Mrs. Lena Gillis was home. We searched frantically through her house and, shortly, found her several yards behind the house badly injured.

The next day, as I was helping many concerned people clear away debris from the King house, the Funeral Director from Lakeville came up to me. He informed me that I was to preach a funeral message for a couple of children who had been killed by the tornado. My heart sunk within me.

That day I went over to the Dale Beeman home and asked them to go with me to see the young mother who had lost her three-year-old son in the tornado. Dale suggested that his wife, Betty, go with me and so we drove off. In my heart I was searching for words of comfort and kindness to say to this precious family. Betty encouraged me by saying, "Judy (Clark) will cheer **you** up." Then she encouraged me further by telling me about the wonderful experiences they (she and her husband) had been having recently since they had begun a program of dedicated giving of money to the Lord.

Before our hospital visit was over, I was struck with amazement and admiration. Just as Betty had said, **these parents** did comfort **me.** They told of their assurance that their son was with Jesus, that they knew he was better off though they were sorry to lose him. **How did they come to such beautiful faith as this?** Through the Sunday school and dedicated teachers who had implanted the glorious seed of the Gospel in these hearts years ago. (Mrs. Clark formerly attended Ardmore Sunday school until she was eight; Mr. Clark attended Lakeville Bible Church.) Only **Jesus Christ the Lord** could bring about such **triumph in the midst of dark tragedy.**

Our church is gone, our church building has been destroyed, and our insurance will only return to us $19,500. A new building, if we rise up and answer the glorious opportunity which has been given to us (and we will), will cost $80,000 to $125,000. We don't know where it is coming from—**we just know it will come** because this work is **God's work.** He is in it and is directing it. We believe we have a greater ministry than ever before. We believe our gospel is more needed than it ever was. We know that a whole new community is going to spring up around us in a few years. This will happen because of the new LaVille High School which is being built directly across from our church property. We must have your prayers, your concern, your help or we will **think** too small, **act** too small, and look only at immediate needs. We must have your prayers or we will be afraid to **step out beyond ourselves** as God is most certainly calling us to do.

Last Thursday our church held communion in the Lapaz Church of God despite the tragic week, yea, because of it. Last Sunday morning we held our first worship service in the Lapaz High School. Nearly one hundred and fifty people were in attendance. They sat on the edge of their seats with eyes wide open and hearts hungry for the glorious gospel which we believe and preach. As the invitation was given three people came to give their lives

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"FULFILLING THE TIME"

to Christ and to make first time confessions of faith. First a nine-year-old girl, then the mother whose baby had been killed and, after her, a bright college student who has been worshipping with us. Before the last stanza had been sung no less than twenty more people had stepped out to declare **their rededication to Christ and His Church.** God is here, God at work, God blessing, saving, and directing.

Tuesday night our congregation met (around fifty strong) in the Lakeville Methodist Church. Our fine Moderator, Dick Mangus, set before us our alternatives in no uncertain terms. The floor was opened to the motion to **build or quit.** Deaconess Gladys Warren, whose faith and determination has been an inspiration these days, moved that we press forward as soon as possible. She stated that we are not quitters, and that we are determined to answer the call and the challenge of God. A unanimous vote to **move out by faith to build** was received. Then three tired, working men from Ashland stood up to express their concern and interest and yours. John Porte, Rev. Virgil Ingraham and Rev. Spencer Gentle spoke in loving words of concern and counsel. We are deeply grateful to them for coming, and to you for sending them. Their words of wisdom will help us avoid many mistakes.

As God's will becomes more fully known, we are going to proceed, we are going to build, and we are going to reach out for precious, suffering, needy people as never before. We know **God is here** with us as we struggle and suffer.



Upper Left: *Parsonage damage around* $4,000 *with garage almost destroyed. Kent Bennett and two church members rushed to the parsonage basement where they were safe just seconds before the storm one-half hour before Brethren Youth meeting on Sunday evening.*

Upper Right: *Kent Bennett looking from baptism tank in the church basement. Basement received debris from one end of the new high school which was in construction.*

Lower Left: *Rev. Bennett and some parishioners looking at the ruins on the morning following the disaster.*

Lower Right: *Looking north where church was demolished. See end of parsonage. Note debris in the tree.*

Center: *Looking into the church basement where two pianos are. The organ was completely demolished. See how side blocks for foundation were sucked out by the twister. No one could have stayed in the church and lived.*

MISSIONARY NEWS

ARGENTINA . . .

our church at work

BERNAL

The work of this congregation includes Colporter testimony from door to door and a "Happy Hour" on Saturdays for the children with up to sixty in attendance. Esteban Anton is the pastor.

FLORENCIO VARELA (also of Greater Buenos Aires)

The brother in whose home meetings have been held was called to his eternal reward late in '64. He was converted in a campaign conducted many years ago in Rio Cuarto by Dr. Yoder. At this writing a house adequate for congregational meetings and the pastor's family, has been rented in a good location. Pray for Pastor Bernardo Ponce and the work of this church.

ROSARIO

During October a successful tent meeting was held. Now the church has begun an annex work in another section of the city. During January there were four baptisms. This work is under the direction of Pastor Hector Labanca.

EDEN

Prayer meetings continue in Eden in the new dining-room chapel with attendance of people from the town of Soldini.

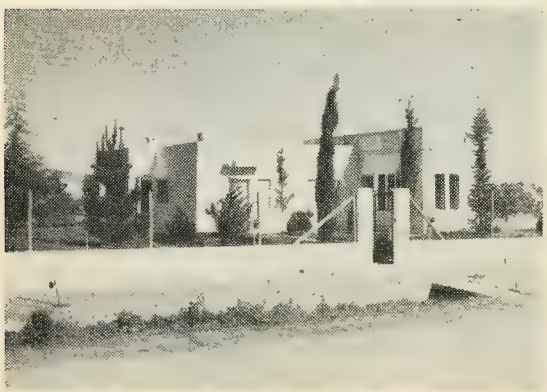
During the summer the installations of Eden were rented for several camps and retreats. Preparing for these was one of the major tasks of the missionaries living there (Solomons and Aspinalls) during early summer.

Construction on a new dorm, as well as new kitchen and dining room facilities have been completed this summer.

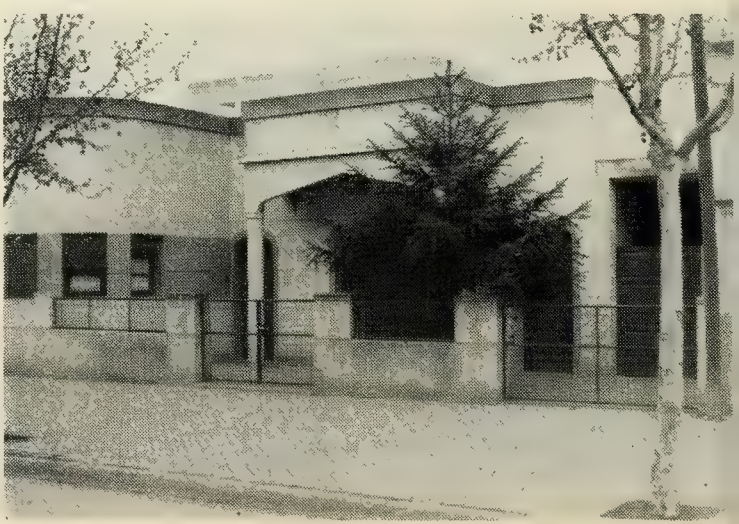
There is still much work to be done in preparation for the Brethren Bible Institute and its opening at an undetermined future date.

VILLA CONSTITUCION

This church is the pastorate of Ricardo Rivero who has recently seen new fruits for his years of consistent work in the same city, a new testimony has been raised up in a nearby village (making two annexes for Villa Constitucion). The members of the mother church, with added responsibilities and concern for others, are greatly strengthened and encouraged in their work.



Rosario Church and parsonage



Church at Villa Constitucion

NUNEZ (Buenos Aires)

During the month of camps and vacation, the attendance varied and was lower than usual. Seven of our young people received scholarships this year to our summer camp.

The church held a Welcome Party for the William Curtis family the Saturday after their arrival. Almost immediately, Reverend Curtis was given responsibilities in the congregation as assistant pastor, giving his first messages in Argentina (in Spanish) shortly after arrival. All express their appreciation for this new family with the words: "Que simpaticos!"

VILLA MAGUETA

This annex work is now in charge of Rev. Ray Aspinall who travels each week to minister to the believers. The rented hall is no longer available and meetings are being held in the various homes at this writing.

GERLI (Buenos Aires)

The work here has been losing ground for some time and needs our most urgent prayers for a real awakening in this heavily populated area of Buenos Aires. Largely made up of factory workers and their families, the community needs a strong Christian testimony. We have an adequate church building and pastoral quarters but need an evangelistic vision here.

VICTORIA, ENTRE RIOS

This congregation is quite isolated from all our other churches in another province. Requiring hours of travel by land and over the wide river, the work does not receive the encouragement and help from others as much as some in metropolitan areas. The pastor and his wife, however, have continued a good testimony and need our constant prayers. This is probably the city which presents the heaviest opposition to the preaching of the Gospel by our Brethren. Oscar Vena, wife, and small son are Christ's ambassadors in this place.

CORDOBA

The Sunday School in this area is one of our strongest, with many classes and much enthusiasm. The young pastor, Ortiz, receives monthly help from our ordained minister from Villa Constitucion. Together with the congregation a number of special campaigns have brought good results.

BOMBAL

Missionary Ken Solomon in attending the work of the Gospel in this pueblo. The women's group recently enjoyed the visit of ladies from Villa Constitucion.

MARIA TERESA

The testimony of this pueblo continues in the care of Brother Jose Varela. We hope that with a pastor attending each pueblo each week, the work will bear more fruit. The work in these country towns should be on our prayer lists.

—Robert Byler

SURGERY SCHEDULED

OUR KENTUCKY missionary, Margaret Lowery, has been suffering from a right foot difficulty for quite some time. This was diagnosed as neuromas and surgery was advised for correction. In the meantime, a built-up shoe, special supports and exercise have helped relieve some of the distress, but great care has to be exercised in walking. No doubt it has been uncomfortable to Margaret and inconvenient in her tremendous work load.

Surgery is now scheduled for May 15 with hospitalization for seven to ten days followed by limited activity for four weeks or more.

Many have shown great concern for her pain and have encouraged her with their prayers. May we all continue to recognize her needs in our prayers.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE TEN DOLLAR CLUB



Adult Bible Class	Levittown Church
Wanda M. Beal	Mansfield Church
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Biller	Goshen Church
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gleisinger	Mansfield Church
Mr. Douglas Guilliam	Goshen Church
Mr. John L. Jackson	Gretna Church
Laymen's Organization	Goshen Church
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller	Milledgeville Church
Mrs. Grace Miller	Levittown Church
Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Mills	Berlin Church
Miss Alice Oburn	Pleasant Hill Church
Mr. and Mrs. John Parks	Milledgeville Church
Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Steiner	Park St. Church, Ashland
Robert W. Welsch	Massillon Church

MY SON IS DYING

by REV. CARL BARBER

AS I WAS DRIVING along one day, slowly leaving a parking lot, for some reason my eyes were turned toward a parked car just as a mother was helping her little son into the car. At the precise moment that she slammed the door shut, the boy placed his hand on the frame of the car, where it was caught and pinned by the closing door.

Late one evening, the phone rang. When I answered the phone, a mother just managed to tell me, between sobs, that her thirteen-year-old son had been killed in a car accident. "Would you come?" When I arrived at the scene, the father had only one thought on his mind, "Why wasn't it me? I'm no good! He had so much to look forward to."

Several months ago, a man was brought into the Emergency Room, but he was dead on arrival. The shocked and grieving widow was torn inside by the feeling that she could not continue living without her husband.

There was a teen-age boy with an inoperable tumor on the brain. Cobalt treatments had been prescribed, but it was a matter of time—days, weeks—until the boy would die—except God would heal him.

Some five hundred years ago, lived a man in Germany by the name of Thomas A. Kempis. In his devotional book, "The Imitation of Christ," he sets forth a tremendous truth, when he writes,

"Miserable you are,
wherever you be, or
whither you turn,
unless you turn to God."

In the fourth chapter of the Gospel of John is an example of a man who turned to God. This man is described as a nobleman, a special officer to the King, whose son was sick, at the point of death, in the city of Capernaum.

In some way, this officer had heard about Jesus and the many miraculous things he had done—how he made the lame to walk again, and caused the blind to see. He acted just as you and I would today. When someone he loved very dearly was dying, he turned to someone he had heard could possibly help him. He turned to Jesus.

We know little about this nobleman concerning his personal faith in God. The record does not tell us that he was a Jew, or even a God-fearing man, but he did know of a man, Jesus, who might be able to help his son get well. Very possibly he did not realize that Jesus had any relationship with God at all. He went to Jesus, much as you and I go to a doctor when there is a need.

His first plan was to ask Jesus to come back with him to his son, where Jesus would be able to heal him. "Come," he pleaded, "heal my son!"

He further pleaded, "If you don't come down with me, my son will die!"

Jesus then spoke with assurance, "Go in peace; your son is alive."

Surely something happened in this conversation that cannot be put into words.

The man put his trust in what Jesus said, and started home.

Instead of prescriptions for antibiotics, Jesus, the great Physician, said, "Go in peace, your son is alive."

Let me say quickly, that God does not always take care of our problems, and heal us in just exactly the way we want him to. The apostle Paul turned to God three times requesting God to remove a frustrating problem from his life. God spoke with assurance to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Paul continued through life with this weakness, but with a strong faith that God, through His grace, would more than make up for his weakness.

Yes,—miserable you are,
wherever you be, or
whither you turn,
unless you turn to God.

But the story does not end here.

On his way home, some of his servants met him and told him the good news that his son was alive and recovering. When it was determined that the fever left his son at the precise time when Jesus told him to go in peace; the Bible says that *he, himself, believed.* Before, he had believed physically, mentally and practically, that this man Jesus *could* help him; but *now* he believed *experientially* that Jesus *had* healed his son. Surely this man, Jesus, must be the Son of God.

Certainly this is the reason for John including this story in his Gospel, that we might believe that Jesus *is* the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing we might have *life* through His name.

My friend, when the going gets tough—where do you turn?

Do you know that God loves you?

Do you know that God is able to help you?

Do you turn to God?

Listen to the testimony of others!

Listen to the testimony of people from all walks of life,
all ages, and
all races.

Where shall I find God? The Psalmist gives the following testimony: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." Turn your eyes, your heart, and your soul from self unto God.

How shall I turn to God? Listen as God speaks! "Be still and know that I am God." "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out." "My peace I give to you."

"Miserable you are,
wherever you be, or
whither you turn,
unless you turn to God."

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CARL McINTIRE TRANSACTION: FCC APPROVES, MANY OPPOSE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Permission has been granted by the Federal Communications Commission for Dr. Carl McIntire, controversial ultra-fundamentalist churchman, to purchase control of a Pennsylvania AM and FM radio station.

The transaction — opposed by more than forty Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish groups, civil rights organizations and individuals —was approved by five of the six FCC commissioners in view of Dr. McIntire's promise that he would adhere to the FCC's "fairness" doctrine on controversial issues.

The majority group said it was necessary to allow purchase of this station—WXUR-AM and FM, of Media, Pa.—from Brandywine-Main Line Radio, Inc., in the interest of demonstrating "good faith."

The sixth commissioner, Kenneth A. Cox, objected to the sale because a hearing was not held to determine in what manner Dr. McIntire would operate the station.

The FCC ruled on a requested transfer of the station—for $191,-650—to Faith Theological Seminary of Elkins Park, Pa., which is controlled by Dr. McIntire and his groups, the American and International Councils of Christian Churches, over which he presides.

DR. GORDON SEAGRAVE, BURMA SURGEON, DIES

NAMHKAM, BURMA (EP)—The famed Burma surgeon who for forty-four years ran a hospital here for Burmese tribesmen just twenty miles from Communist China died March 28, 1965 of a heart ailment at sixty-eight.

Dr. Gordon Seagrave was scheduled to be buried here March 31 in a grave next to that of his sister, Grace, who died here in 1951.

At his bedside during the last hours were his two sons, Sterling, twenty-seven—foreign news editor of the *Washington Post,* and John, thirty-two—an engineer, along with about one hundred nurses who were being trained by Dr. Seagrave.

Namhkam is a tribal village seven hundred and thirty-four miles north of Rangoon. Twenty-eight members of the Seagrave family have served as missionaries in this jungle area for more than one hundred and thirty years.

Dr. Seagrave was hospitalized with heart congestion February 24 after almost a half century spent working in this remote area of Kachin State.

He observed his sixty-eighth birthday March 18 as the hospital staff gathered around his bedside.

"I will keep working as long as I can help sick people get well, assist doctors to learn surgery, or teach nurses to care for the sick," Dr. Seagrave said in an interview several years ago.

After forty-odd years fighting sickness and disease in the jungle he said he could not retire.

Assistance for the Burma surgeon's hospital has been provided by the American Medical Center for Burma, Inc., in Philadelphia and New York.

Namhkam is the only hospital with modern facilities available to the tribesmen in this area. It has an annual budget of about $100,000.

Seagrave's last estimate was that the hospital served 8,000 inpatients and 12,000 outpatients.

Seagrave's book, *Burma Surgeon,* was a best-seller during World War II.

MAG SEES THEOLOGIANS LOSING, SCIENCE GAINING

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—*Christianity Today,* in its March 12 edition, coupled warnings with a congratulatory editorial on the successful lunar flight of Ranger 8.

"If the theologians ought ever to be dispatching monthly telegrams of congratulation to the scientists, they should be doing so in these times," the editorial said.

"The tragedy," the interdenominational Protestant magazine declared, "is that theologians are losing God in obscurity here while scientists are confidently exploring the moon out there."

Christianity Today asserted that modern man is tempted to acknowledge "King Science" as the new god.

"For this development the theologians can hardly blame the scientists," the editorial said.

"The failure of the theologians, not the successes of the scientists, are the saddest side of the current situation. One seldom learns from the official addresses of the spokesmen for Deity that valid communicable knowledge is available about God and his will."

CONFIDENCE IS HALL-MARK IN SELMA-MONTGOMERY MARCH

SELMA, ALA. (EP) — Tension ran high among thousands of Negro and white civil rights marchers headed for the state capital of Montgomery as they left this city and approached the spot where two weeks earlier another group of demonstrators was turned back with club, whips and tear-gas. At that point, according to one of the participants, the true meaning of the nonviolent racial justice effort became vividly clear.

BRETHREN SUPPORT VOTER BILL, ASK SETTLEMENT IN VIETNAM

ELGIN, ILL. (EP)—Members of the Church of the Brethren were urged by their Church's General Brotherhood Board to make all-out efforts for racial justice in all areas and to give full support to President Johnson's proposed voting rights bill.

Another resolution passed by the Church's top administrative body called on the United States to work for an immediate cease-fire and a negotiated settlement in Vietnam.

The twenty-five-member board commended the federal government for "assuming responsibilty and leadership" in the civil rights field, though it noted that federal action was "at times tardy and timid."

It commended members of the Church who have supported and taken part in "the nonviolent revolution now in progress for racial justice and freedom."

Brethren have a continuing task, the resolution said to practice "reconciling love in the areas of racial tension surrounding us—and in places afar from which God calls us."

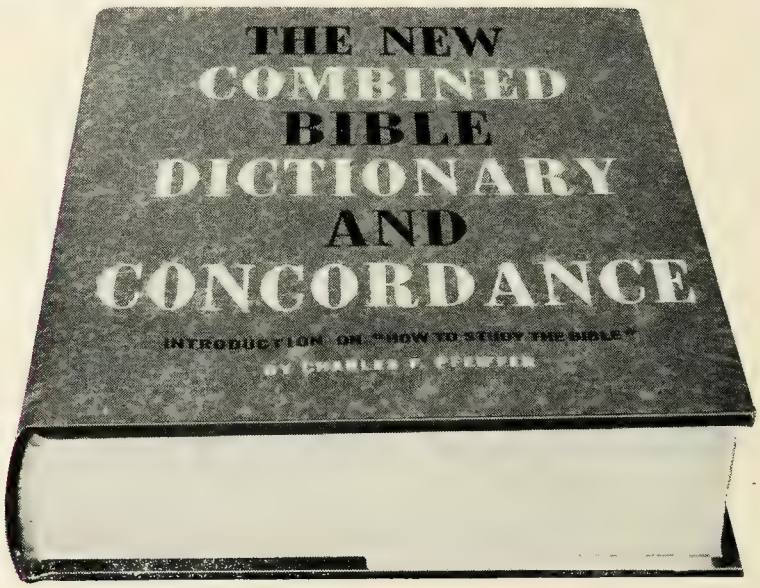
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NOTES and COMMENTS

MISS MARGARET LOWERY
in accident

ON SUNDAY EVENING, May 2, 1965, as Miss Margaret Lowery was traveling to Ashland Ohio, to attend Central Council meetings and Brethren Youth Board meetings, she was in a one-car accident near Lexington, Kentucky. She was taken to the hospital in Lexington where it was learned that she had severe injuries to a collar bone, a broken finger, cuts on the face and head plus body bruises. She was not in the hospital but for a few days.

This accident has delayed indefinitely the scheduled surgery which she was to undergo on May 15.

Remember Miss Lowery in your prayers.



OUR COVER

The front cover reminds us that we must TEACH all converts in "Our Mission" which is the Brethren Youth Week theme. Artist—Mrs John Vance.

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the editor's editorial

Bob Pierce: He walks the World . . .

by Larry Ward

IN THE DISTANCE we hear the sounds of heavy gunfire. Here on this immense staging area, the hot sun (108 degrees, they say) burns down on a never-to-be-forgotten scene: 50 U. S. Army "choppers" (helicopters) with their huge overhead propellers churning while heavily armed Vietnamese marines race out to climb aboard.

This is an Air Assault Mission, as the military term it—said to be the biggest yet in Viet Nam, airlifting over 1200 "friendly force" marines into a strategic battle position.

Out in the middle of this huge field, the choppers lined up on each side, a lonely figure hurries back and forth. He is carrying a heavy movie camera, turning one way and another to film the action all around him.

Suddenly the choppers begin to lift, and the staging area is full of hot, choking sandy dust.

The man with the camera runs toward me, and I see the quick grin on his face as he sights me. His face is caked with sand, turning to mud as the heavy sweat courses down. The once-white towel wrapped around his neck is already rust-colored. He wears the dark-green uniform of a war correspondent, and this, too, is covered with dirt.

"Hi, Buddy," says Bob Pierce . . . and suddenly his smile fades to a look of swift concern, "You look about done in. You better sit down and rest."

This is Bob Pierce—characteristically thinking about someone else. Bob Pierce, "Doctor Bob," President of World Vision.

Why is he here? The answer is simple. He's with a Chaplain—looking into the need for an orphanage. And you see—part of the "Body of Christ" is out here in Viet Nam, a part which is suffering . . . and when part of that Body suffers, we all suffer with it.

For several weeks we have been here as accredited correspondents in war-torn Viet Nam, researching and filming and endlessly interviewing. Now we are here in one of the hottest battle areas of the country, getting final footage for a film depicting the ministry of U. S. Chaplains. (Months ago, before severe illness interrupted, Bob Pierce began this project here in Viet Nam. Now it is all the more timely and significant.)

Overhead roars a chopper, and we move aside while it lands. The colonel inside waves, and we run over beside it. Chaplain (Capt.) Robert E. Saunders (Southern Baptist) joins us. There is room for two on this next flight, and the chaplain and Bob Pierce will go.

We stand for a moment beside the chopper, and suddenly Bob Pierce reaches out and puts his arms around our shoulders. He is praying—not for his own protection, but for this land which is slashed with the fresh scars of war. He prays briefly for those being widowed and orphaned, for the church here facing both great responsibilities and opportunities, and then for the missionaries still faithfully carrying on their work.

A moment later his chopper is in the air, an alert gunner at each of the open sides.

I catch a quick glimpse of Bob Pierce's face as the chopper swings around toward the landing zone and battle area, and as I do it brings back a flood of memories.

This is not written as a "puff," or as an attempt to make Dr. Bob Pierce some kind of hero. I know his blunt honesty, know how he despises the "phoney." But I stand there and remember . . .

I remember that a year ago, his body covered with boils and wracked with pain, he lay in a little hut in India. Those around him thought perhaps his life's work was ending.

I remember the long and lonely months which followed, as he battled diabetes and a lingering staph infection. Some 20,400 orphans in 19 countries call him father, but this illness which cut him down in Asia forced long months of separation from his own loved ones back in California. (I hear his voice as he prays each night, "And Lord, You fill the place we leave empty in our homes because we are out here with You. Bless Larry's Lorraine and children, and be with my Lorraine and Sharon and Marilee and little Robin . . .")

I thank God now for the glow of health on Bob Pierce's face—for the strength and energy I see in his trim figure as we work together day after day.

Other memories crowd in: the concern on his face as he hears of those being orphaned; the quick nod of his head as he says that yes, of course, World Vision will care for them. The attentive expression as he learns of a little village completely surrounded by the Viet Cong. The people of the village are largely Christian; they have bravely withstood the Communist guerillas. But now they have little food. They cannot go off to the mountainside where they grow rice; if only World Vision could provide a tractor so they could work the fields in their village area . . .

In a few minutes the chopper returns, the commanding officer of the mission jumps out and they call me to take his seat. As we climb into the air, Bob Pierce quickly briefs me. This last landing has drawn Viet Cong fire, and a gunship has been badly dam-

aged, one gunner taking shrapnel in the leg. He points out the signs of battle below, the smoke of burning buildings.

As we fly along, I see him leaning out over the empty doorway, a look of intense concentration on his face.

Bob Pierce: back in action, just as he was in China before the Communist takeover, filming the memorable "China Challenge" . . . just as he was in Korea on the eve of her war and then throughout the years of bloodshed which followed . . . just as his restless and burdened heart has driven him to the ends of the earth for the past 18 years.

He studies the scene below, and I know what he is thinking.

Part of the Body of Christ is down there.

A part which is suffering.

That's why he is here.

news ... from the Brethren

Louisville, Ohio. Your Editor received a birth announcement from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clapper announcing the birth of twin girls on Thursday, April 15. The girls have been named Shari Lavonne and Mary Louise. The Clappers are members of the First Brethren Church, Louisville. Mrs. Clapper is the former Shirley Sword of Milledgeville, Illinois.

Elkhart, Ind. Rev. Henry Isaac reports that three were brought into membership of the church on Sunday, April 25. These three were baptized the Sunday before.

North Manchester, Ind. Mrs. Salena Schutz reports that nine were received into the membership of the church on Easter Sunday morning: four by letter of transfer and five by baptism.

Peru, Ind. Rev. Arthur J. Tinkel has reported that he has accepted the call to become pastor at the First Brethren Church, Peru, Ind., and will be moving there in the near future.

Cerro Gordo, Ill. On Sunday, April 25, five were received into membership of the church according to Rev. Elmer Keck, Pastor.

People are peculiar. They want the front of the bus, the back of the church and the middle of the road.

Memorials

BOSS. David Boss, age 75, passed away on Tuesday, April 27, 1965, following a long illness and a severe heart attack. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Charles Munson and the undersigned.

Rev. Phil Lersch

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McKINSTRY. Mrs. Mary McKinstry, age 80, passed away on Wednesday, April 7, 1965. She was a member of the Linwood Brethren Church. Services were conducted by her pastor, the undersigned.

Rev. Hays K. Logan

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COAKLEY. Carl Carter Coakley, age 52, passed away on Friday, April 23, 1965. Funeral services were held in the Mt. Olive Brethren Church on Sunday afternoon, April 25. Rev. William F. Garber and the undersigned were in charge. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Rev. John F. Locke

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

I WILL FEAR NO EVIL

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want (Psalm 23:1).

In times of want and lack and trial there is a tendency to worry about the cause of our worry. When we are assailed by gnawing worry about the future, may it not be that we are forgetting God? We should remember that it is He who said that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without His notice.

Bishop Quayle, lying awake one night worrying about something, seemed to hear a divine command. It was this: "Quayle, you go to sleep; I'll sit up the rest of the night." Only men with an unbounded faith in God would hear a command like that.

There are some things that we ought to be worried about—worry, that is, in the sense of being concerned. When a young husband is concerned about providing a good home for his family, his attitude may be desirable; but if that concern becomes worry in the sense of being afraid for their welfare, then it is no longer a constructive emotion. Anxious fear has no place in the faith-filled heart.

We ought to begin every day of our lives with a repetition of the Psalmist's confident declaration: *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want . . . though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me.* By putting our trust in God, and our energies to the work at hand, we need fear no evil. Let us meet each worry that enters our thoughts today with a growing conviction that, by being true to our Christian faith, by acting with integrity, and by keeping our faith in God, no evil shall befall us.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Acts

Memory Scripture for the month — Acts 2:21

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 24:22-25

Later

Gary called the four boys who were to go to church with him this morning.

"We'll pick you up in about half-an-hour," he told each of them.

"Are they all going?" Dad asked when Gary was through calling.

"All but Ricky," replied Gary. "He said he would go another time. There was something else he wanted to do today."

Dad nodded. "There are always people like that. They think they can learn of God anytime they want to."

"But that's not true," added Gary. "Sometimes things happen that keep us from learning later on."

"Yes," said Dad. "None of us knows what the future will bring. Now is the time to learn of God. Now is the time to accept Jesus as Savior."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my parents, my minister, and my Sunday school teacher. Help me to listen and to learn from them about You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 24, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 26:1; 22-29

Almost

"We're going to have fun this Saturday," said Linda when she came home from her Girl Scout meeting. "We're going to hike near the river and look for Indian relics. We'll cook our dinner. Hamburg, potatoes, and carrots in foil. Doesn't that sound good?"

"Sure does," agreed Gary. "I almost wish I could go, too."

"We'll let you be water boy," laughed Linda.

"Water boy for Girl Scouts!" said Gary. "No, thank you!"

Sometimes when we hear someone talking about something, we almost want to do it, too. There may be something that keeps us from joining them.

King Agrippa almost thought he would like to be a Christian. He didn't want to badly enough to accept Jesus.

Almost is not enough. We should accept Jesus now while we can. Is He your Savior?

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, that You are my Savior. May I always follow and obey You. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 27:20-25

Don't Be Afraid

"Look what I have," shouted Gary.

The family ran to the back porch.

"A monkey!" they all exclaimed at once.

"Where did you get it?" asked Linda.

"What are going to do with it?" asked Mom.

"It's Mr. Long's monkey," explained Gary. "He's going on vacation. I'm going to keep the monkey for him while he's gone."

"What fun," said Linda. "What's the monkey's name?"

"Jocko," replied Gary.

The family crowded around Jocko's cage.

The little monkey huddled in one corner and covered his face with his hands.

"Oh, he's afraid," said Gary. "He's not used to so many people nor so much talking at once."

Gary lifted the monkey from the cage and talked soothingly to it. "Don't be afraid, Jocko. I'm here. I'll take care of you."

Jocko knew Gary. He felt safe with him. He began chattering in monkey language and making faces at the rest of the family.

Sometimes we become afraid. We don't know what to do or what to say. Then remember that God is near. He is telling us as He told Paul, "Fear not." We can always feel safe because God is with us.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for being with me. I know You will watch over me and I don't need to be afraid. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 27:33-36

Thank You

Jocko the monkey soon enjoyed being with the Kellers. He watched the children and imitated almost everything they did.

At mealtime he would sit on one of the small chairs at Betsy's little table. Gary would put Jocko's food in front of him. He would eat it carefully and not spill nor drop it.

One day Betsy said, "Jocko say thank you."

When the others looked around, they saw Jocko with his hands folded and his head bowed. Soon he lifted his head and began to eat.

"He watches from his cage when we eat," said Gary. "He sees us bow our heads first. He is learning from us."

Mom nodded. "Monkeys don't really worship. They just imitate what they see. It's a good thing for us to remember, though. If we bow our heads before we eat no matter where we are others will know we are saying thank you to God. In a restaurant, on a picnic, at a banquet, anywhere we eat, we want to remember to thank God for our food. Not only will it tell God we are thankful but it will also remind others that they, too, should say thank you."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my food. Help me never to be embarrassed to bow my head before I eat and to tell You thank You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 27:37-44

Safe

The children were playing with Jocko in the backyard. Queenie and Mittens were there, too.

Suddenly a strange dog came running into the yard. He barked as he came toward Jocko. Before Gary could pick up the little monkey, he had scampered up the tree. He sat on the lowest limb and looked down at the dog.

Mittens climbed the tree and sat beside her new friend.

Queenie stood at the foot of the tree and growled. The big dog turned and walked away.

"Well, Jocko," laughed Gary, "you don't need to be afraid. Your new friends will help protect you."

We need never fear either. God is always near to watch over us and to keep us safe. We cannot see Him as Jocko could see his protectors, but we know God is with us.

Prayer:

I'm glad, dear God, to know You are always near. When things go wrong help me to remember to ask You to help me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 28:1-9

God Heals

Aunt Doris wrote often to the Kellers. She told of their work in Africa.

Uncle Jim was a good doctor. He asked God to help him. As he treated the people for their illnesses he told them of Jesus.

One day a mother brought her little boy to the hospital. He was pale and still.

The mother handed him to Uncle Jim. "Tizhe was bitten by a snake," she said. "He cannot live."

Uncle Jim knew the mother was probably right. Nevertheless he bowed his head and asked God to guide him. Then he began to treat the boy who was badly bitten by a poisonous snake.

The mother stayed at the hospital, too. She attended classes where she learned of God who protects and heals His children in marvelous ways. She saw Tizhe slowly getting better. She knew Uncle Jim, and the other doctors and nurses were God's children. She wanted to be His child, too. Before they left the hospital both the mother and Tizhe had accepted Jesus as their Savior.

Is Jesus your Savior? Are you one of God's children?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the healing that comes through Your great love. Guide our missionaries and ministers as they tell others of Your power. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1965

Read Scripture: Acts 28:23-31

Some Believed Not

Gary and Linda went up and down the street. "Come to our house at one o'clock," they told their friends. "Uncle Ted will take us to the wildlife refuge in hi station wagon."

Such excitment as the children in the neighbor hood made plans for a wonderful afternoon!

At one o'clock eight children were ready to go wit Uncle Ted.

"Where are Joe and Bill?" asked Gary.

"Where are Lois and Beth?" wondered Linda.

"They didn't come," answered Steve.

"They didn't believe we were really going," ex plained Judy. "They said it was just a joke."

"I'm ready," said Dad as he came from the hous

"Then let's be on our way," laughed Uncle Ted.

Everyone was soon in the station wagon. Uncle Te started the motor. Away they went for an afternoo of fun!

Four children missed the good time because the did not believe what they heard. They did not tal with Uncle Ted or Mr. Keller to see if it were reall true. They thought they knew.

Some people will miss heaven because they do nc believe God's Word. Don't be one of them! Read H Word and talk with others. Soon you will know th story of Jesus it true.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You that I have heard of Jesu Help me to believe and to accept Your Word. In th name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for May 23, 1965

A NATION RALLIES TO GOD

Text: II Samuel 6:12, 13, 17, 18; 7:1-3, 11b-13

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT played an impor tant part in the history of the Jewish people. I was one of the most sacred articles of their religio Here on the Ark, God revealed His holy presence t the Jews. Through it God worked to concentrate th fidelity of the people to Himself. Only a select few eve saw the Ark without a cover on it, and only a selec few were permitted to transport it (Numbers 4:5-20) As the people respected God so they respected the Ark

After securing Jerusalem as a fortress and capita David had the Ark brought there. On the way a ma named Uzzah was instantly killed when he reache out to steady it. Because of this the Ark was place in the home of Obededom outside Jerusalem to se what next the Lord might do. Obededom's home wa blessed and prospered in some way revealing God good pleasure was upon the people of Israel. The the whole house of Israel, all tribes being represente joined together to take the Ark into the city. The made of this occasion a great religious celebratio David was so full of joy and thanksgiving that h danced ("whirled about") before Jehovah. He wa

wearing a linen ephod—a priestly garment for the occasion.

At this time there was a period of rest from wars and internal dangers. David had time to consider what the next important step should be for the people. What came first into his mind was not empire expansion, trade, monuments or palaces but a building to house the Ark. "One of David's greatest and best services to God and man never went further than the good intention. But David was as much praised and as much paid for his good intention to build the temple as if he had lived to see the golden towers of God's house shining in the Sabbath sun"—Alexander Whyte.

For his good heart and intentions David was promised by God that his seed would have the throne and kingdom forever. "The posterity of David could last forever only by running out in a Person who lives forever. That is, by culminating in the Messiah, who lives forever, and of whose Kingdom there is no end" —C. F. Keil. While we normally think of the fulfillment of this promise as involving Gentiles in this kingdom and under the rulership of Jesus Christ, the angels statement to Mary concerning her son intimates that there is a special place for the "house of Jacob"—Luke 1:30-33. The Jews will not be swallowed up and lose their identity. There is to be a literal fulfillment of His promise.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Upon a table lay a book
The owner viewed with pride—
Best seller, autographed, and new;
She kept it by her side.

And when a friend came into tea,
Its merits she would tell,
Adding with pleasure, "And besides,
I know the Author well!"

Perhaps upon your table stands
The Book of books today,
The king of writings, words of life,
Which will not pass away.

And yet you seldom open it,
Its praise you never tell!
Is it because you cannot say,
"I know the Author well?"

—Violet Ursula Fraser.

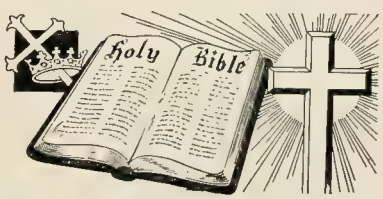
THE BIBLE IS YOUR BOOK, and you are responsible to God and must know God's truth for yourself (Deut. 29:29). In type of this are Bible books, carrying redemption to individuals (Philem. 1b, 2), such as Timothy, Titus, and the many persons greeted in Romans 16. The Bible reader knows the blessing of comfort and hope (Rom. 15:4). Its comfort the reader is to relay to others (I Thess. 4:18). Meditation on Scripture is a great source of strength and encouragement (Ps. 1:2). Bible reading enriches the Christian with the assurance of salvation (I Jn. 5:13), greater stability (Rom. 1:11), knowledge of God's will (Col. 1:9), spiritual understanding (Col. 3:16). If we are off course the Scriptures will set us right (Gal. 1:6, 7).

A special blessing is promised those who read the Revelation (1:3). A knowledge of prophecy will save believers from cults who deceive (Matt. 24:24). The only antidote for the Devil's lie is a clear knowledge of God's Word, which is truth (Jn. 17:17). Bible-minded men know what to do in a world of desperation (I Chron. 12:32). Men who know prophecy are needed in world and national positions of leadership (II Pet. 1:19).

The Word is a looking glass for the exposure of personal sins (Jas. 1:22-25). It teaches confession of sins and how to obtain forgiveness (I Jn. 1:7). By conducting ones' self in the light of God's Word our way is cleansed and we are kept in fellowship with the Lord (Ps. 119:9). To fend off the attacks of Satan we must be familiar with the Word of God as the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17). Jesus used the same sword (Matt. 4:1-11). Since Satan often quotes Scripture the believer must know how to handle the Word aright (II Tim. 2:15).

Every Christian has the responsibility of preaching the Gospel (Acts 8:1, 4). All believers are priests (I Pet. 2:9), and as members of the holy priesthood of the New Testament they must know how to offer up spiritual sacrifices (I Pet. 2:8). For every practical use believers must grow through Bible reading (I Pet. 2:2; II Tim. 3:15-17). The promise is unto all who will receive (Acts 2:39).

"I love to start the day with God—
To feed upon His Word
And store it deep within my heart,
To know 'Thus saith the Lord,'"



1964 - 65 Theme Ephesians 5:15-20

"FULFILLING THE TIME"

Brethren Youth Crusaders

LIFE WORK RECRUITMENT



"Summer program and summer work for Seminary students and young people interested in Christian work"

ON THIS POINT the main responsibility falls upon the individual churches. They must be willing financially to ask Seminary students to come to their church during the summer months to work under the leadership of the regular minister. This affords the church an excellent opportunity to have a vigorous youth program, for the young Seminary person could devote full time and effort to such an endeavor. The summer time is ideal for pursuing a dynamic youth activity. The church can take a new lease on life with such a program in full swing.

Young students can be used to great advantage in leading Bible school for vacation times, for instigating a more thorough visitation program, for spreading good feeling in the community toward the church in general.

Every church who has employed a young student for summer work has found it successful. A new and fresh impetus is added to the service of the church. It is a healthy endeavor for the local church to become involved in. Often the young student does much for the music program of the church. In the teaching department he adds a new interest. There are so many ways to utilize a Seminary student in the summer program of the church. He is a welcome addition.

"Wise encouragement of promising young people to make decisions as Life Work Recruits"

On this point a number of people can be influential. Every Christian boy or girl when choosing a career should at least "consider" the full time Christian service. God has a better claim on one's life and talent than any other agent, and His work deserves some thoughtful consideration.

Parents and Sunday school teachers should be on the lookout for any child who shows an interest in Christian work, and more children would no doubt develop an interest if this possibility were presented to them in an attractive, enthusiastic manner. Children should, of course, never be badgered or forced into Christian service by overzealous parents, teachers or ministers, but the door of service should always be apparent, inviting and available.

Sunday school teachers can probably do more to encourage the prospective candidate by wise encouragement than any other agent, but the home influence can definitely nullify the work of the church by lack of interest or even opposition to a young person's first timid steps in this direction. Again it should be the purpose of all youth activities to present an initiative for full time service in Christ.

It becomes the duty of any layman who is aware of a young person's interest in church service to encourage him by words, friendships and example. The minister is again a key figure in diligently seeking out those whom the Lord would have to serve. The church is weak and ineffectual in calling young men and women to service. Too often a call just "happens." Again the Deacon Board could devise ways to present challenge and opportunity for youth to enter Christian areas of service. In many Brethren Churches the Deacon Board functions only at times such as Communion. The Board should be one of the most aggressive and forward-looking groups in the church. To take under their care the challenge of providing opportunities for likely prospects for the ministry could be a great service. This Board has authority and it should use it in spiritual matters such as the encouragement of young recruits. Any pastor and any church would welcome a definite action by some board of the church on this vital matter.

Summer camps are invaluable, of course, in recruiting young people for the Lord, but they have these youngsters for only a short time. Too often the church does not follow through other than to congratulate the youngster on his decision and forget him thereafter. No telling the number of young men we have lost to the ministry because no one took any steps to maintain the young person's interest. The first faint stirring of a young heart to the call of God is a very fragile and tender thing. It needs specialized attention so that it may blossom, for the lovely things of this world are easily swamped in the more strident demands of other ways of life. The youngster who hears God's voice among all those loud and demanding cries of other more lucrative means of livelihood needs special encouragement that his decision is right and good and important. Because of the delicacy of this first call to serve God, the local church must have a definite, rich program to aid and encourage the young recruit.

Again, we feel the Deacon Board would be most effective in this field, but if it is not practical for them to undertake this responsibility, we suggest the Christian Board of Education. In any case, in every church the pastor must be aided and supplemented in his responsibility to the young recruit by a well defined, enriched program tailored to meet the needs of those who seek the service of the Lord.

ARE WE TOO POPULAR?

A few years ago (1953) a young lady who was about to graduate from the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., wrote a thesis on the theme, "Church Life Was Primitive in 1953." In this thesis the young lady projected herself one century into the future and wrote an evaluation of the church in 1953 as it would appear to a Christian living in 2053 A.D. The following excerpt from this thesis bears considerable meditation in our day. Think it over!

"One hundred years ago (1953) the great weakness of the church was that it had succeeded in adjusting itself to the world entirely too well. As you read century-old newspapers and magazines, you find that people outside the church, who had no real understanding of the mission and message of Christ, approved the church. It was useful! For a time the most commendatory phrase was that Christianity was a bulwark against communism, as though the most they could say for a Christianity that had outlived and outgrown Roman imperialism, feudal despotism, the anarchy of the dark ages, the tyranny of leaders like Napoleon and Hitler, was that it had value because it might save them from the encroachment of another transient evil.

"There were other reasons Christianity was useful. It made children better behaved, kept them out of juvenile courts, brought worried parents the most valued prize of that era—peace of mind—and was more effective in some cases of mental disturbance than secular psychiatry.

"But such limited understanding might be expected from a world that knew so little about the Christian faith. More alarming was the complacency with which the church met this condescending approval. Church people sometimes seemed actually pleased to know that the world found the church useful!

"Even more dangerous was a gradual adjusting of the values of the church to those of the world. The group that started with these twelve humble men gathered around Christ began to feel that no group was important unless it was large. Person-to-person contacts, the patient slow growth of the spirit, sank into the background except for an occasional polite bow of deference. The real work of the church, they seemed to say, was in raising money and adding members by drives with chairmen who made reports to other chairmen — the whole set-up apparently closely patterned after sales organizations. Similarly, the ideal of success crept into the ministry. A man was successful in direct ratio to the size of his salary, the size of his church and the number of committee meetings he attended.

"All this would have spelt disaster for the church, but for the saving grace that it was superficial. The real work of the church went on quietly underneath, with pastors teaching children and adults, with members reading their Bibles and worshiping together, with new members drawn by personal witness of Christians."

Brethren, is this a picture of our church?

DON'T STAY AWAY FROM CHURCH BECAUSE . . .

YOU ARE POOR—there is no admission charge.

BECAUSE IT RAINS—you go to work in the rain.

BECAUSE IT IS HOT—it's hot at your house, too.

BECAUSE IT IS COLD—it is always warm and friendly at church.

BECAUSE NO ONE INVITED YOU—people go to the movies without being begged.

BECAUSE WE HAVE AN EMOTIONAL RELIGION—how about the ball games?

BECAUSE YOU HAVE VERY SMALL CHILDREN—what if you didn't any longer have them?

YOU DON'T LIKE THE PREACHER—remember he's just human like you.

YOUR JOB MAKES YOU SO TIRED—you could lose your job.

THERE ARE HYPOCRITES — you associate with them every day. You should be accustomed to them by now.

YOU HAVE COMPANY—they will admire your loyalty if you invite them along or tell them to wait until you get back.

YOUR CLOTHES ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH—we do not conduct a fashion show.

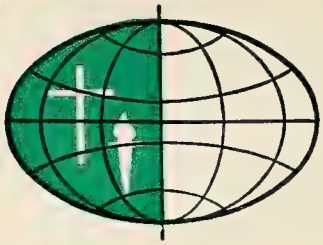
OUR CHURCH STANDARD IS TOO HIGH—just take a look at the Bible standard if you think ours is high.

YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME YET —ARE YOU SURE?

Answer to last week's
Spotlight on Scripture . . .

JEREMIAH 33:2, 3

MISSIONARY NEWS



WAKA CHAPEL
a temple still undone

by KERMON THOMASON

JOURNEYING through Europe one cannot easily overlook that feature which so strongly attracts the traveler searching for beauty in the artistic endeavors of a past age—the medieval cathedral. My spirit goes into ecstasy as I absorb the effect of those mighty soaring towers and walls, those jewel encrusted altars glittering in the filtered sunlight of flamboyantly patterned windows, and lofty barrel-vaulting ceilings which seem to hold up heaven itself. But I cannot tarry long in these ecclesiastical manifestations of man's attempt to glorify God on earth. I must journey on to my mission station in the bush country of Nigeria's Northern Region.

Here at Waka we have no church to rival the Church of Saint-Maclou, or Notre Dame du Paris, or Chartres. Although seemingly destined to rival the great cathedrals of Europe in length of time under construction, Waka chapel falls short of the architectural ambitions of medieval church builders. But as I sit in church and meditate, I like to compare our modest chapel with its great European counterparts.

When the air in the chapel grows thick with dust from our dirt floor, when the sand flies are snapping at my ankles, when my back is breaking from lack of support, and when the rough-hewn plank I am sitting on is doing intolerable damage to my powers of concentration, I like to sit with half-closed eyes (to see through a glass darkly, as it were) and imagine that our chapel is a great cathedral too. It stands unfinished. As with our medieval brethren, our money runs out before our fond ambitions are realized, and work goes on sporadically through the years.

Some years back the cornerstone was laid with pomp and ceremony. I was not here then, but no doubt a beribboned trowel was put to use, proud documents lovingly secreted under the stone, and speeches made about our building for the ages and how our early missionaries had builded better than they knew.

Slowly thereafter stone rose upon stone, massive trusses were bolted together and raised laboriously into place and an aluminum pan roof was added. Rains fell; the winds blew and beat upon the house. Worshipers threaded and ducked their way through a maze of scaffolding as later a tall stone tower rose in front of the church. An inventive BVSer conceived and built a motor-powered hoist that whisked massive stones forty feet into the air to crown the indented parapet atop the tower. A great bell was lovingly installed, whose throaty tones call worshipers to church, and on school days help speed the lagging scholar on his way. Today a great concrete cross is in place on the front of the tower, and indulgently we use our precious electricity to floodlight it at night, making it a symbol for the traveler in the dark. Still it is somewhat an empty shell, for inside there is no floor, no door, no plaster on the walls, no pews.

But at worship time the hollow shell comes to life as hundreds of bare feet shuffle through the dust to the rough planks that serve in lieu of pews. Our congregation is vibrant with life. Little children squirm restlessly and, when endurance is exhausted, wander in and out. Babies, wrapped tightly to their mothers' backs on entering, soon demand attention and are carefully extracted and shifted back and forth for sleeping and feeding. Under cover of the closing prayer, mother's clothes, now in disarray, will be adjusted and baby firmly bound again for the journey home. Necks crane in an effort to see the latecomers who sweep in on a tidal wave at opportune moments during the opening service. Handsome young schoolboys

Why not join the
TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

preen themselves and cast sly, hopeful glances at the ostensibly indifferent girls across the aisle, who look like tropical butterflies in their gaily patterned head scarves.

Up front a preacher loudly exhorts the brethren and is echoed by a translator who duplicates both message and gestures. Voices are lifted in songs of praise, sometimes American hymns and sometimes native chants accompanied by handclapping. A dusty reed organ sits sadly in a corner through the dry season when its throat is too parched to give forth with music. In the rainy season though, it vainly wheezes along, doing its best to speed up the American hymns which unfortunately too often sound like an unwound victrola. Occasionally, a misguided swallow or bat darts in the open door and flits frantically round and round the sanctuary to the delight of the children, the consternation of the pastor, and the diversion of all. A friendly owl roosts on a beam far above the pulpit, but, like a few of the people below, he is more active at night and slumbers peacefully through church services.

I like to think of our dirt floor as a symbol—we stand here in the dust of Nigeria, our mortal feet planted on the earth, but reaching upward toward the kingdom of heaven. Our symbol of this kingdom is a tall wooden cross over the altar. It hangs on wires attached to the ceiling beams far above. In the gentle African breeze it sways slowly this way and that. At times Christianity has seemed to hang by a slender wire also but has endured and never fallen. Instead, like our wooden cross, it turns gently in all directions, reaching out to all mankind. Above our heads the crisscrossed framework of massive beams suggests to me both the complexity of God's nature and his openness. The rough-hewn plank I am sitting on is balanced delicately on wooden horses. Warped by time, weight, and weather, it suggests that occasionally life here on earth is hard and also uncertain.

Some day the sacrificial giving and patient toil of our congregation may bring this massive edifice to its completion, and no doubt it will be heralded as one of the architectural wonders of our land. But until that day of completion our unfinished cathedral in the wilderness symbolizes the unfinished work that lies ahead for those who labor here.

—Church of the Brethren
Gospel Messenger

GAINS for the KINGDOM

December, 1965 through February, 1965

Church	Baptized
Brishishiwa	42
Garkida	39
Gulak	5
Kwaka	51
Lassa	65
Mbororo	18
Moda	29
Nggwa	66
South Margi	61
Wate	51
TOTAL	427

214 of the Baptisms were representative of the Higi Churches

Total to date is 566 (Previous total 140 for Oct. Nov. Dec.)

TORNADO DISASTER AID to Rebuild the County Line Church

ALWAYS in times of stress brother reaches out to brother in honest love and concern to give generous guidance or assistance. Brethren people throughout the brotherhood have indicated their desire to assist the congregation at County Line Church whose church building was completely destroyed by the Tornado on Palm Sunday evening.

The faithful Brethren at County Line are making plans to enter into an $80,000 to $125,000 building program. Their assets include $19,500 insurance settlement on the church building, the site, and faith that the Lord will provide guidance and whatever additional means may be required.

You, too, can help . . .

either through your church, if they establish a Tornado Disaster Fund in the local church, or you could send your contributions directly to the **Misionary Board of the Brethren Church.** Be certain to designate this as **"Tornado Disaster Aid"** so that your monies will be applied to this fund to rebuild the County Line Church.

SISTERHOOD

Devotional Program for June

SENIOR

General Theme:

"Building Christian Character"

June Theme: "Temperance"

Call to Worship
Song Service
Prayer
Bible Study
Special Music

JUNIOR

General Theme:

"Appreciation of God's Gifts"

June Theme: "Bible"

Topic and Discussion led by the patroness
Hymn: Spirit of Sisterhood
SMM Benediction
Business.

APPLY NOW FOR THE S.M.M. SCHOLARSHIP

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

PAUL'S EXAMPLE

by MRS. PHIL LERSCH

AFTER HIS ARREST in Jerusalem, Paul defended himself before three different audiences: the Jewish mob, Felix the governor, and Agrippa the king. Acts 22, 24, and 26 describe these accounts. Reading and comparing them, we find hints of the great worth of this disciple of Christ. May we gain inspiration to be dedicated disciples as we study from the speeches of Paul his **encounter with Christ,** his **goal from Christ,** and his **witness of Christ.**

His Encounter

When Paul, traveling to Damascus, saw Jesus Christ, he fell to the ground. He was afraid, but was also overcome by his own sinfulness. And we can understand this, for we have experienced the same terrible feeling. In the words of the hymn-writer, "My sinful self my only shame." When we see Jesus Christ, we hate our sin and fall down in shame before him. We can't help it. Seeing his perfect love, we realize our own selfishness and littleness. Another hymn-writer explained that feeling: "Thus might I hide my blushing face when His dear cross appears; dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears." Still another has written, "Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place."

In telling of this experience, Paul explained Jesus' first directions to him: "Rise, and stand upon thy feet." And that Paul did. Although he never forgot his former life (He called himself the "chief of sinners.") he did stand up and let Christ use him as he was.

We can learn from this example. After that first encounter with Jesus when we understand our sin, we recognize our weaknesses again and again when we come into His presence. But we don't dare let that stop **our**

effectiveness. We must learn to confess our sins, accept His forgiveness, and then "rise, and stand upon thy feet." He wants us; He needs us and can't use constantly-groveling Christians. "Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come." As pardoned sinners we can be Christ's instruments.

His Goal

Explaining to King Agrippa, Paul outlined the mission upon which Jesus had sent him: to go to the GENTILES—those outside God's family. Acts 26:18 describes their needs. They were blind and in darkness; they were under the power of Satan; they had not received forgiveness and so could not share in the inheritance that believers owned.

Paul obeyed Jesus' wishes and went to the Gentiles, "that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance" (18:20).

What is our mission today? To whom does Jesus want us to go? We, too, must carry the news of the inheritance to those outside God's family. Where are those in our day who are blind and in darkness; under the power of Satan; and carrying the burden of their own sin so that they cannot share in the inheritance that we believers own?

There are some living very close to us who have not found the light of God's presence. Maybe in our own church are those afraid of death, uncommitted, simply drifting. Certainly some live on the same street we do. But we cannot think only of those near us. Some live in big cities and are bound by dope addiction and alcohol. Who will go to them with deliverance from the power of Satan?

Others are tied up by fears and guilts. They can't find help to get out of the maze of keeping up in fashions, doing the proper things expected in their circle of acquaintances, and running to meetings they have to attend to be acceptable by civic or social standards. They need purposeful direction. Where will they find it?

Many people live in the darkness completely outside Christ in countries where the Gospel has not reached. They have not received the benefits of churches, schools and hospitals. They may know nothing about Christ's love. Who will bring them into the family of God? Who will go to Nigeria and help establish churches, teach reading and bandage sores?

Once your goal is set—to bring outsiders into God's family—you will find the place you should work. If you seek God's will, you will find it.

His Witness

What help Paul has given in showing us about being a good witness. He was prepared at all times. As Peter advised in his second epistle (3:15, 16), "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ." This describes Paul perfectly. He was ready always to defend his faith and his actions for Christ.

When Ananias came to restore Paul's sight, he gave him directions that help us understand what a witness is. He said, "Thou shalt be his witness unto all men of **what thou has seen and heard.**" God had chosen Paul to "**know** His will, and **see** that Just One, and . . . **hear** the voice of his mouth." With this background, all Paul had to do was **tell the truth** about what he had **seen and heard.** God provided the objects of his seeing and hearing. Paul simply had to report what he experienced.

And this is what Paul did. 1. **He told the truth about his former life.** He explained thoroughly to the Jews, even though he was ashamed, about his past sins. Having learned and practiced the Jewish law and studied under a strict Pharisee, Gamaliel, he had done what the accusing Jews were doing to him—sought out and persecuted the disciples of Jesus. He even specified his original intention to go to Damascus and imprison Christians there.

Sometimes we may help others into the family of God if we admit to them our own faults (past and present) and how God has helped us overcome them. We may make the mistake of hiding our own weaknesses and trying to appear too good to people. Our exterior piety could scare them off. Although we should not try to be like those outside the family, we do share many of the same temptations and sins. Why are we so afraid to admit them if this could help someone accept Christ's forgiveness. Paul told the truth about his former life. We shouldn't be afraid to.

2. After telling about his former life, **Paul told the truth about his encounter with Christ.** Several times in the book of Acts we can read Paul's description of that day on the Damascus Road when he met Jesus. He always rehearsed the details carefully, showing the reality of this experience. This had been the turning point in his life and it was important that those listening understood exactly what happened.

Not many of us have had such a dramatic meeting as Paul did. Most of us grew into the faith, but we have had moments when we were faced with our own sin and inadequacy in the presence of our Lord. We, too, need to tell the truth about these experiences when we are asked.

3. Also included in Paul's witness before his accusers were **the truth about his activities since his meeting with Christ.** He told the Jewish mob why he left Jerusalem to go to the Gentiles. He explained to Felix his intention in returning to Jerusalem was to worship and bring an offering to his nation. To King Agrippa he told of his trying in vain to reach the Jews and then going to the Gentiles. Having nothing to hide concerning his life as a Christian, **he told the truth about his activities.**

Do we have anything to tell about our lives since we have become Christians? What can we report about taking the Good News to anyone? Have our lives had any purpose and direction? Paul had something to report. Do we?

4. Always in his testimony **Paul told the truth about his convictions concerning the Scriptures.** He explained before Felix his belief in the "Way" which the Jews called heresy. But he based his beliefs on everything the law and the prophets had to say. He also openly confessed his belief in the resurrection.

Paul also told King Agrippa of his belief in the Scriptures when he claimed to have said only those things which "the prophets and Moses did say should come: That Christ should suffer, and that He should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles" (26:22, 23).

Do we have convictions concerning the Scriptures? Do we even know what the Scriptures say? Too many of us do not. Part of the job of being a witness is knowing what the Bible says so that we can base our lives and conversations on it.

As a witness, Paul told the truth about what he had seen and heard. Nothing else. Simply the truth. We need to learn to **see and hear** those things that will apply to our task of witnessing. This involves being alert to God's direction.

The Apostle Paul has given us an example. He had a real **encounter** with Jesus Christ that changed his whole direction of life. His **goal** was to reach those outside of the family of God and bring them into that fellowship. His **witness** merely involved telling the truth about what he had seen and heard. May Paul's example be our pattern for living the Christian life.

TOPIC:

TEMPERANCE

by MRS. MARYELLEN BEST

I Corinthians 9:24-27: *Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

THE APOSTLE PAUL believed that the Christian should lead a well-disciplined life. His own life was a life of discipline from beginning to end. From the day on the Damascus road when he met the Master face to face, he lived a life of devotion to the Christ and the cause to which Christ had called him.

In emphasizing the necessity for a well-disciplined life, Paul presents the metaphor of the Greek runner: "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." In other words, learn from the athlete. His race is not won by jostling in the street. Rather, he contends with all his might and observes the rules of training during the long, arduous days of preparation. We know from ancient history that the athletes who participated in the games underwent rigorous periods of training that extended over long months. They lived abstemiously and adopted a vigorous regimen prescribed by their trainers, which they followed to the letter. The athletes who failed to observe the rules of training had little chance for victory in the games. Instead, they fell by the wayside when the actual race was run.

Paul calls attention to the fact that he himself contended vigorously for the complete mastery of his own body: "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." The preacher, the teacher, and the Christian worker must ever live lives that are above reproach. Sisterhood girls should do the same to set examples that are worthy, otherwise, their messages will carry little weight with those who know them well and who observe their intemperate daily living.

In his letter to Timothy, Paul says that the Christian should "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Like the man who goes to war, the Christian should not permit himself to become entangled with "the affairs of this life," but rather should keep his life fully devoted to the task to which God has called him. The more encumbrances the Christian has and the more affairs he has in life which tend to deflect him from his main course, the less effective will be his ministry in the world about him. There are laws that must be observed in the spiritual realm; to disregard them is to pave the way for losing the crown of life.

The use of beverage alcohol continues to be one of the most serious problems faced by modern man. According to a recent study, as many as 75 per cent of the men and 56 per cent of the women of the U. S. drink alcoholic beverages. 17 per cent of the adult population, on the basis of the survey, indicate they drink some alcoholic beverage at least three times per week. There are many reasons why the Christian should practice total abstinence. In the first place, alcohol is a habit-forming narcotic, a dangerous drug which makes for addiction with "mental, moral, and physical deterioration." It brings, at the same time widespread misery and suffering to the entire family of the alcoholic victim, to say nothing of the terrific economic loss and waste to society as a whole. According to our best informed medical men, wine, beer, rum, gin, whiskey, all contain alcohol "in potentially habit-forming amounts." There is no such thing as a harmless alcoholic beverage.

What can we as Christians in today's world do to help stem the rising tide of alcoholism? We must return to the observance of the law of the cross, to the well-disciplined life, and think realistically of the race before us, as followers of Jesus Christ.

In Matthew 16:24, 25, Jesus stated for His disciples the law of the cross: *If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.* In other words, those who would come after Jesus must willingly share in his suffering, the suffering of the cross.

The Christian, of course, will not necessarily have a cross of wood to bear, as did Jesus, nor will he of necessity be called upon to shed his mortal blood. But every follower of Christ is called upon to participate in Christ's world-wide plan of redemption, by so much we bear our cross. This, then, is the way of life for the Christian. Those who wish to "save" their lives shall rather lose them; and those who would "lose" their lives for the sake of the gospel shall, in turn, "find" them. True self-realization comes only as one loses himself in behalf of the greater cause and the fuller life. Our problem in churches today lies in our failure to enlist Christians in the observance of the law of the cross. There is too much soft living, too complete disregard for the principle of cross-bearing. Unless we take our Christ and the law of His cross seriously, our witness shall make little impact upon believers.

Hebrews 12:1: *Whereof seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.*

The Christian mission in this world is a race; a race with time, a race with evil forces about us that seek to encompass and enslave us. What evil forces are seeking to encompass you? Is there the temptation to watch too much television each day? The desire to spend too much money on the things of the world? Do you idle away many precious hours instead of having daily devotions and learning portions of the Scriptures? Is it easy to belong to every school organization and only attend Sisterhood and the services of the church when there is nothing else to do?

The race is "set before us" by the hand of God. It is He who called us, and not we, ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. The race is a voluntary matter: "Let us run with patience the race." This is in keeping with the character of the Christian faith.

Note also the demands of the race. It calls for sacrifice: "let us lay aside every weight." The sacrifice is personal, engaging, and life-long. There can be no letup. We must rid ourselves of everything that hinders. The race we are called upon to run requires renouncing sin: "the sin which doth so easily beset us." We are to be constant in the race: "let us run with patience the race that is set before us." We must be able to endure in all circumstances.

Last of all, we should consider the incentive of the race, namely, Jesus who is our Goal. He is the Author of our faith, the Perfecter of our faith, the Sacrificial One who "endured the cross, despising the shame." He is our perfect example. There are four points to remember:

1. We need to get back to the law of the cross.
2. Christians today need more discipline in their daily living.
3. We need to rid our lives of all known sins.
4. We need to think more on Jesus.

JUNIOR BIBLE STUDY

GUIDE FOR DAILY LIVING

(Romans 12:14-16)

by MRS. MILTON BOWMAN

THESE THREE VERSES we are studying this month are very appropriate for 1965, the year in which we are living **now.** One would almost think that Paul was writing it today. These are tense and busy days, and many people are worried and "on edge" over the way that things are going. Often they take out their spite on innocent people and make life miserable for themselves and everyone around them. This is not nice or kind or even fitting for the actions of a Christian. Paul tells us how we ought to act in such a situation. We truly need the love of God in order to be able to follow his instructions.

Pray for your Enemies

In Romans 12:14, we read that if people try to hurt us we should pray that God will bless them. We should never pray that God will hurt others just because they have hurt us. The Phillips translation says, **As for those who try to make your life a misery, bless them. Don't curse, bless.** When a person becomes a Christian and tries to follow God's way of life, there is sure to be a persecution of one form or another. Your friends may just make fun of you, or you may have to take bodily harm or abuse for Christ's sake. Whatever the cause, we should always be kind and loving and pray for those who despise us. We can never win them for Christ unless we show forth His spirit.

Some years ago, in a village in Northern Syria, there lived a man named Abu Duyoom. Abu became a Christian. Then he was severely persecuted. His bride was taken away from him by his father-in-law. The villagers

tore down his new house. Finally, when he refused to give up his belief in the wonderful Book, he was led out of the village to be burned to death. He was tied to a pile of wood. Then, he was given a chance to say his last words. He neither cursed nor wept. He knelt down and prayed for his persecutors. A miracle happened! One by one, the angry mob stole quietly back to the village. Abu was left alone, but not alone, for God was with him. Victory came to Abu when he prayed for his enemies.

Be Sympathetic to Others

Romans 12:15 says, **Practice rejoicing with people who rejoice, and weeping with people who weep** (Williams). When people are happy, we should be happy with them. Enjoy the Lord with them. But if people are sad, we should be sympathetic and share their sorrow. Some of these occasions are a test of our friendship. It doesn't take long to smile and pause to help someone else. It might lift the spirits of a person in need on the highway of life.

It was sleeting overhead and slushy underfoot. People hurried along Forty-second Street in New York with their coat collars up about their ears, hardly glancing at a passer-by. A young Negro, carrying a heavy bag in one hand and a huge suitcase in the other, hurried toward Grand Central Station, slipping and skidding as he went. Suddenly a hand reached out and took the bag, while a pleasant voice said, "Let me take one, brother! Bad weather to have to carry things."

The Negro was reluctant, but the young white man insisted, "I'm going your way." All the way to the station they chatted like two old buddies. Years later, Booker T. Washington said, "That was my introduction to Theodore Roosevelt."

It is the sharing of our joys and sorrows that makes life worth while for most of us. Someone has said it very well in this poem on the **Joy of Living**:

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered,
 And nobody helped us along—
If each, every minute, looked after himself,
 And the good things all went to the strong,
If nobody cared just a little for you,
 And nobody cared for me,
And we all stood alone in the battle of life,
 What a dreary old world it would be.

Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made
 And the things which in common we share.
We want to live on, not because of ourselves,
 But because of the people who care.
It's giving and doing for somebody else—
 On that, all of life's splendor depends.
And the joy of this world, when we've summed it all up
 Is found in the making of friends.

Author Unknown

Work Together Happily

Romans 12:16 says, **Have equal regard for one another. Do not be haughty, but go about with humble folks. Do not keep thinking how wise you are** (N.E.B.). Someone has said that this means to work happily together with each other. Don't try to act big and be snobbish to others. Take a real interest in ordinary people. Don't get set in your own opinions and become conceited. The R.S.V. says to live in harmony with one another. This means unity or agreement in actions and feelings. Your Sisterhood work would move forward more easily if everyone agreed on a method of action and then went to work eagerly to get things done. That would bring **harmony** of purpose and will. As our author has suggested, it is conceit, high-mindedness and jealousy that keeps us from doing our best for God. In very simple terms, these sentences are talking about PRIDE. Some girls call it being "stuck on yourself" or having an exalted opinion of how important you are. You can never make friends if you have such an attitude towards life and others. We should not be ashamed to associate with girls because they have poor clothes and little wealth. Rather we should be kind to them and help in every way possible.

Proverbs 16:18 tells us that **Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.** Anyone who is conceited and has an excessively fine opinion of herself is apt to come to trouble. Some people are too proud to do the ordinary things of life with common people. They think that they live on a higher level than their neighbors.

George Washington was known for his humility and lack of self-importance. One day he came across a group of soldiers working very hard at lifting a military machine. An overbearing little officer was giving orders in a most commanding style. Washington, seeing the immense task of the men, dismounted from his horse, and lent a helping hand as he perspired freely. Finally, the weight raised. Washington turned to the officer and asked why he had not helped. The man replied, "Don't you know I'm the corporal?" "Ah well," said Washington, "next time your men are raising so heavy a weight, send for your Commander in Chief." Then he rode away leaving the corporal dumbfounded. None of us should think ourselves too big for the lowly tasks of life.

Truly we ought to work together happily as our verses suggest. There is a clever poem about **Pulling Together** that I would like to share with you:

Two tough old mules—say, get this dope—
 Were tied together with a piece of rope;
Said one to the other, "You come MY way,
 While I take a nibble of that new mown hay."
"I won't," said the other, "You come with ME,
 I have some hay, over this way, you see."
So they got nowhere, just pawed the dirt,
 Pulling each way, how that rope did hurt.
Then faced they about, those stubborn mules,
 And said, "We're acting just like human fools!"
"Let's pull together, I'll go your way,
 Then you come with me and we'll BOTH eat hay."
So they ate their hay and like it, too.
 And said, "Let's be comrades, good and true!"
As the sun went down they were heard to bray,
 "Ah, this is the end of a perfect day!"

I am sure that you can see from these verses how much happier we would be if we followed Paul's advice to 1.) pray for your enemies, 2). be sympathetic to others and 3.) work together happily. God is very concerned about the kind of a life that His children live from day to day. He wants us to be good servants for Him here in this world. Other girls are looking to you and watching what you say and do. Sometimes they come to know God through you and how you live for Him. Can others see Jesus in YOU???

TOPIC:

GOD'S GIFT — THE BIBLE

by MISS ALICE OBURN

AS WE HAVE been thinking of God's gifts to us this year we will consider another of His gifts to us, The Bible, His Holy Word. In the Scriptures there has been much said about gifts. In early Hebrew times it was felt that when a gift was received it required a gift in return. They always felt that the refusal of a gift was a great insult. As we look at the teachings in the New Testament concerning giving we see that the gifts are to be given without thought of reward. The gift is free to all who will believe and receive it.

The Bible which God has given us is the inspired writing of both the Old and New Testament. *All scripture is given by the inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness* (II Timothy 3:16).

In the Bible we find all the things God would have us know concerning Himself. He also includes laws for all mankind. Herein revealed is the whole will of God (which is necessary for us to know) for our salvation. He has included each of us and has filled the Scriptures with power for converting the soul. This will bring honor and glory to God.

God has filled the Bible with His infinite wisdom. This wisdom is far above all the wisdom of this world, for he is the source of all wisdom. In Him through His Word we find the truth, wisdom, and understandings we need. Through this wisdom we are instructed in our daily lives. He sees and knows the things to come and gently leads if we will but follow Him.

Although God had no thought of reward when He gave this gift we certainly must show our great appreciation for this wonderful gift. We would not allow a gift from an earthly friend to go without our acknowledgment. Upon reception of a gift we respond with a sincere thank you whether it be verbal or written. We must also be thankful to God for His gifts. How can we show our appreciation for this precious gift, the Bible? To the church in Colosse, Paul sets forth this rule for Christian living, *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord* (Colossians 3:16). Is the word of God dwelling in you?

One of the best ways to show an earthly friend that we truly appreciate a gift is to use it. What better way could there be to show appreciation for the Bible than to use it and cherish it?

Let's think now of some ways we can use God's Word. We think of another of Paul's exhortations, this time to young Timothy he says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God." In His Word, God has given us instructions for living. With great eagerness we should study His Word and seek to find there His will revealed. Then we should use His Word as a lamp to our feet. No matter how often you use this precious gift it will not wear out, instead it will only grow sweeter.

Have you ever had the experience of losing a cherished gift? Undoubtedly you were very anxious to find it and you were not willing to give up until this particular gift was found again. If we would practice the second use of the Bible which I am going to suggest, we would not have to worry about losing it.

If you will learn His Word and hide it in your hearts, then you would not need to worry about losing it or having someone take it from you. After you have portions of God's Word in your heart you will find them a great blessing to you throughout the day at times when it is not convenient to sit down and read it. God continually blesses us through His Word.

Since God is constantly blessing us we should be willing to share these blessings with others. I cannot imagine that anyone of you would receive a gift and not tell someone about it. Most likely you do not stop at telling one person but you show it to everyone you meet and tell them about it. If the gift happens to be edible you might offer to share it with your friends until it runs out. Are you eager to share God's gifts?

How many people have you told about God's Word and the treasures and precious promises it holds? Could it be that your friend doesn't know the salvation which is offered through Christ in God's Word? This is where the third way of showing appreciation comes in. It is your responsibility to tell others. In telling others you do not need to worry about running out for there is enough for everyone. You do not need to be afraid that the message you are sharing might grow old or stale. You have, in God's Word, the grandest story that never grows old. Girls, one of the greatest gifts you could introduce to your friends is God's Word. Tell them that Christ came into the world to save sinners and does not desire that any should perish. Be sure you show your appreciation by telling others.

The story is told of a little girl who loved her Bible so much that during a time when the Christians in her community were being persecuted and their homes were being burned in an attempt to destroy all the Bibles, she risked her life to save her copy of the Bible. The Bible, God's gift was very precious to her and she was thankful for it.

How many Sisterhood girls today are truly thankful to God for the Bible? Do you study it, hide it in your heart, tell others about it, and willingly risk your life for it if *ne*cessary?

Let us have praise on our lips at all times for God's unlimited, continual blessings to us.

Signal Lights Program for June

Prepared by Mrs. Alberta Holsinger

Bible Theme: "STORIES JESUS TOLD"

Project: A TRACTOR FOR EDEN

Call to Worship:

To our Father in heav'n we sing;
To Him our prayers we bring.
We know He is in this place
Tho' we cannot see His dear face.

Sing:

"Oh, Be Careful"
"This Is My Father's World"

Bible Story:

A Forgiving Father

Once there was a man who had two sons. The younger son grew tired of living at home and doing what his father wanted him to do, so he said to his father, "Father, give me my share of your wealth now while I am young and can enjoy it."

His father knew the young man was restless and unhappy, and he was afraid his son would spend the money unwisely, but he gave both sons their share of his money. Soon afterwards the youngest son took his money and went far away to live.

"At last I can do just as I please," he thought. He spent his money foolishly on anything he wanted for himself. He didn't bother to work, but did just as he wanted to do. Finally his money was all gone. He had to sell some of his fine clothes to buy food, and when he had nothing more to sell he became hungry. He looked for work to do, but work was hard to find, and finally, he had to take care of pigs for a farmer in order to get anything to eat. It was not pleasant work. The work was dirty, his clothes were ragged, he had very little food to eat, and he did not even have a good place to sleep.

One day as the boy was caring for the pigs he thought of his home. He was lonely for his father. He thought of the nice home he had, and realized how foolish he had been. "Even my father's servants have better clothes than I have. They have enough to eat and good beds to sleep on. I shall go home," he decided. "I cannot ask my father to take me back as his son after the way I have acted, but maybe he will hire me as a servant."

Early the next morning the boy started off for his home. When he was still a long way off his father saw him coming and came running to meet him. His father had been lonely, too. He had missed the son he loved and worried about him. His father kissed the young man.

"Father, I have been foolish," the young man said. "I have not lived the way you taught me to live, I have spent all my money, and I am not worthy to be called your son."

But his father called to the servants, "Bring the best robe for my son, and bring a ring for his finger and shoes for his feet. Then prepare a good meal and we shall have a party to celebrate. My son has come home again."

Jesus taught that God is like that father, ready to forgive us when we have broken His laws, and loving us all the time.

(If time permits, the children will enjoy playing this story.)

—Based on Luke 15:11-24

Hymn of the Month:

"Jesus Loves Even Me"

I am so glad that our Father in heav'n
Tells of His love in the Book He has giv'n,
Wonderful things in the Bible I see;
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

Chorus:
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves me, Jesus love me!
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves even me!

Tho' I forget Him and wander away,
Still He doth love me wherever I stray.
Back to His dear loving arms would I flee
When I remember that Jesus loves me.

Some of the Signal Lights may know this hymn, but they will enjoy relearning it with the group. Notice that the second verse reminds us of our Bible story. Discuss the words. Listen to the music. Then sing together, "Jesus Loves Even Me."

Mission Story:

A Sad-Glad Day

One day in Victoria, Argentina, a man whom we'll call Mr. Antoni was walking down the street. Many things had made him sad. He was thinking, "Is there really a God? Does He love me? Why have all these things happened to me?"

As he walked thinking his sad thoughts, he noticed what looked like part of a small book on the sidewalk. It was torn and dirty. He picked it up and shook the loose dirt from it. He began leafing through it.

"Why this is part of a Bible!" said Mr. Antoni to himself.

He took it home with him and began reading it. "This book tells me there truly is a God," Mr. Antoni told his family one day. "He loves me. He loves each of you. I want to learn more about Him."

Mr. Antoni knew there was a Brethren Church in the city. He had heard this church taught the true way of God. He wrote a note to the minister. He asked the minister to come and tell him more about the Christian way of life.

When the minister arrived he found with Mr. Antoni a large group of his family and neighbors. They listened eagerly as the minister told them of Jesus.

"I want to follow Jesus," said Mr. Antoni. Later he was baptized and became a member of the church.

Mr. Antoni now knows the day he was so sad was really the best day

of his life. The dirty, torn pages he found were part of the best Book ever written. Mr. Antoni is a good Christian. He is telling others about God and His love for all of us.

Friendship Circle of Prayer:

Let us thank God for our missionaries and ministers in Argentina and Nigeria. Let us ask God to show us ways we can help them to tell people of Jesus.

Business:

1. Roll Call. Tell what you did without this month.
2. Talk about our motto: Christ first; others second; self last.
3. Plan a picnic for next month.
4. Remember, next month will be the last time we will bring an offering for this year's project.
5. How is the flower garden you planted last month? Appoint a new committee to take care of it this month.
6. A birthday to remember: Marla Bowers will be five years old, July 11.

Activity:

Leaf and Twig Picture

Take the Signal Lights for a walk. Ask each one to collect small leaves and twigs.

When you return to the church give each child a piece of construction paper. Have them glue the things they collected onto the paper in such a way that it will make a picture of today's Bible story.

The leaves can be used for heads and bodies. The twigs can be legs and arms.

Ask each child to take his picture home to show it to his family and tell them the story.

Signal Lights Benediction

ISRAEL'S RESTORATION to her HOMELAND

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

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THE EYES of the faithful Israelite has ever been turned to the land of God's promise. The covenant which God made with Abraham provided a continuing seed sealed with the sign of the circumcision and a homeland given in perpetuity. God promised it saying, *Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates* (Gen. 15:18—ASV). Paul traced the seed for the church of Galatia, *He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ* (Gal. 3:16—ASV). Paul leaped forty-two generations of seeds from Abraham to Christ the Seed. The promise carried the title deed to the land through each of the generations until it fell on the last of the royal line. Jesus is the final custodian of the title deeds, for *Him did God exalt at his right hand to be Prince and a Saviour . . .* (Acts 5:31a—ASV). The Romans, the Moslems, the Turks—none of them ever owned the land. It has belonged to Israel since Abraham, and the Incarnate Son, the Prince, holds in escrow, the legal papers.

Jehovah God had made His conditions of possession and prescribed the penalties for default. When Israel failed in her obligations, she was scattered to the far reaches of the earth. Man may not be able to trace his whereabouts, but God knows every individual of every generation. When the hour of destiny strikes on God's timeclock, the hand of deity will reach out, *For lo, the days come, saith Jehovah, and I will turn again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it* (Jer. 30:3—ASV). *And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David . . . and my servant David prince among them; I, Jehovah have spoken it* (Ezek. 34:23, 24—ASV). To Mary, Gabriel said, *Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus . . . and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever . . .* (Luke 1:31-33a—ASV).

What prospect for Israel to have her land again, all of it from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates. She was finally scattered in 70 A.D. The land was trodden down by Roman, Arab and Turk and held in mandate, until 1948, but it always belonged to Israel. In 1948, the Jewish people who had gathered in Palestine during the half century before, declared their statehood, raised the national flag and blew the ancient ram's horn. Israel again became a recognized nation in the national families of the world.

The troublesome question now stands forth as to whether this return and national goal is God's call and fulfillment of His promise, or if it is a man directed movement. Ezekiel had said as directed regarding the land, *I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown; and I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it* (Ezek. 36:9b, 10a—ASV). If the Israel of today is in the plan of God, then it is a continuing plan progressing toward complete fulfillment when Israel shall occupy all of the land of promise from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates, from Elath on the gulf to the borders of the Orantes on the north.

Moreover, God informed the people that when the time is ripe He will gather all Israel. Many living today in good climes and prosperous state refuse to leave the luxury and ease for the rigors of rebuilding. When Jehovah's time is ripe, they will go, for He will draw them with irresistable power. Then the Holy City will not be divided as today, with the most of the holy places in Arab hands. It shall again be the city of David.

However, the Israel of the holy land in this Christian year 1965 is achieving remarkable things in Palestine. The parts it has had time and means to work is truly blooming and productive through forestation, fertilization, and irrigation.

The Brethren Layman

The Laymen's Meeting

Program for June, 1965

James E. Norris

Topic:

"Buy up the Opportunity, because the Days are Evil"

Topic: Buy up the Opportunity, Because the Days are Evil (Refer to Eph. 5:16)

Devotional Reading: Ecclesiastes 12

Food for thought: Along with my Bible, I have a book before me, written about the turn of the century, titled "A True Estimate of Life" by G. Campbell Morgan. In it there is a chapter "Redeeming The Time," and it is so timely you would hardly realize it was written over sixty years ago. Much of our thoughts for our lesson comes from that book. "We are a heavenly people sojourning upon the earth; and, therefore, through us, the light of the heavenly is to fall upon the earthly. Now with that thought in mind, remembering that we are a heavenly people called to vocation in the heavens, how are we to act upon the earth?" Paul says, "I beseech you to walk worthy of your vocation . . . Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise, **buying** up the opportunity, because the days are evil."

In the day of St. Paul, Ephesus was a prosperous city. Business was good, money plentiful, the great temple had become their banking house. Merchants poured their wealth into the temple for safe custody. Men were perfectly satisfied with themselves just as men **are** today. But these days were evil to the men who had turned their backs on idol worship, because their calling was a heavenly calling.

1. In what sense are the days we live in evil days?

"The world is perfectly satisfied, in a sense. Because of prosperity we are being told there never were better days. Production is up and this is a day of advancement and enlightenment." This sense of security may lead to our downfall. History proves that prosperity in material wealth caused moral decay. The Christian encounters evil days because he is constantly dealing with evil men. "You have ungodliness which is educated, cultured, refined, and accomplished, but it is still ungodliness." These are evil days because it is hard to develop Christian character in such an atmosphere.

2. This is the age of progress.

"The age of rush, movement and effort—the old sacred art of contemplation and meditation is almost dead—yet all the rush and restlessness of the age that have crept into the church of Jesus Christ, mark these days as **evil days.** The general atmosphere in which we are surrounded is against the government of God. The most terrible thing is this, that while men are against the government of God they are praying, 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done'." The author over sixty years ago called this the most terrible blasphemy of the age.

3. Buy up the opportunity.

The fact that these are evil days is one which creates many opportunities for us as God's representatives.

Every ungodly man or woman you do business with is an opportunity you may buy up for God.

"The unrest of the present age is a glorious opportunity for manifesting the quietness and calmness of the secret place of the most high." It is a blessed experience to have men and women around you who have learned the secret of quietness.

4. What is the solution of the whole matter?

Let us conclude with these words from the "preacher" in Ecclesiastes 12:1. **Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.** The preacher, experienced King Solomon, who had tasted good and bad, saying give your heart to the Lord before the evil days come. **Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher, all is vanity** (v. 8). After tasting all the worldly pleasure he concludes with this statement in verse 13. **Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**

Boys' Brotherhood Study Article —

"But the Fruit of the Spirit is . . . GENTLENESS"

(Galatians 5:22)

by REV. C. Y. GILMER

THE HOLY GHOST came down on our Savior after His baptism, not in the shape of a vulture, but in the form of a dove (Luke 3:22). To have the fruit of the Spirit is to have "gentleness" as one of nine in a cluster (Gal. 5:22, 23). Thus it becomes a Christain to have a constant gentleness and sympathy as our compassionate Savior had for the noblest interests of mankind. In exhorting the Corinthians, Paul besought them "by the meekness and gentleness of Christ" (II Cor. 10:1). Paul himself sought to be gentle among believers, "even as a nurse" (I Thess. 2:7). He told Timothy that "the servant of the Lord must be gentle" (II Tim. 2:24). Titus was directed by Paul to teach his parishioners to be "gentle, showing all meekness unto all men" (Titus 3:2).

The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy (James 3:17). True gentleness is God given. In reflection on our own failings and wants, and from just views of the condition and duty of man, we ask God for wisdom in dealing with others (Gal. 6:1; James 1:5). Gentleness scarcely ever fails in dealing with others. But violence frustrates its own purpose. Under Holy Spirit control we are careful to speak in a mild, tender, kind and loving way. Even when we have occasion to rebuke, we are careful to do it with manifest kindness. Shakespeare said, "What thou wilt, thou rather shalt enforce it with thy smile, than hew it with thy sword." The human mind resists rigor, but yields to gentleness. "Better make penitents by gentleness than hypocrites by severity."

A Christian is God Almighty's gentleman. The counterfeit gentleman is the devil's christian. The real gentleman is gentle in everything—in conduct, disposition, aims and desires. He is mild, calm, quiet, even, temperate—not hasty in judgment, not selfish in ambition, not overbearing, not proud, not greedy, not oppressive; for these things are contrary to gentleness. Since men do not think to look to God for gentleness, a gentleman is rather rare. Who can point out many men whose aims are generous, whose truth is constant and elevated; who can look the world honestly in the face, with an equal manly sympathy for the great and small? Christianity is the most gentlemanly thing in the world. It alone can gentilize. Gentleness corrects whatever is offensive in our manners. The mildest manners come from the gentlest heart. Gentleness more than force will move others to gentleness. The human heart softens by instances of gentleness and consideration.

The gentleman is a Christian product. He is congenial and courteous, polite and respectful (Rom. 12:10). He is gentle that does gentle deeds. Our gentle Savior "went about doing good" (Acts 10:38). "The gentle mind by gentle deeds is known." Christ is the perfect model for gentleness. His gentleness is known for its simplicity. Like Him, those who teach the young do it with gentle means and easy tasks. It takes more than good clothes to make a gentleman. Clothes are not good habits. A gentleman's qualities depend, not upon fashion or manners, but upon moral and spiritual worth; not on personal possessions but on spiritual qualities. The Psalmist describes him as one "that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart." He feels rightly in all directions on all occasions, and desires to express only so much of his feelings as it is right to express. His gentility is not for sale—it belongs to virtue.

Gentleness is not the spirit of cowards. The dignity of Christ in a man gives him wisdom and valor. As we have already intimated, gentleness has power to do where violence fails to accomplish. Violent gestures or quick movements inspire involuntary disrespect. Calmness best enforces right commands. The power of gentleness is irresistible. Gentleness is most persuasive. Gentleness is fearless. Gentleness is great in the calm, but greater still when dashed by an adverse tide. Nothing can disgrace a true gentleman!

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from the Woman's Outlook

A Letter from - - -

MRS. JOHN ROWSEY

Missionary in South America

Dear W. M. S. ladies:

The month of March finds us here in Buenos Aires with crisp fall air, the children back in school, and chrysanthemums ready to bloom.

If you were to drop in to visit me now, we would be enjoying a cup of coffee, as I have just finished hanging up the washing. My, but I would certainly love to see your faces again and get "caught up" with all the news! Some of you are very good at keeping us "caught up" with the news back home and we appreciate the many hundreds of letters we receive. Yes, I said hundreds, because hardly a day goes by that we don't receive a W.M.S. or Sisterhood letter.

I feel we are very fortunate to have news from so many different churches, and with just the personal touch that makes it so interesting. You ladies are to be commended for your letter writing.

Some of them begin like this: "Greetings from the W.M.S. at . . ." Some like this: "Although I do not know you now I hope to be able to know you sometime, but I know you love the Lord and so do I, so we do have something in common." Your letters go on to express appreciation for your pastors, results of evangelistic campaigns and visitation programs, and even include a "We'll be happy to have you come visit our new church when you get home." We also enjoy hearing about the snow storms, when we are having a sweltering heat; the winter wheat and your garden; your health; and your concern for spiritual things. But most of all we are thankful for your prayers.

During January we spent ten days at Young People's Camp in Cordoba. A fine spirit prevailed among the campers and it was a time of spiritual refreshment. One question asked by one of our speakers was: "Have you been in a prayer meeting during the last month where you asked God for nothing?" Of course, not one person could say he had. The following day for morning devotions, John led the campers in one such prayer meeting. After reading Psalm 145, we reminded them that they were to ask for nothing, but only thank and praise the Lord. Everyone prayed. The result was a new insight into the power of the Holy Spirit. Why don't you try this for your personal devotions or the next time you have to lead prayer meeting? Read any of the last seven psalms. Learn David's secret of praising. Find other psalms of praise. Psalm 107 is another. Make these praises yours, and let these praises be continually in your heart and on your lips.

We have a very good reason to rejoice with the arrival of the Curtises. Bill and Fran are adjusting very well and already have added so much to the recording studio and the local church at Nunez.

During February all of the five missionary families got together at Eden. We spent a good part of the day talking over problems in the church and how we can best serve, and the hopes and dreams we have for the Argentine Church. Jane Byler read us a recent letter from Bea Bischof and requested intercessory prayer. Our hearts were blessed.

The Solomons received their car near the end of February, and at our invitation came to Buenos Aires for a badly needed vacation. We had a nice visit and lots of fellowship. Here I would like to say that little Margaret Solomon is as sweet as she can be and we didn't know there was a baby in the house.

Today the Aspinalls are moving into their newly acquired home in Rosario. We are looking forward to seeing them soon.

In the near future the Radio Chorus will begin rehearsals. I find it a real satisfaction to be part of such a group. Soon we will have to move, as the Fasig family will be arriving, so we will have a lot to keep us busy. Thanks again for your many lovely letters.

In Christian love,
Regina Rowsey

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Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

TEACHER TIPS ON ASSIGNMENTS

ARE YOU having trouble in getting pupil response? Perhaps the fault lies in the fact that you as the teacher are giving such a little bit of thought to making an assignment to your class.

Time to think through the new assignment is often the most neglected phase of the entire class period.

At least five minutes of the class period should be used in planning next Sunday's lesson. A little homework for each member, suited in his natural interest is ideal.

If it is assumed that the answers to all the questions lie in the teacher's mind, there is little need for detailed assignments. But if they are to be found in books, in pupil's experiences, careful planning is a must. It should be remembered that a "telling" teacher is often a poor teacher.

The assignment is the key to pupil study, which in turn is the key to the successful class session. The teacher, and the way you make the assignment may well be the lock or the key to both.

from The Promoter

New Filmstrip Available

A new filmstrip of special interest to Sunday school workers has recently been added to the Filmstrip Library of the National Sunday School Board. This filmstrip may be rented from the Sunday School Office, Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio for 50 cents. It is particularly suited for use in Sunday school teachers' meetings or workers' conferences. The filmstrip is described below.

Evangelism First—Through Teaching—50 frames, color photos, record and manual.

As the title suggests, the filmstrip pertains especially to teachers and leaders in the Sunday school. The filmstrip, by tracing the story of one teacher and her successful efforts to lead a pupil to Christ, shows the evangelistic opportunities and responsibilities of every individual teacher within the Sunday school.

World Religious News in Review

IT'S ILLEGAL— WITNESS'S TRANSFUSION

CHICAGO (EP)—A court's order that a Jehovah's Witness be given a blood transfusion to save her life constituted an illegal invasion of religious rights, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled here.

It supported the constitutional rights of Witnesses to believe that transfusions "violate the law of God" and "will be punished by God."

Therefore, the court said, Mrs. Bernice Brooks of Cicero, Ill., should not have received a transfusion against her will, even if permission was granted by the Cook County Circuit Court after doctors had warned it was necessary to save her life.

Doctors had requested legal permission for the transfusion on the grounds that Mrs. Brooks, who had a bleeding ulcer, would have died within twenty-four hours if blood was not given.

The transfusion was given to the patient at MacNeil Memorial Hospital in Berwyn and she eventually recovered.

'HONEST TO GOD' SEQUEL STIRS NEW CONTROVERSY

LONDON (EP)—A controversy which may spread to the United States soon is building up in Britain over a new book written by an Anglican bishop, which questions the future of the church and Christianity.

The author is Dr. John Robinson, Bishop of Woolwich, whose sensational book, *Honest To God,* reportedly shook the Church of England "to its foundations" two years ago. His latest book—*The New Reformation?*—carries a stage further the great religious debate initiated by *Honest To God.*

One Church of England writer has condemned the bishop for expressing "provocative exaggerations," said he is guilty of "vulgar concern with novelty," and charged that far from being challenging and courageous he is, in fact, hesitant and timid. Another writer recently speculated whether Bishop Robinson or any fellow bishop could be "relieved of his episcopal responsibilities" for expressing unorthodox views.

The New Reformation? published here by the SCM Press Ltd., will be published in the U. S. by Westminster Press of Philadelphia. In it, Dr. Robinson declares that increasing numbers do not accept the Gospel as preached today because it evokes no sense of "good news."

ANTI-OBSCENITY LAW ILLEGAL, RULES PA. JUDGE

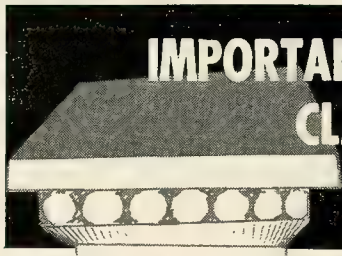
HARRISBURG, PA. (EP)—Pennsylvania's anti-obscenity law has been held unconstitutional by a local judge in Philadelphia who ruled that county district attorneys cannot act as censors for the public.

Judge Earl Chudoff ordered return of films seized from Philadelphia "adult" movie houses, and indictments against the operators were quashed.

He said that "we ought not to allow any administrative agency, no matter how subtly or how admirably it performs its intentions, to become the censor of the Philadelphia citizenry."

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NOTES and COMMENTS

"The Holy Kiss"

ON PAGE 14 of this issue of *The Brethren Evangelist* you will find an article written by Rev. Jerry Flora entitled: "The Holy Kiss." This is the fourth in a series of articles on distinctive Brethren beliefs as found in the New Testament.

Rev. Flora is the pastor of the First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C., having moved there following a successful pastorate in New Paris, Indiana. He is a graduate of Ashland College, Ashland Theological Seminary and the Fuller Bible Seminary of Pasadena, California.

Be sure to read this article.

The next article in the series will be "Trine Immersion" by Rev. Henry Bates.

Report on Miss Margaret Lowery

Margaret Lowery left the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, to return to Krypton for a lengthy convalescent period. Remember her in your prayers as she patiently waits for her body to mend completely.

Future Mailings to the Bischofs

From this date on no regular mail should be sent to Bob and Bea Bischof in Nigeria and no airmail should be sent to them there after June 1. Kindly direct your correspondence for them to the Missionary Board office.



There is no burden of the spirit but is lightened by kneeling under it.

Our Cover

To "baptize" is an important phase of "Our Mission"—the Brethren Youth Week theme. Cover done by Mrs. John Vance.

the editor's editorial

Conference Time

IT REALLY DOESN'T seem possible, but it is true, District Conference for most districts and General Conference time is upon us again! You will find on pages 22 and 23 of this issue of **The Brethren Evangelist** a list, along with the photos, of four of the guest speakers for General Conference. With these men as our speakers, General Conference promises to be one of the best ever held in our denomination! The format of the program has been changed considerably in order to give to us more emphasis on the spiritual. Inspiration seems to be the keynote for the entire program.

Besides the inspiration received at General Conference, there are two other elements found during the week essential to our denomination. They are fellowship and business. Many of our churches have the idea that because of our church government in that each local church makes its own decisions, etc., it is not necessary to worry about conference business. Many feel that business conducted during conference only applies to the local church when they want it to apply. To be sure, the local church is an entity within itself, but at the same time we must remember that there must be a semblance of denominational organization in order that there will be unity in our congregations. The business of every business session of General Conference affects each local church. Therefore, representatives from each local church should be present to participate in the business at hand.

The decry is that many of our people do not understand the workings of the Missionary Board, of Brethren Youth, of the Publications Board, of the Sunday School Board, of Central Council, of the College and Seminary, of the W.M.S., Laymen, and on down the list. The reason is obvious, of course, either delegates are not sent, or if they are sent, many of them skip the business sessions! A Brethren Church that is going forward is a Brethren Church that is informed! Delegates cannot possibly attend all sessions of General Conference faithfully and not go home enthused about the Brethren Church and her purpose. At the same time this enthusiasm will spread among the others and there will be a better understanding of the work of the church. It should be the policy of each local church that each delegate be instructed to attend every business session of the conference! In so doing, the local church will be better informed as to the organization of the Brethren denomination.

The Brethren Church has the distinction of being a church of fellowship. Our people are drawn together by the cords of Christian love. This fellowship reaches its peak during General Conference. No person can attend conference for the entire week without sensing this fellowship. It is impossible to feel this oneness when only a few sessions are attended; to really appreciate this fellowship, the individual must attend the entire week.

This sense of really belonging is brought about by several means. The day is begun with sessions expressly for the laymen, the ladies, the sisterhood girls, the brotherhood boys and for the ministers. Each person is in his own group of interest, where it is easy to become acquainted with the others who are present. Besides this, all during the week there are special sessions for the groups.

When these sessions are finished in the morning, all then attend the regular sessions of conference at the Chapel. Again, this fellowship is heightened as we worship together in a sense of being "in one accord."

To be better informed about the Brethren Church, attend both your district conference and General Conference! The conference programs for the Indiana, Ohio, Southeastern and Pennsylvania Districts will soon appear in **The Brethren Evangelist**, study the program of your district and then attend. When the complete program of the General Conference sessions appear in the magazine, study it carefully and make your plans to attend!

By-the-way, General Conference dates are **August 16 - 22.** We will see you then! S.G.

news ... from the Brethren

Chandon, Va. Rev. Richard Kuns reports that four persons were recently baptized and received into membership of the church. The service of baptism was conducted at the First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C.

Mt. Olive, Va. Sunday, May 23, was a very special day in the history of the church in that Alvin Shifflett was ordained to the Christian ministry. Rev. Charles Munson and Rev. George Solomon were the guest ministers.

Also, according to Rev. John F. Locke, six persons were recently baptized and received into the fellowship of the church.

Meyersdale, Pa. Rev. Robert Hoffman reports that the church extended him a call for another year, this call was accepted. Also, five persons were received into membership of the church during the month of April. Twin girls were baptized and three adults were received by church letter.

Washington, D. C. Rev. Jerry Flora reports that five young people were baptized and received into the membership of the church on Sunday evening, March 28.

New Lebanon, Ohio. Rev. Donald Rowser reports that during the Easter season twenty decisions were made for Christ. Sixteen persons were recently baptized and received into fellowship of the church; one person was received by transfer of letter.

Roanoke, Ind. Miss Jane Zent, Church Secretary, reports that Rev. Gilbert Dodds has resigned as pastor effective in July, and will be moving back to Wheaton, Ill., where he has accepted a position with the Wheaton Academy.

Cerro Gordo, Ill. On Sunday, April 25, five persons were received into membership of the church, according to Rev. Elmer Keck, pastor.

Manteca, Calif. Rev. Alvin Grumbling in his letter of May 5, reports that negotiations have been completed for the purchase of some two and one-half acres of land for the building of a new church. It is hoped that the church will be able to relocate on this new property within a few years.

Pastor Needed

The First Brethren Church of Roanoke, Indiana, will be in need of a pastor soon after the middle of July.

Anyone interested is to contact Miss Jane Zent, Church Secretary, Roanoke, Indiana.

"Every word you now speak to excuse yourself for your lack of interest in missions will be a load on your heart when Jesus comes."

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for May 30, 1965
"YOU ARE THE MAN"
Text: II Samuel 12:1-10

"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

IF SIN is raging out of control in the world today, if America is accepting every kind of wickedness as the normal way of life, and if the voices that cry out against it become fewer and fewer, it is because those who should have known better nursed the lusts of their own flesh in the secret of their own hearts until they have become full-grown sin. Sin in the long run leads to death and no man is too big to escape this judgment, not even a king.

David had made every effort to hide his sin but reckoned without God. His first sin of adultery was followed by murder. Through the prophet Nathan, God brought David's sin vividly before him. Nathan's parable "fastens on the essential guilt of David's sin, not its sensuality nor its impurity, so much as its meanness and selfishness"—A P. Stanley.

"David renders an immediate verdict on such a deed as Nathan has narrated; that the man who did this is worthy of death, and must restore fourfold what he has stolen. Note particularly David's phrase, 'Because he had no pity.' In other words, David was not a hardhearted man. He did have a compassion for the poor and the mistreated. Sin had not hardened him to that extent"—Peloubet's.

If you consider much of the sin, the wickedness of people, most, if not all, can be traced back to selfishness and lack of consideration for those against whom we did the wrong.

The difference between a man of God and an ungodly man is that the godly man is aroused in conscience; repentant in spirit. The ungodly try to justify their actions, defend themselves or become violent toward the accusers. Their hearts are hard in sin.

Sin carries with it certain consequences some of which God, himself, will not stop. Though David repented and was forgiven by God, his sin brought trouble within his household and his kingdom. David pronounced his own sentence of death and fourfold repayment of the wrong. As if in answer to his own words, David suffered many times over for his wrong.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from the Letters of Paul

Memory Scripture for the month—Ephesians 6:1

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

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SUNDAY, MAY 30, 1965

Read Scripture: Romans 1:13-17

Not Ashamed

A group of boys was walking by the Keller's house.

"Look!" exclaimed one. "There's a monkey in that cage in the yard!"

The boys crowded around Jocko's cage. They were talking and making lots of noise. Jocko huddled in the back of the cage and covered his face with his hands.

Queenie came running around the house barking.

"Look at the funny dog," said a boy. "She thinks she can chase us away."

"She's a funny one alright," agreed another boy. "I wouldn't want a dog like that. Wonder whose dog she is?"

"She's my dog," declared Gary coming out of the house. "We don't think she's funny. She's a good pet."

Gary walked over to Queenie. He stooped down to pet her.

"Is that monkey yours?" asked one of the boys.

"No," replied Gary. "I'm taking care of him for Mr. Long."

The boys walked on saying, "That monkey would be a keen pet! But what a funny dog!"

"Never mind, Queenie," said Gary. "I know you're a good pet and I love you."

Sometimes people who do not love Jesus laugh when they know we do. This should not keep us from telling others we love Him. Just as Gary proudly told the boys Queenie was his dog, so should we gladly admit that Jesus is our Savior.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Jesus. May I never be ashamed to tell others I love and serve Him. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 31, 1965

Read Scripture: Romans 5:6-8

Queenie Saves Jocko

Linda was looking out the window. "Jocko, come back!" she screamed.

The little monkey was starting across the busy street. Queenie saw him. She ran to him, grabbed him by the jacket and pulled him back.

Linda and Gary ran to the curb.

"Josko, you're a naughty monkey," scolded Gary. He picked the little animal up and carried him back to his cage.

"Oh, Queenie," said Linda hugging the dog, "you might have been hurt yourself. How good of you to save Jocko even though you might have been killed!"

The Bible tells us that God did not wait for us to be good. He sent Jesus while we were still sinners.

If Queenie had waited until Jocko was good to go to him, it would have been too late. She went to help him while he was still naughty.

God knew while we were still bad we needed our Savior. And Jesus came. Is He your Savior?

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for coming to save me. Thank You for coming while I was still a sinner. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1965

Read Scripture: Romans 7:18, 19

Why Don't I?

Gary was sitting on the back step when Dad came home. His elbows were on his knees with his chin resting in his hands.

"Hello, there, Son," said Dad. "You look troubled. What's wrong?"

"I'm disgusted with myself," answered Gary.

"Why?" wondered Dad.

"I didn't ask the new boy down the street to go to church with me Sunday," said Gary. "I didn't cut the grass for you yesterday. I didn't come right home from school today to watch Betsy so Mom could go downtown. I knew I should do these things. But I didn't do them. What's wrong with me?"

"You're just like all of us," said Dad as he sat down on the step beside Gary. "Even St. Paul said, 'the good I would I do not.' It just means we need to try harder to do the things we know are right. Jesus will guide us and if we ask Him, He will forgive us when we do wrong. I've felt like you do many times, Gary. Then I've asked God to help me to try harder to follow Jesus."

Prayer:

Dear God, many times I do not do the things I know I should. Forgive me, please. Help me to follow Jesus better. In His name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1965

Read Scripture: Romans 8:28-31

For Good

"It's raining," sighed Linda. "Now we can't have our picnic this evening."

"The farmers need this rain," said Mom. "There will be other nice evenings when we can have a picnic."

A short time later Gary exclaimed, "Look whose coming! It's the Rogers."

Their friends from out of town came onto the porch.

"What a nice surprise!" declared Dad.

"Indeed it is!" agreed Mom. "You're just in time to have an indoor picnic with us."

After supper the grownups talked while the children played.

"I just thought of something," said Linda.

"What's that?" asked Mom.

"If it hadn't rained," Linda said, "we would have been gone when the Rogers' came. We would have missed this good time together."

"You know what the Bible says," reminded Dad. "All things work together for good to them that love God."

"It surely did this evening," nodded Linda. "For the farmers and for us."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me not to complain when things don't go the way I think they should. Help me to remember that You know best. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1965

Read Scripture: Romans 10:8-12

A Special Friend

Gary took Jocko from his cage to show him to the Rogers' children.

"Oh, how cute!" exclaimed Beth.

"I never saw a real monkey this close," said Kent.

"Monkey! Monkey!" laughed little Timmy.

Jocko looked at the children. Gary started to hand him to Beth, but the little monkey clung to Gary. He climbed to his shoulder. "Chee, chee, chee," he said.

"Jocko, you are funny," laughed Beth.

"He is saying he likes Gary best," said Linda. "Gary takes good care of him. Jocko wants everyone to know Gary is his special friend."

Jesus is our special friend. If we truly love Him we will want to tell others.

Prayer:

I'm glad you're my special friend, dear Jesus. I want to tell others I love and serve You. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1965

Read Scripture: Romans 10:13-17

That Others May Know

Dad got the projector and slides. Gary put up the screen.

"We want you to see our missionary family," said Mom to the Rogers'.

"Yes," added Linda. "Aunt Doris and Uncle Jim have sent us many pictures from Nigeria."

Daddy explained the pictures as he flashed them on the screen.

There were pictures of Uncle Jim working at the hospital. Other pictures showed him riding in the jeep to little African villages. There were pictures of him treating the sick Nigerians and preaching to them.

Aunt Doris was in many of the pictures. They showed her teaching the women, playing with the boys and girls, and helping Uncle Jim.

"How interesting!" said Mrs. Rogers after the last picture had been shown.

"Indeed it was!" agreed Mr. Rogers. "Faith cometh by hearing. Doris and Jim are truly helping the Nigerians to hear the Word of God."

Sometimes we think missionaries are the only ones who tell others of God's Word. There are people all around us who need to hear. Won't you tell someone today about Jesus?

Prayer:

I'm glad, dear Jesus, I know You came to be my Savior. Help me to tell others of Your love. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1965

Read Scripture: Romans 12:17-21

Good for Evil

Everyone was up early this morning. The Rogers' were leaving. No one wanted to miss having breakfast with them.

After the goodbyes were said, Gary and Linda did their Saturday tasks.

Then Gary asked, "May I ride my bike awhile?"

"Yes," answered Mom. "Come back in about an hour for dinner."

Gary headed for the country. He liked to ride his bike where there was not much traffic. As he started down a long hill, he saw another boy had had an accident. The bike was in the ditch. The boy was trying to get up.

Gary saw that it was Mike. Mike was not one of his favorite people. He was always causing trouble for Gary. Yet Gary could see that Mike needed help.

Without thinking about all the mean things Mike had done to him, Gary braked his bike and came to a stop.

"Are you hurt badly, Mike?" he asked.

Mike looked surprised when he saw Gary. "My right leg hurts," he said.

"There's a farm house down the road. I'll ride there," Gary said. "I'll call your parents."

In a few minutes Gary was back. "Your Dad is coming. He will soon be here," Gary told Mike. "I'll stay with you until he comes."

"After all the mean things I've done to you," said Mike, "I'm surprised you want to help."

"Oh," explained Gary. "I'm a Christian. Jesus teaches His followers to be kind even to those who are not kind to us."

"From now on I want to be your friend," said Mike.

"Good!" declared Gary. "I would like to be friends with you."

Prayer:

Dear God, show me ways to be kind and helpful today. May I remember to show love even to those who are unkind to me. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

ROOTS of a FAMILY FEUD

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XXXI

And he shall be as a wild ass among men; his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell over against all his brethren (Gen. 16:12—ASV). The words of this text were about Ishmael before he was born. They were the words of God to his mother Hagar, concubine of Abraham, but are applicable to a multitude of peoples, all of a kindred source and of like disposition.

The seeds of a family feud oft are sown by the innocent acts or words of individuals, and e'en by the fortuitous hand of providence, yet become rooted deep in the blood streams of generations then unborn.

Families, like trees, grow from single stems, and the deeper, hardier, and more widely spread the root system, the more vigorous the stock and extensive the branches. Likewise, the hardiness of the root and the sturdiness of the stock show definitely in the fruitage borne and length of life.

These facts are all obvious in the feud which has raged for centuries in the family of Abraham and his father Terah.

In order to assess accurately, the multiplied causes and the feeding fuels of so great a smouldering fire, it will be necessary to examine the elements of the expanding and inbred family.

It is necessary to begin with Terah who lived in Ur of the Chaldees. In Genesis 11:27-29a—ASV, we read, *Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah begat Abram, Nahor and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees. And Abram and Nahor took them wives; the name of Abram's wife was Sarai (his half sister); and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, (his niece) the daughter of Haran.* Terah had at least one daughter, Sarai, Abram's wife. Is it possible that Haran's wife, the mother of Milcah may have been also another daughter of Terah? It is worthy of note, here, also, that Haran had two daughters, Iscah being the other (Gen. 11:29). Iscah is never mentional again in the record, unless the probable suggestion of Ewald, a biblical scholar, is true that she was Lot's wife.

The First Seeds of Estrangement

Now, by looking carefully at this record of Terah's family, we may find the first seeds of estrangement. Why did Terah take only Abram, Sarai and Lot when he departed from Ur and leave Nahor, Milcah and Iscah behind? Moreover, were Haran, Nahor, Abram and Sarai the only children of Terah? Terah had at least two wives because Abram and Sarai were half brother and sister, (Gen. 20:12). Were there other children? Is it possible there had developed a family quarrel of some sort which led to the division of the family? Nahor and Milcah who evidently followed later to Haran, became fused back into the family through their son, Bethuel, the father of Rebekah and Laban, but what roots of discontent and ill feeling may have spread through the centuries, in the descendants of the other eleven children (Gen. 22: 21-24).

The Second Seeds of Estrangement

How long the family of Terah sojourned in Haran is not stated, except that Terah was 205 years old when he died in Haran (Gen. 11:32). It is assumed that soon thereafter Abram departed for Canaan. When he went, he took with him his nephew Lot, *and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran* (Gen. 12:5a—ASV).

Abram seems to have exercised a sort of guardianship over Lot, his nephew, after Terah died. Lot may have had his start in business by legacy from Haran, with first Terah, then Abram being the executor of his estate. Or, under the advice and guidance of his uncle, Lot may have amassed his fortune, for we read that, when they were established in Canaan, *Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents* (Gen. 13:5—ASV). His having *tents* indicates that he was a householder, and already the head of a clan of no mean proportions.

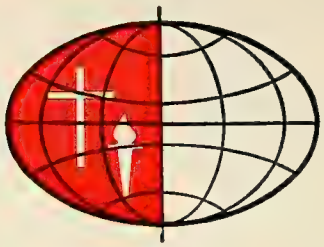
Now the second upheaval of the family tranquility occurred. There was a strife between the herdsmen of Lot's cattle; and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelling then in the land. And Abram said, *Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we are brethren* (Gen. 13:8). There was a strife which reached further than the herdsmen. It had reached the heads of the clans. Can the fact that, *the Canaanite and Perizzite dwelt then in the land,* have been a factor in the disturbance? Could they have plotted to be rid of both by instigating a feud between them? Abram, by a noble gesture, seems to have averted a clash, and Lot moved away into the territory of his choice, *The Plain of the Jordan.* Lot seemed satisfied for the time. We know that there was still some social intercourse between the two clans (Gen. 14:13) and without doubt Lot heard of God's renewed promise to Abram that *All the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever* (Gen. 13:15). Lot knew that Abram could see the fertile Jordan valley which he had chosen to pasture. Is that why he apparently gave up his pastoral pursuits and moved into the city of Sodom? Doubtless, also, Lot heard of Abram's vision and the statement he made to Jehovah, *O Lord, Jehovah, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and he that shall be possessor of my house is Eliezer of Damascus? . . . Behold, to me thou has given no seed; and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir* (Gen. 14:2, 3—ASV). Lot might have been Abram's heir except for the separation of his own choice. Now he was completely cut off. Could that have contributed to the delinquency of Lot's family in Sodom (Gen. 19:14)? Moreover, did Lot remain in the mountain to the east of the Jordan valley, (Gen. 19:30) because of the rift between him and Abram? Did the root from the germinating seeds of that rift grow on down through the two daughters, the mothers of his two sons Moab and Amman and continue to grow even unto this day?

But what of the fortunes of Moab and Amman through the years and how have those fortunes crossed the path of the chosen line of Abram?

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"FULFILLING THE TIME"

MISSIONARY NEWS



MISSIONS AND PREJUDICE

by ROSS COGGINS

TODAY'S MISSIONARY navigates his faith in strange waters, crowded with other craft. It taxes all his powers to contend with the swift currents of nationalism, superstition, Communist subversion, and resurgent indigenous religion. He requires—and profoundly deserves—the total support of his homeland constituency.

Missionaries are painfully aware of their vulnerability in these changing times. Perhaps the most damaging area of this vulnerability is at the point of racial relations. That Christians in America would tolerate, even justify, the enormities of racism is an enigma which is at once the dismay of the missionary and the delight of his adversaries. Racial prejudice today is a liability we cannot afford. It perverts our gospel, challenges our sincerity, dissipates our witness, and gives "great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme."

Racial prejudice is, first of all, the missionary's personal problem. This may offend the widespread angelic fallacy believers cherish toward all foreign missionaries, but it is a note of realism clearly indicated. It is altogether possible for a Christian to arrive on foreign shores and discover that any effective ministry must be deferred until he solves his own race problem. Contingent upon the solution of this problem is an entire lifetime of usefulness.

Every missionary realizes that true camaraderie with nationals is slow to congeal, quick to melt. The faintest hint of racial prejudice in a missionary's attitude cannot be concealed from nationals; it is almost as if they can smell it. It is regrettable in the extreme when any missionary gives the impression, "The Lord has led me out here to help you people; kindly keep out of my way while I do it."

Latent prejudice is exposed by an imperious tone, by the tendency to pauperize nationals through a readiness to give and a reluctance to receive in return, by obvious resentment at working under national supervision, by the habitual choice of white people for social companionship, by a disregard of opinions of nationals, and particularly by the God-is-an-American-and-his-skin-is-white-like mine attitude. This last confuses Christianizing with Americanizing, superimposing upon the people programs that have about as much relevance to their culture as bird tracks on the moon. Far too often, missionaries have tenaciously resisted any adaptation of the presentation of the gospel to indigenous cultural patterns.

The very name **missionary** is a handicap in some parts of the world where it has been associated with superior-inferior relations of colonial days. The so-called "Great White Father" image of the missionary is dangerously anachronistic in modern times. Happy is that missionary who can walk among his people as an equal and a brother, maintaining a careful distinction between his timeless gospel and his Western cultural trappings.

Despite its origin in the Middle East, Christianity is universally regarded as a Western religion. Until fairly recent times, mission work was done largely in lands under colonial rule. As a result, missionaries inevitably came to be identified with a system under which the control of "natives" was deemed "the white man's burden." As T. S. Eliot has stated so well, "Of all that was done in the past, you eat the fruit, either rotten or ripe . . . For every ill deed in the past we suffer the consequence" (T. S. Eliot, Choruses from The Rock, **The Complete Poems and Plays: 1909-1950** [New York: Harcourt Brace and Co., 1952]).

Colonial governments, usually from so-called Christian countries, sometimes incurred such hatred as can be understood only as a reaction to the indignities of race prejudice, not just as bitterness over economic exploitation. "No Natives or Dogs Allowed," said the sign in a Dutch restaurant in Djakarta in earlier days. Christian missionaries could not avoid being associated with the general aura of white paternalism and superiority. This explains why some national leaders consider Christian missions as vestigial colonialism, an intolerable reminder of the past.

Since World War II a universal declaration of independence has taken place that has seen nearly fifty new nations emerge. These young nations are often unable to cope with their problems because the colonial governments did not consider them worthy of educational preparation (with notable exceptions). For instance, when thirteen million Congolese were freed by the Belgians there were only sixteen college graduates among them. In 1940, Indonesia had only 157 students in colleges and universities, out of a population of over 70 million.

Is it difficult to understand the distrust of these people toward all white men, the missionaries included?

"Christianity is the religion of the white man," said a Muslim leader in Indonesia. "Shun it."

Soon after arriving in Indonesia we noticed our household helpers customarily knelt when they served us refreshments. It seemed a degrading and unnecessary thing, and we discontinued it against the advice of our Dutch neighbor. On one occasion this same neighbor overheard me address the Indonesian postman as **Tuan**, the Indonesian equivalent of "Mister." "You simply **must** not treat these people as equals," he insisted. We felt, however, that the Christian thing to do was always to **Tuan** to others as we would have them **Tuan** to us. If this is poor humor, it is good religion. It is only through dissociating himself from the embarrassing heritage of colonialism that the modern missionary can gain an entrance into the hearts of people.

Preachment vs. Practice

One of the most appalling stigmata of our time is the great gulf fixed between our gospel and our conduct in the eyes of the world. Early missionaries could observe a discreet silence about racial prejudice in their homelands, but this is impossible in today's world. We cannot hide the abysmal disparity between our preachment and our practice.

In times of swift communication,
Nation cannot hide from nation
What it does. Within brief hours
Headlines shout how hatred's powers
Close love's doors with jarring thud
Because of race, because of blood.

Racial tension in your hometown exerts a seismic effect on world missions. Our missionaries around the world describe our racial discrimination as a veritable millstone around the neck of Christian missions.

Consider some questions your missionaries are compelled to answer every day. Why are churches in America segregated? How can Christianity and racial discrimination be reconciled? Why am I refused admittance into a Baptist school in America when I am welcomed in a Russian university? How can you explain German bestiality during the war in the light of their Christian heritage? And perhaps the worst question of all: Why do you believe Christianity will do so much more for my country than it has for yours?

There are some answers to questions like these, but they sound very hollow half-a-world away from home. The fact is, we have unfortunately permitted our race failures to neutralize the effectiveness of our missionaries. They are at the forefront of our struggle against the powers of evil, and we have weakened their hands. On mission fields this struggle has Darwinian overtones, for only the fittest can survive. Will we continue to supply weapons for the enemy's hands?

An East-West Encounter

On the day after the Russians orbited their first astronaut, I happened to be in the airlines office in Bandung. Standing just behind me at the counter was a tall Russian who was in Bandung to attend an Asia-Africa conference of some kind. The lobby was crowded with delegates from the various countries, each of whom embraced the Russian and congratulated him upon the splendid achievement in outer space. I was frankly jealous for my own country.

The Russian and I fell into a lengthy conversation which we frequently interrupted by these jovial salutations from passing delegates. I, too, congratulated the Russian and then asked him about the conference. "The most satisfying reports," he said, "have come from the new nations in Africa. These people at last are throwing off the shackles of colonialism and imperialism."

I replied that my own country warmly approved every step forward these people were taking, and I expressed disappointment that an American voice could not declare this to the conference.

"They would not listen," declared the Russian. "They would feel you had no right to speak."

I knew what he was getting at, but I had a morbid desire to hear him say it. I asked him to explain.

He replied with ill-concealed satisfaction, "Many of these African delegates have been to your country. They have met your Mr. Jim Crow—I believe that is his name." Then he tapped me on the chest with his forefinger and concluded, "This Jim Crow is your delegate to our conference. He is your number one ambassador to these people."

In a day when Marxists are calling every man **comrade**, let us not refuse to call any man **brother.**

It is difficult to say anything on the race problem that is not repetitious or platitudinous. Our dilemma stems not from lack of words, however, but from lack of action. It is astounding how often and how well this issue is addressed. The time has come for Christian action to turn the **oughts** to **shalls.**

There is no denying that our continued toleration of an oppressive status quo stems from a timorous disinclination to translate into action the New Testament revelation of God's love.



No prejudice here. Barbara Bischof shown with a a young friend.

What does it mean that all men are equally the objects of God's love? It means that all the ways we separate or humiliate others are an offense to God. It means that every child has the right to grow up with a sense of dignity and worth. It means that no man must live out his days indentured to "his place." It means that all our strategems of evasion are intolerable to God.

More specifically, the love of God means that we should treat every man as a human being. We should throw open our hospital doors to any man seeking healing. We should open our educational institutions to any man seeking knowledge. There should be no racially imposed barriers to equal citizenship employment opportunity, or access to public recreation facilities. Above all, let every church abide by the sign placed in front of so many churches: **Everybody Welcome.** Paul expressed this concept with eloquent simplicity when he wrote to Philemon concerning the runaway slave, Onesimus: "Receive him . . . as . . . a brother."

I am not suggesting that we should lightly cast aside our national traditions; I am suggesting that we throw them aside with great force wherever they violate the spirit and teaching of the New Testament. We must obey God rather than men.

What profound dichotomy has enabled many Christians to believe in world missions abroad and racial discrimination at home? Many of our failures obviously stem from a lack of information about the relation of racism to missionary outreach. Racial prejudice and foreign missions are mutually exclusive, for missions simply means sharing the gospel with all races; it is the gospel in world perspective.

Missionaries believe they have a right to expect this note to be sounded with courage from pulpits here in America. Needless to say, they are often bitterly disappointed. Their courage in going to the ends of the earth is often unmatched by Christian leaders at home who blandly ignore the existence of a problem. In the chaotic world of today, can the bland lead the bland?

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Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

PSALM TWENTY-SEVEN

SALVATION FINDS US in the dark, but does not leave us there (v. 1; Matt. 4:16). The Lord not only gives us light, he is our light; He gives salvation because He is salvation (Jn. 1:4; I Jn. 5:11, 12). The powers of darkness are not to be feared because the Lord, our light, destroys them (Col. 1:13; Rom. 8:31). We are reassured from past deliverance (v. 2; II Cor. 1:10), even though the enemy of our souls is not deficient in his ferocity (Ps. 22:12). The enemies of our Christ fell backward (Jn. 18:6) and will retreat before all wrestling believers who do not fail in faith (James 4:7). The encamping hosts often strike a greater dread than when we encounter them in actual affray (v. 3; II Kgs. 6:15-17). The length of the conflict will not dismay the strong believer (Rom. 8:35-39).

Divided aims lead to distraction, weakness, and disappointment (v. 4; Ps. 119:10). Our affections should be bound in one affection (Col. 3:2). God judges us by the desire of our hearts (Jer. 17:10). Our desires should keep our Lord in view (Phil. 3:13, 14). Holy desires lead to resolute action (Gal. 4:18). Those who love to commune with God love to frequent His house (Acts 2:46). They love to behold Him (Heb. 12:2), and His beauty (Ps. 17:15). Not only seeking sinners but assured saints should be enquirers (Jn. 5:39). We shall not need to make enquiries in heaven (I Cor. 13:12). In time of trouble we have a hiding place (v. 5; II Tim. 4:16, 17). No foe can molest the Lord's hidden people (Prov. 3:32). He sets us upon a rock immutable (Heb. 12:28). All praise is due not unto the vanities of the world but unto the Lord alone (v. 6; Col. 3:17).

To a genuine believer the Lord's ear is everything (v. 7; Jas. 5:17, 18). Mercy is the hope of all sinners and the refuge of all saints (Heb. 4:16). We are to expect answers to prayer (Jer. 33:3). We are to respond as soon as God speaks (v. 8; Prov. 8:17). We are to seek His face (v. 9; II Cor. 3:18). Unfaithful servants have been put away (I Sam. 28:15), but we have been upheld and owe an obligation (Ps. 42:5). We must not occasion the final withdrawal of grace (Heb. 6:4-6). When all others fail to help, we have a Friend who will not forsake us (v. 10; Heb. 13:5c). Simplicity is the best spirit for an heir of heaven (v. 11; Isa. 35:8). God's enemies will defame His best children (v. 12; Acts 3:14; 9:1) but God be thanked that ultimately they cannot have their way (Rev. 12:10). Heaven is our present hope (v. 13; Heb. 6:18), while we believe to see, not see to believe (II Cor. 5:7).

If we walk all alone, it's a long, weary road,
The burdens are heavy with sorrow and care;
But to think of His love is to lighten the load;
There are no sorrows that He will not share.

How good He has been in the years that are past!
How tender His love for the griefs of today!
No shadow of sorrow the future can cast;
We know He will guide us the rest of the way.

Our strength is His Word with its message of rest;
The Psalms sing the story on each precious page
Of an infinite mercy that meets every test
And will meet every need to the end of the age.

—Mary Hutchison

Like David, like Paul, we can thank God, and take courage (v. 14; Acts 28:15). A strong heart makes a strong arm (Josh. 1:9).

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from the Woman's Outlook

FIFTEEN MINUTES A DAY

by MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

I always feel that the materials on our pages in *The Brethren Evangelist* should be helpful to all adult readers of the magazine. Maybe this time I'll just chat with you by way of the printed page.

I think we always welcome the month of May. New life comes to the grass, the flowers and the trees; and I believe we, too, go forth with renewed strength. We often say it is good to be alive and God is still on His throne. The real test of our Christian faith is when circumstances about us are troubled and depressing, but we still have His sunshine in our hearts.

In April I was walking down the corridor of Memorial Hospital in Logansport and caught a glimpse of someone I recognized. I walked back into the room and there was Rachael Ault, widow of the late Jim Ault. She works at a bank in Logansport and in December she sprained her leg and has been in the hospital ever since. She has had one complication after another. At the time I visited her she was walking to her chair each day and sitting awhile. She has the sweetest smile and I did not hear one word of complaint. She had received around 450 cards. We had several visitors. She takes *The Brethren Evangelist* and keeps up on what is going on in our denomination.

So many of us wish we had time to accomplish certain things. I would like to share this story with you from a book that Rachael gave me.

"The story is about an old-fashioned doctor, the type who makes house calls any time of the day or night. He never seemed to take an evening off, much less a whole day, and seldom enjoyed an uninterrupted meal.

"Imagine our family's astonishment when we viewed his new bathrom and kitchen. The transformation was amazing, especially since he, himself, had done every bit of the work.

"How had he done it? The hard way, he grinned. He said he knew better than to try to set aside a decent amount of time for something like this. So he decided to accomplish the project fifteen minutes at a time. He said there were times when he could work longer than fifteen minutes, but he did spend fifteen minutes each day."

I have thought of many ways we could use fifteen minutes a day. We could write letters, do Bible reading, make calls, do mending, etc. The story told of one lady who would spend fifteen minutes in her yard each day pulling weeds—we could work in our garden that long each day. I should spend fifteen minutes once a week caring for my fingernails. Over a period of several months, it is amazing what could be accomplished with fifteen minutes a day.

I received a note from Mrs. Herbert Gilmer, and she said she often thought of a statement by Vance Havner: "Jesus said, 'Come ye apart and rest awhile,' and if we don't we will come apart." We might do well to rest fifteen minutes each day.

Guess I have ended up preaching a sermonette, but I hope these remarks will be helpful to you.

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

WE WOULD SEE JESUS

Sir, we would see Jesus (John 12:21).

HENRY VAN DYKE, in his story of "The Broken Soldier of France," tells of a French soldier whose spirit was so broken by hunger and hardship that he deserted from the army, and from the line of battle. He started homeward, determined to hide until the war was ended. Fatigued, he fell asleep in a deep wood, and in a vision he saw the sweetheart of the French Army, Joan of Arc. "The Maid of Orleans" bade him to be true to his country. So great was the power of his vision that he returned to the army, and two days later, with a smile on his face, he laid down his life for his country. That is what the mere sight of Joan of Arc did for him in a dream—changed his cowardice into courage, changed him from a coward into a hero.

A vision of Christ can do as much, and even more, for each of us. Christ said, *I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly* (John 10:10b).

This is what the sight of Jesus will do for each of us; It will give us comfort in time of trouble and bereavement, rest in moments of weariness, and ever a deep and abounding happiness that we would otherwise never know.

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CAMP PINNACLES

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Junior Camp — June 27-July 3

CAMP BEREA

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Intermediate Camp — June 19-26
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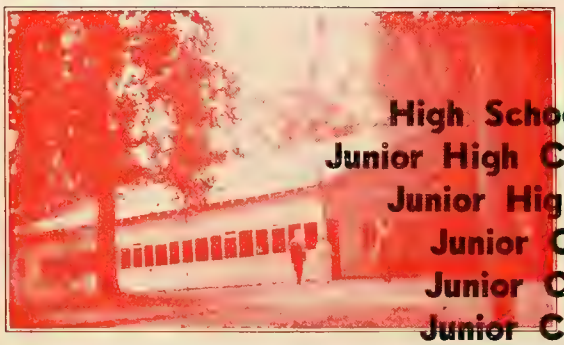
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All Young People — June 14-19

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All Young People — July 18-24

CAMP SHIPSHEWANA



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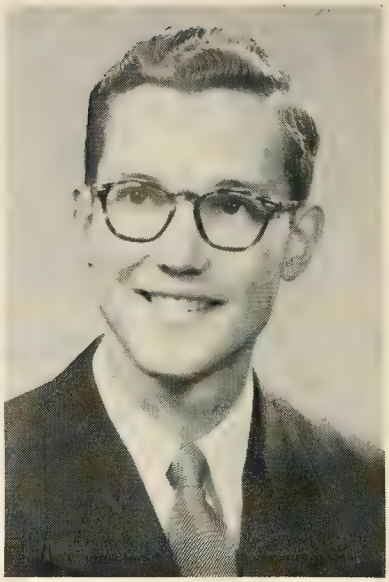
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CAMP BETHANY



Senior Camp — July 4-11
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Junior Camp I — August 8-14

"THE HOLY KISS"



SINCE THE BRETHREN CHURCH claims to obey all the commands of the New Testament, why don't the Brethren "greet one another with a holy kiss"? The Christian Scriptures command the washing of the saints' feet just once and we observe this, making much of it. But five times the New Testament enjoins believers to kiss one another in greeting, yet Brethren do not.

Are we right or wrong? Is the holy kiss an ordinance of the New Testament church? What is the place of this ancient practice in the modern church? To answer such questions and to explore the subject in a preliminary way is the purpose of this article. We shall proceed by surveying the topic in historical sequence.

The Kiss in Hebrew Life

A. The Old Testament. The word "kiss" is used about thirty times in the Jewish scriptures. A kiss on the cheek, neck, lips, hands, or feet was the common Near Eastern manner of greeting and farewell. It might be an emotional kiss, accompanied by embracing and weeping, or it might be a respectful ceremonial gesture. The kiss was exchanged both between the sexes and within the same sex.

Children would kiss the hands of visitors out of respect, and before kissing the faces of parents or adult relatives children might kiss them on the hands. Desert sheikhs would kiss one another's hands in recognition of their mutual rank. The kiss between relatives or friends of the same sex would be a kiss on the cheek or neck, seldom on the lips.

"Among the Arabs [some of whom preserved until recent times very ancient customs] the women and children kiss the beards of their husbands or fathers. The superior returns the salute by a kiss on the forehead. In Egypt an inferior kisses the hand of a superior, generally on the back, but sometimes, as a special favor, on the palm also. To testify abject submission, and in asking favors, the feet are often kissed instead of the hand. The written decrees of a sovereign are kissed in token of respect; even the ground is simetimes kissed by orientals in the fullness of their submission" (Unger's Bible Dictionary, p. 635).

The book of Genesis affords a number of examples from the patriarchal period (about 2000-1500 B.C.). Jacob kissed his father Isaac when it was believed the latter was about to die (Gen. 27:26, 27) and also his cousin Rachel when he first met her (Gen. 29:11). Laban kissed his nephew Jacob when they met (Gen. 29:13), likewise his (grand) sons and daughters when they left him (Gen. 31:55). Esau embraced Jacob and kissed him when they met (Gen. 33:4). In Egypt, Joseph kissed his brothers when he made himself known to them (Gen. 45:15), and Jacob kissed Joseph's children before he died (Gen. 48:10). At the time of Jacob's death Joseph kissed his father's face (Gen. 50:1).

Other examples are scattered through the Old Testament, mostly in the historical books. The kiss could be exchanged between brothers (Aaron kissed Moses, Ex. 4:27); between father and son (David kissed Absalom, II Sam. 14:33); between a child and his parents (Elisha asked leave to kiss his father and mother goodbye, I Kings 19:20); between relatives by marriage (Moses kissed his father-in-law, Ex. 18:7); and between close friends (David and Jonathan kissed one another, I Sam. 20:41).

There are few illustrations of women giving a kiss, the most definite ones being when Naomi kissed her daughters-in-law and Orpah kissed Naomi in parting (Ruth 1:9, 14). Proverbs 7:13 refers to the kiss given by a harlot to entice a young man. The Song of Songs (1:2; 8:1) mentions kisses as a physical expression of love between man and woman.

The kiss of greeting could be given treacherously, as when Absalom kissed the men and plotted rebellion (II Sam. 15:5) or when Joab made as though he would kiss Amasa and stabbed him (II Sam. 20:9, 10). The kiss probably accompanied pagan worship, for Elijah was told that God would raise up seven thousand men who had not kissed Baal (I Kings 19:18), and Hosea complained that men kissed images of calves (Hosea 13:2). The kiss could also be a mark of respect or reverence (Samuel kissed Saul after anointing him king of Israel, I Sam. 10:1; the psalmist called upon men to kiss the Son, Ps. 2:12, cf. "kiss his feet," RSV).

Finally, the kiss was a special token of reconciliation between estranged members of a family. Examples come readily to mind: Esau and Jacob kissed after their twenty-year separation (Gen. 33:4); Joseph kissed his brothers when they were reunited after twenty-two years (Gen. 45:15); and David kissed Absalom after their estrangement of five years (II Sam. 14:33). In all of

these instances it was not just a matter of coming together again—it was a matter of forgiveness on the part of the injured party, who took the initiative in bestowing the kiss.

B. The New Testament. In the period of Roman occupation the kiss continued among the Jews in Palestine much as in the Old Testament. Luke speaks of the woman who was "a sinner" kissing Jesus' feet as he reclined at table when the host had neglected or refused to give the salutation to his guest of honor (Luke 7:38, 45). In Jesus' parable of the prodigal son the father welcomed his wayward boy home by embracing and kissing him (Luke 15:20).

Judas agreed with the authorities that he would point out Jesus in the garden by kissing him, which he did (Matt. 26:48, 49; Mark 14:44, 45). This might have been the ordinary kiss of a disciple on the hand of his teacher, a mark of respect which would have occasioned little notice except to those who understood the signal.

However, in their descriptions of the actual kiss bestowed by Judas, Matthew (26:49) and Mark (14:45) changed the word, employing the intensive form of the Greek verb. William Barclay comments that the word used means "to kiss repeatedly, passionately, fervently." "The sign of the betrayal was not a mere formal kiss of respectful greeting. It was a lover's kiss. That is the grimmest and most terrible thing in all the gospel story." Luke in his record (Luke 22:47, 48) uses the ordinary word for "kiss," thus eliminating any thought of an overly demonstrative greeting employed to betray the Master.

Members of the same religious group in Jewry might exchange a kiss on meeting, and we are told that this was the custom among the Essenes from whom the early Christians seem to have adapted some practices. Where a kiss would have been out of place, as on the public street, set greeting on the order of our "How are you?" were employed. "Peace be with you" was exchanged and then gradually extended to include all the immediate family, relatives, friends, reputation, and landholdings of the person being addressed. It was against such inflated, time-consuming greetings that Jesus forbade the seventy when he sent them out on a hurried preaching mission (Luke 10:4).

The only extra-Palestinian example of the kiss in the New Testament is the emotional farewell between Paul and the elders of the Ephesian church (Acts 20:37).

The Kiss in Church History

A. The Apostolic Church. In four of his letters to churches the Apostle Paul told the believers to exchange a consecrated kiss in salutation. The four epistles involved were all written in the decade 48-58 A.D., and the injunctions are "Greet one another with a holy kiss" (Romans 16:16; I Cor. 16:20; II Cor. 13:12) and "Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss" (I Thess. 5:26). A further instance is found in I Peter 5:14, written perhaps 63-64 A.D.: "Greet one another with the kiss of love."

Paul and Peter intended their letters to circulate (cf. I Thess. 5:27; I Peter 1:1) and both enjoined the kiss at the close of their writing. Originally their letters were read aloud during the love feast at the observance of the Lord's Supper. It may be that from this there arose the custom of exchanging a kiss in the worship service at the close of the reading of the epistles, symbolizing the believers' acceptance of the apostolic word as well as their mutual fellowship.

The command to greet one another with a kiss was written only to congregations outside Palestine and thus presumably of mixed background. A possible reason for including it in the New Testament letters, therefore, could have been to foster among Gentile believers the same spirit of "togetherness" which Palestinian Jewish Christians had by virtue of their very nearness to one another and their common national heritage as the people of God. Brotherhood would thus be symbolized by the exchange of the kiss, and brotherhood was an important mark of the original Christians (cf. Acts 2:42-47; Rom. 16:1, 2; Gal. 2:9, 10; 6:1, 2; I John 3:14-18).

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B. The Post-Apostolic Church. The early church employed the kiss in a variety of ways: **(1) As the Christian salutation.** As mentioned above, there were times and places where the Jews deemed a kiss inappropriate, and with increased danger during periods of persecution the kiss of greeting may not have been the public gesture we imagine. Its use may have been confined to the meetings of the congregation, and even in those gatherings we are told that it was not given promiscuously on entering the place of worship, but at a signal from the bishop, following prayer (from Tertullian of Carthage about 200 A.D. and Augustine of Hippo about 400).

(2) The kiss was used in services of baptism in the Roman church about 200 A.D. After the preliminary rituals the candidate was immersed three times by a deacon, after which he rose from the water to be anointed by an elder and to reclothe himself. All then went into the church where the bishop received the newly baptized believer into membership by laying on of hands, anointing with oil, making the sign of the cross, and a kiss (from Tertullian and Hippolytus of Rome).

(3) The observance of the Lord's Supper was the occasion of the most frequent mention of the holy kiss in the early church. The love feast was separated from the bread and cup in the second and third centuries, the Eucharist being transferred to Sunday and united with the preaching services. Sunday worship in Rome consisted of two parts: first, a preaching period open to both members and interested nonmembers, then the service of Holy Communion which was closed to all except baptized believers. The rite began with general prayer, after which the assembled members greeted one another with "the kiss of peace" and participated in the ritual of the bread and cup (from Justin Martyr, about 150 A.D.). The kiss thus signified the spirit of brotherly love and

reconciliation that Jesus, himself, had enjoined (Matt. 5:23, 24).

(4) At the ordination service of elders or bishops the kiss was bestowed; however, such ceremonies were always associated with Holy Communion in the early church. As baptism and the Lord's Supper were observed particularly in the spring (Easter and Pentecost), this would tend to limit the practice of the kiss. Also, since the kiss was exchanged especially at the public services of the church, this tended to limit its use still more.

The Kiss in Brethren Practice

A. The Early Brethren. The Tunker movement was founded to provide a fellowship in which all the New Testament commandments would be obeyed. The early Brethren were diligent students of ancient church history as well as of the Scriptures, and in their research they came upon the practice of the holy kiss.

On of the earliest records of its observance among the Brethren is to be found in the report of a baptism performed by Alexander Mack in the Marienborn area on August 21, 1711, just four years after the Tunker movement began. Because it occurred outside the established churches the baptism was carefully investigated and the report, "based upon the testimony of several local eyewitnesses, is the most complete description known of an early Brethren baptism." The investigators stated that following the triple immersion the group sang one stanza of a hymn, then kissed each other before dispersing to go to a nearby home (Donald F. Durnbaugh, **European Origins of the Brethren**, pp. 160, 161).

In colonial America the Brethren seem to have used the withholding of the kiss as a mark of ostracism similar to "the ban." In a letter to Johannes Priesz, Mack wrote concerning a man who had enlisted in the army, "He seeks to withdraw as much as possible from the communion and does not like to hear himself called Brother. To Brother Christopher Sauer he has refused the kiss when he spoke to him and when I heard of it and, also, spoke to him I did not offer him the kiss so as to indicate that he was as good as expelled already."[1]

In another communication it was written of a certain young man, "For over a year [he has] chosen the conformation to the world and insisted on his innocence. And now we have refused him the kiss of brotherhood and the breaking of bread until he reforms."

But among the Brethren, as in the early church, it was in connection with the Lord's Supper that the kiss was always observed. Morgan Edwards, a Baptist pastor of Philadelphia, reported of the Brethren, "They have the Lord's Supper with its ancient attendants of **love feast, washing feet, kiss of charity,** and **right-hand of fellowship"** (Martin Grove Brumbaugh, **A History of the Brethren,** p. 526).

During the nineteenth century the Brethren continued to employ the kiss in salutation and as a part of the Communion service accompanying the feetwashing and/or at the conclusion of the love feast just prior to receiving the bread and cup.

B. The Last Seventy-five Years. Our 1892 General Conference, about ten years after the schism with the Church of the Brethren, "announced officially that the Brethren Church understands her creed to teach, among other things, the following: . . . That the 'holy kiss' is a divine institution, to be practiced by all the saints in the public worship of God."

Dr. M. G. Brumbaugh, Church of the Brethren historian, wrote in 1899 of the practice in the "Conservative" group, "**The Holy Kiss**, or **Salutation**, is given at the close of the Lord's Supper or love feast, and just before the Communion. It is also given at any other appropriate occasion upon the meeting or parting of those of like precious faith" (**A History of the Brethren,** p. 556).

At about the same time Elder Henry Holsinger, leader of the "Progressives," wrote, "In the Brethren Church it is observed only as an ordinance on occasion of worship, but is permitted whenever parties feel disposed to extend to each other the Christian salutation." He later noted that among the Progressives the exchange of the kiss following feetwashing is "the only occasion when the salutation is ceremonially observed." He described this as a practice "invariable among all denominations of Tunkers" (**A History of the Tunkers and the Brethren Church,** pp. 16, 17, 251).

C. The Problem. In spite of such statements as these, the holy kiss is conspicuous by its absence in other Brethren writings. Alexander Mack in his two major works, **Basic Questions** and **Rights and Ordinances** (Durnbaugh's recommended translation of the original German titles from 1713 and 1715) nowhere referred to the kiss, although as we saw above the early Brethren practiced it. (Neither did Mack mention the laying on of hands, anointing with oil, or nonresistance. His writings were produced to counter criticism and to answer questions about the new movement, so they may not have been intended to be systematic statements of belief.)

General Conference in 1892 referred to the holy kiss as "a divine institution, to be practiced by all the saints in the public worship of God" (see above). Yet "The Message of the Brethren Ministry," adopted in 1921 by the National Brethren Ministerial Association after considerable debate and patterned in part on the 1892 statement, does not mention the holy kiss as an article of Brethren faith.

Brethren Emphasis Lessons, prepared by a committee of three at the authorization of the 1941 General Conference, nowhere refers to the kiss even in chapters on "The Three-fold Communion Service," "Obedience to Special Commands," and "Non-conformity and the Simple Life."

What, therefore, is the mind of the Brethren on the holy kiss? Is it or is it not to be observed in all public worship? Is it or is it not a church ordinance?

Sacrament or Symbol?

A. Protestants in General. Churches of the Reformation are almost unanimous in believing that there are only two Christian ceremonies that are to be called sacraments: baptism and the Lord's Supper (as against the Roman Catholics, who maintain there are seven). Several elements are generally agreed upon as being required for a rite to attain the status of a sacrament (the term has no magical overtones as we use it): (1) a specific command of Christ—"the word"; (2) a spiritual benefit received from obeying the Lord's injunction—"the grace"; (3) a physical substance that aptly unites in symbol the command and the blessing—"the matter." Threefold baptism and threefold Communion have all of these, the word and the grace and the matter.

But what of the holy kiss? (1) It was not commanded by Christ in the Gospels, but in the epistles by Peter and Paul. There is no record that Christ kissed anyone

or commanded his followers to do so. (2) No blessing is received from observing the holy kiss, although it symbolizes such spiritual realities as reconciliation (peace) and brotherhood (love). (3) There is no physical substance involved, as water and food are in the other sacraments.

Therefore, it would seem that the kiss is not a church ordinance in the usually understood sense of the term. This position is neither new nor strange among the Brethren. The early Dutch and Swiss Anabaptists (forerunners of the Mennonites, who were similar to the Tunkers and influenced them) understood the New Testament to place baptism and Communion in a separate category which they often called sacraments without subscribing to any belief that sacraments are direct and automatic channels of grace. Even after they attached feetwashing to their observance of the Lord's Supper, they referred in the Dordrecht Confession of Faith (1632) to "the Lord's ordinances—baptism and supper" (Article IX). Menno Simons himself, while insisting on obedience to all New Testament commands including the holy kiss, recognized only baptism and Communion as sacramental signs or church ordinances.

B. Brethren in Particular. The Solingen Brethren, imprisoned for their Tunker faith less than ten years after the Brethren movement started, affirmed that they agreed with the Heidelburg Catechism of the Reformed Church in all but three questions—and none of those questions involved the holy kiss or the Communion service. The Heidelburg Catechism acknowledges but two sacraments: "holy Baptism and holy Supper" (Question 68).[2]

At the turn of the twentieth century Elder Holsinger wrote, "The brethren never pretended to give Scripture for the observance of the kiss during the Communion Service, but since our communions are intended as a renewal of our covenant with the Lord and with one another, and as a kiss has ever been regarded as a pledge of union and a token of love, it seems to me as being not out of place around the communion table" (**A History of the Tunkers and the Brethren Church,** p. 811).

A few years later in his encyclopedic **God's Means of Grace,** Dr. C. F. Yoder called the holy kiss "a symbol commanded by the apostles . . . a symbol to be perpetuated in the church . . . a symbol which expresses the holy love which exists between holy brethren and sisters . . . a distinctive Christian symbol"—but nowhere did he term it a church ordinance or sacrament.

In **The Faith Once For All Delivered Unto the Saints,** Dr. L. S. Bauman took the position that the holy kiss is not a church ordinance "in the same sense as, or equal in importance to, Baptism, the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, or Feet Washing." He gave as his reason the fact that the essential ordinances were commanded by Christ, himself, but there is no mention of the holy kiss in the gospels. However, Elder Bauman did designate the kiss as a spiritual observance consistent with apostolic practice and important as a witness to Christian love (pp. 64, 65).

Dr. J. Allen Miller in a lecture on the Christian brotherhood referred to the ordinances of the church as being "**(1) Baptism.** This is the initiatory rite in the church . . . **(2) The Communion Service,** with its threefold observance . . . (3)Besides these there are the minor but none the less precious and important services of **the laying on of the hands . . . the anointing of the sick . . . the kiss of peace** or the Christian greeting . . " (**Christian Doctrine—Lectures and Sermons,** p. 106).

Our Faith, published five years ago by the Brethren Book and Pamphlet Commission, refers to the kiss as "the mystic symbol of brotherhood in Christ." It is called a rite, an act of performing divine service, but it is not called a church ordinance, a prescribed practice (pp. 26, 36).

We conclude, therefore, that the holy kiss ("the kiss of peace" of the early church) is a symbol of spiritual life in Christ but not a church ordinance on the same level with baptism and the Lord's Supper. However, it is not to be discarded as of no value, for in its association with the washing of the saints' feet the kiss is a sign of friendship extended and forgiveness received (cf. Matt. 5:23, 24, and Elder Holsinger's last comment above). It is thus a meaningful accompaniment of Brethren Communion services, taking us back through the centuries to the dramatic comradeship that marked the early church.

It is a **fraternal salute** (Rom. 16:1-16), symbolizing brotherhood among believers through mutual reconciliation in Christ. It is **a universal salute** (I Thess. 5:26, 27), signifying the unlimited fellowship that exists between all true disciples of the Lord Jesus. It is **a salute of love** (I Peter 5:14), the crowning virtue which summarizes the content and goal of Christian living with God and neighbor.

1. Material in this paragraph and the following one was generously shared with the writer by Elder A. T. Ronk.
2. The Heidelburg Catechism might be profitably studied not only as the great example of a catechism that is truly devotional but also for the light it may shed on Brethren origins.



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"FAITH"

FAITH is an act or state of acknowledging the existence and power of a supreme being and the reality of a divine order. An affirmative response to the will of God as revealed, especially by Jesus Christ.

I. What is faith and where does faith come from?
Hebrews 11:1
Hebrews 12:2
Galatians 2:20
Romans 10:17

II. The Old Testament contains many examples of faith.
Hebrews 11:1-40

III. Christ's faith in the Father.
Luke 2:49
Matthew 4:10
Mark 11:22
Luke 23:46
Mark 14:36

IV. We must believe and have faith!
Romans 10:9, 10
Ephesians 4:4-6
Luke 7:50
Romans 4:23-25
Habakkuk 2:4
James 2:26

V. The rewards of faith.
A. The blessings of God.
John 20:29
Matthew 9:29
Psalm 37:5
Luke 12:28-30
Hebrews 11:6
B. Without faith there is fear.
Deuteronomy 32:20
Luke 8:22-25
Romans 3:13-18
Luke 18:8

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

SOUTHERN INDIANA LAYMEN RALLY

ON FEBRUARY 19 the laymen of our district met in the First Brethren Church of Peru. A fine chicken and noodle supper had been prepared by the host church W.M.S. and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. we enjoyed it to the full. We then turned to a well planned program in charge of the Peru men.

A welcome was extended to the visiting laymen by Charles McKindley. Rev. Thomas led us in a song, and George Brown brought devotions consisting of Scripture, comment and prayer. Mike Brown played "How Great Thou Art" as a trumpet solo. An offering was lifted for the district laymen fund, which offering was divided between an Ashland scholarship, donations to Lost Creek, Kentucky, and Shipshewana girls' dormitory project. Ronald Le Master played the organ for the group with three special numbers: "What a Day That Will Be," "Without Him" and "I've Been to Calvary." Rev. Smith Rose was introduced as the speaker of the evening. He chose Col. 3:17 as a reference verse to his message entitled, "Laymen and the Lord's work." He asked what our task in the church was—pick up people for church, Sunday school teacher, deacon, lay speaker, youth advisor, trustee, etc.? He advised the group that as individuals we should not try to be big or do things that haven't already been done but to concentrate on and improve on the things already being done in the church. Then, the Lord will see that we are capable of His work and will give us opportunity for greater work—if need be in our own church or, possibly, in the mission field. First we must prove ourselves capable of His work, and a good place to start is in our own church and among our own people.

The business meeting of the evening was in charge of Jim Payne, district president. The secretary's report was read and the rollcall taken. One hundred district laymen and two visitors were in attendance. Other business was transacted and the meeting adjourned with Rev. Turley of the Peru church praying the benediction.

Our next meeting will be held jointly with the men of Northern Indiana District on May 24 at the Warsaw Church.

Jerry R. Gable, secretary

SPRING RALLY SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

THE S. E. DISTRICT LAYMEN met at the First Brethren Church of Cumberland on Saturday, April 17, for their spring rally, with about forty present. The largest delegation was thirteen from our Hagerstown church. Rev. W. S. Benshoff of the Board of Evangelists of the district, told us that they were working on a letter that would be sent to each layman's local in view of arranging for services at the Mathias, Virginia, church on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. The district laymen decided to again award two scholarships for any young men or women who are active church members in a Brethren church in the district preparing for Christian service and leadership. The W.M.S. of the host church served us a delicious evening meal. Dr. Alvin P. Friend of the dental center of Oakland, Maryland, gave us an inspiring message on the subject, "Be Ye Witnesses Unto Me."

Gardner S. Moats

NAPPANEE, IND.

ON MONDAY NIGHT, April 5, 1965, the Laymen's Organization of Nappanee, Indiana, held their Father and Son Banquet in the church basement. There were approximately sixty fathers and sons present. Ladies from the Woman's Missionary Society served a delicious ham loaf and baked potato supper.

James Hickman, who was chairman of the program committee, returned the blessing for the supper and took charge of the program. After the meal, Richard Mishler gave the devotions, reading a tract entitled, "How Many Roads to Heaven?"

Orien Hall showed the film entitled "Angry Jungle" which portrayed a father and son being brought to Christ in a foreign land by two natives and a foreign missionary doctor.

After the film we were dismissed with prayer by Keith Sheets.

Max Bigler

SISTERHOOD

Pointers from the Patroness —

MRS. DEE KEPLINGER

AS THIS SCHOOL YEAR draws to a close you are all probably "cracking the books" for those final exams—for all those tests that must be taken before we can enjoy those carefree summer days ahead.

Recently in my daily devotions I came across that little verse in the third chapter of James, "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things . . ." and this put me to thinking.

The talking tongue, the gift of speech, the ability to express one's thoughts and feelings in words and to share them with others, is one of the most wonderful and miraculous gifts God has given us in this life.

We sing that great hymn, "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise," and yet sometimes we must say, "Thank God we don't have a thousand tongues!" Oftentimes one tongue is too many. For "the tongue is a little member, but boasteth great things," evil as well as good, and only too often evil *more* than good. With the same tongue with which we serve God and man, it is so easy to sin against God and man.

And here we must examine or test ourselves very diligently.

We can fairly well keep our feet from going upon forbidden ways and guard our hands from doing harm to our fellow man. But the tongue—Oh, how often it gets away from us! How quickly one word can pass our lips that can never be recalled!

What wounds a sarcastic tongue can inflict! Like a knife such a sarcastic remark cuts into the heart and embitters our neighbor against us. We take the test and ask, "Am I guilty of that?"

What a tragic role a lying tongue plays in this world. We take the test and say, "O Lord, surely I am not guilty of that! Or am I?"

How ugly in the sight of God and man is the judging tongue which finds its joy in always condemning others. We take the test and ask, "Am I guilty of that?"

We have taken the test and no doubt all of us have "flunked," for we have found ourselves guilty of sins of the tongue.

Let us give serious thought to these sins, and may David's words be our promise and prayer, "My tongue shall speak of Thy righteousness and of Thy praise all the day long."

May this little member do *great* things that are *good* things and help to make us even more sincere and lovely Sisterhood Girls ever striving to "do God's will" in all we say and do.

Brethren Youth Crusaders

LOVE MADE EFFECTIVE

A certain chronic absentee, in the course of his drifting away from the worship hour and church school, fell among bad companions who robbed him of his interest in spiritual things, persuaded him that the Lord's Day should be devoted to pleasure, and left him wounded in spirit and heart.

And by chance, there came to the absentee's door a certain perfunctory visitor caring only to boost the attendance of his church. So when the visitor heard the rude words, "Please let me alone," he passed by, declaring he would never visit that place again.

And likewise there came to the absentee's door a duty-driven visitor coming only to report an assignment carried out. But when he got no answer to the ringing doorbell, he wrote, "Not at home," across the report and excused himself from further responsibility.

But a certain concerned Christian with compassion awaking in his heart came to the door of the absentee. In spite of the cold reception he returned again and again. He kept visiting, even when the absentee said "Please remove my name from your roll and let me alone." The concerned Christian poured in love and graciousness and held his own warm heart of love against the cold, indifferent heart of the one he was seeking. Aloud he said, "I'll come by for you on Sunday morning and take you in my car." To himself he added, "And whatsoever more it shall take to win you, that will I do for Jesus."

And lo, the chronic absentee began to be interested and finally was won. Moreover, the love in the heart of the concerned Christian kept growing until his compassion expanded to take in the whole world.

His personality was enriched and his fellowship with the Heavenly Father made sweeter as his love was made more perfect through finding an outlet in service.



"HAWAIIAN LUAU"

The Senior BYC at Ardmore had a supper at the church for a money-making project that we feel is different. We had an Ice Cream Social in the basement of the church in the middle of the winter. It had a theme entitled, "Hawaiian Luau" which means Hawaiian feast. The resulting supper was well received by the people who came.

This year we have had the following officers leading us:

President—Stephen Cole
Vice President—Larry Carstens
Secretary—Jamie Smead
Treasurer—Mary Carpenter

We are working very hard for a minimum goal of $300 for the National Youth Project.

Our activities through the year have been many and varied. We have gone roller skating, conducted a singspiration and had a youth recreation night.

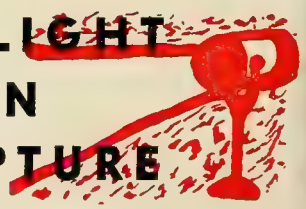
Stephen Cole



Don't forget! Brethren Youth May offering goal for 1965 is $9,000. Will you and your church invest in the future of the Brethren Church? All checks should be made payable to: **Brethren Youth** All offerings should be sent to:

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SPOTLIGHT ON SCRIPTURE



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The reference for this "Spotlight" will be given in next week's *The Brethren Evangelist*. Do you know what it is?

N.E.O. YOUTH RALLY

The N.E.O. Senior BYC Rally was held April 25 at the Smithville Brethren Church. The program was done in acts as follows:

Act I — Registration

Act II — Welcome—John Steiner
Scripture—Julia Berger
Prayer—Terry McConahay
Hymn Sing
Song Leader—Mike Drushal

Act III — Quiz Contest
Quizmaster—Rev. George Solomon
Junior High Division Contest
Canton versus Ashland Park Street (Canton winners)
Business Meeting—Duane Conroy
District Offering
Senior High Division Contest
Canton versus Smithville (Canton winners)

Act IV — Free Time

Act V — Eating Together

Menu

Ham Loaf	Escalloped Potatoes
Green Beans	Golden Salad
Bread	Butter
Jelly	Beverage

Pie

Act VI — Master of Ceremonies—Mike Drushal
Fun Singing
Quartet—Rex McConahay
Clare Keiffaber
Mike Hoff
Norman Bowman
Awarding Banner (Ashland Park Street received banner)
Quartet

Act VII — "Inhale The Incense"—film

Act VIII — Installation of Officers

Act IX — BYC Benediction

Act X — Safe Journey Home!

IDEA BOX



Doughnuts for sale! Try a doughnut sale sometime to raise funds. Take orders several weeks in advance so you know how many doughnuts will be needed. If some or all of the ingredients for the mixture were donated, your profit would be more.

You may have your own favorite recipe but if not, here is a good doughnut recipe:

6 cups flour
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoon baking powder
3 eggs beaten
1⅓ cups sugar
¼ cup shortening
1 cup mashed potato
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup milk

Sift together flour, salt, cinnamon and baking powder. Beat eggs, add sugar, shortening and then mashed potato. Include vanilla and mix in dry ingredients alternating with milk, The dough must be very stiff and if an electric mixer is used, you will have to complete mixing by hand. The dough should be chilled for two hours or may be frozen. Yield: approximately five dozen.

Before the sale, you should prepare the needed amount of dough which could be cut also and the doughnuts frozen. On the day of the sale, get the doughnuts out of the freezer in time to allow for complete thawing and make sure they are laid out between layers of wax paper so the doughnuts will not stick together.

Your doughnuts could be varied by glazing, sugar, plain or frosted.

Churches Anonymous

The building was not built by Brethren but this is a new Brethren Church. Reported membership is twenty-seven and growing. It is found in Indiana. The pastor is a public school teacher who had planned to serve in Kentucky until God changed his plans. Can you identify this Brethren Church? Look for the answer in next week's *The Brethren Evangelist* on the youth pages.



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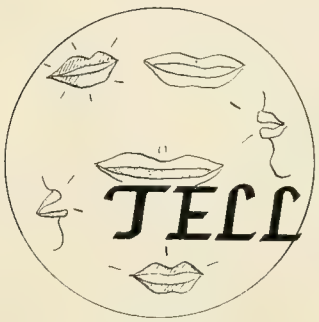
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NOTES and COMMENTS

Rev. C. C. Grisso Passes Away

Word has been received of the passing of Rev C. C. Grisso of North Manchester, Indiana, on Monday, May 17. His funeral was conducted at North Manchester on Thursday, May 20.

More will be reported in the magazine at a later date.

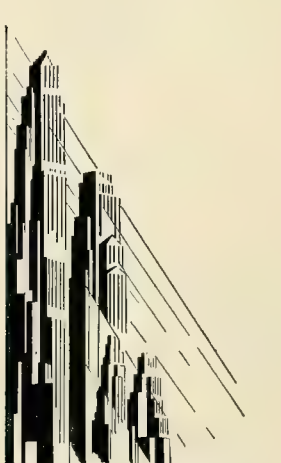
A Report on MISS MARGARET LOWERY

Miss Margaret Lowery has re-entered the hospital at Lexington, Kentucky, and has undergone surgery in one shoulder to correct injuries sustained in an automobile accident on May 2. A last report Miss Lowery is making good recovery Remember to pray for her.

INDIANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

On Pages 14, 15, 16 and 17 of this issue of *The Brethren Evangelist* you will find the program for the Indiana District Conference which will be held at Shipshewana Lake, Indiana, on June 14-17 of this year.

Next week's issue of the magazine will carry the Ohio District Conference which is to be held the week of June 21 at Canton, Ohio.



OUR COVER

Our cover this week emphasizes the entire "Mission" of the Brethren Youth and the Brethren Church—"Go, Tell, Teach and Baptize." The artist is Mrs. John Vance.

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Stewardship of the Gospel

IN OUR MIDWEEK services in the First Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio, we have been making a study of the Christian's stewardship responsibilities in his relationship to God. The topic for discussion recently was "Stewardship of the Gospel." This was a most enlightening discussion, to say the least! Since this study, your Editor has given much thought to the subject and would like to share some of this thinking with you.

As outlined by the author of the text we are studying, there are three areas of such stewardship: guard the Gospel, share the Gospel and reflect the Gospel.

Guard the Gospel. How relevant this is to our modern day. In many circles of today, the Gospel is losing its purity and holiness, it is being tampered with by theologians of today who do not really believe in the saving power of the Gospel of our Lord. They would have you believe sin is not really sin, this is the true nature of man, and therefore God cannot help him. That it is alright to indulge in the sin of the world, for God is a loving God and He will wink at that which is done by man. Some teach that we sort of come to a goodness that is acceptable to God by our own working at it and the fact that God is the one who changes the course of man is left completely out of the picture. To be sure, man has a responsible part in "working out his salvation" but it must be done in cooperation with God's work of grace! We cannot allow our thinking to become clouded by the reasoning of so-called theologians who have not known the saving, cleansing power of the Gospel!

Paul said: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Paul had to constantly guard the purity, the truth and the purpose of the Gospel. We Brethren must constantly be on guard, preserving the Gospel of our Lord!

Share the Gospel. Once we have received the Gospel into our trust, then it is our responsibility to share it with others. A true child of God will want to do this! He will constantly be on the alert for opportunities to let others know of the saving power of our Master.

It is a part of our stewardship, of course, to support the mission work of the church, seeing to it that the blessed Gospel is sent to all who need to hear it. This means that we must help to finance the work of our missionaries in Nigeria and South America as well as those who serve in our home mission programs.

Jesus said: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." This is sharing the Gospel!

Reflecting the Gospel. How important this is! The Gospel must be reflected in our very lives as Christians. The best way of sharing the Gospel is by living it everyday of our lives; in so doing we let others know that there has been a change in life from the old to the new. Every phase of life must reflect the saving grace of our Savior. It is impossible for a person to profess the Christian faith on certain days of the year, but live the life of the world on every other day of the year. Yet, this is what many people are trying to do! It's little wonder that the average man of the world is not interested in the tenets of Christianity. That which we believe must be reflected in our daily living.

Yes, we have been entrusted with the Gospel, the most important message of all, therefore it is our duty to guard it, to share it, and to reflect it.

S.G.

news ... from the Brethren

Sarasota, Fla. Rev. J. D. Hamel reports that five persons were recently baptized and received into the membership of the church. Baptism was performed in the Gulf of Mexico Bay.

Calvary, N. Jer. Rev. Arthur F. Collins reports that two persons were received into fellowship of the church on May 16, 1965. These two were received by transfer of letter.

Johnstown II, Penna. Sunday, May 23, was the last Sunday that Rev. Charles Lowmaster was in the pulpit as pastor. He left Johnstown during the week to take up the pastorate at Elkhart, Indiana. This pastorate will begin on July 1 following a trip by the Lowmasters through the West.

A farewell party for the Lowmasters was given on Friday evening, May 14.

Gratis, Ohio. Rev. Thomas Schultz reports that six persons were received into the membership of the church recently.

Mansfield, Ohio. On Saturday, May 15, officials of the First Brethren Church met with Mr. Seth Rohrer, representative of the Evangelical Church Building Corporation of South Bend, Ind., for the purpose of signing contracts for consultation and architectural services in preparation for the building program. The schedule indicates that the new building will be started early in 1966.

Warsaw, Ind. In a news item which appeared in the **Warsaw Times-Union** dated Friday, May 14, 1965, it was announced that Rev. Paul Tinkel was assigned as assistant wing chaplain of the Civil Air Patrol of the Indiana Wing with headquarters in Warsaw, Ind. Rev. Tinkel is the pastor of the First Brethren Church in Warsaw.

Carleton, Nebr. Rev. Sylvus Flora reports that one young man was received into the membership of the church by baptism on Easter Sunday.

Memorials

KUNS. Mr. Elmer Kuns, 74, passed away on Thursday, April 22, 1965, at St. Petersburg, Florida. He was a lifelong member of the First Brethren Church, Flora, Indiana, and had served as deacon for many years.

Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned in the First Brethren Church of Flora, Indiana, with burial in the Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Rev. C. A. Stewart

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DUKER. Mrs. Ella Duker, widow of Rev. W. I. Duker, passed away in The Brethren's Home in Flora, Indiana, on Friday, April 30, 1965. Mrs. Duker was well known throughout Northern Indiana where her husband served as pastor in several Brethren Churches.

Funeral services were conducted at the Yoder Funeral Home in Goshen, Indiana, by the undersigned and Rev. Richard Allison.

Rev. C. A. Stewart

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LEFF. William (Bill) Leff, age 68, passed away on Friday, April 2, 1965. He was a member of the Carleton Brethren Church. Funeral services were conducted in the church by the pastor, Rev. Sylvus Flora. Burial was in the Carleton Cemetery.

Mrs. Lauren Lietsch

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MILLER. Dale Edward Miller, age 35, passed away on December 15, 1964. He was a member of the Loree Brethren Church where the funeral services were conducted by the undersigned.

Rev. W. E. Thomas

SUTTON. Mrs. Ella Sutton, age 85, of Loree, Ind., passed away on October 10, 1964. Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned at the Loree Brethren Church.

Rev. W. E. Thomas

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LEWIS. Mrs. Pearl Faye Lewis, age 80, passed away on April 26, 1965. Funeral services were conducted at the Loree Brethren Church where she was a member by the undersigned.

Rev. W. E. Thomas

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BAYLES. Olive Bayles, age 87, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Roann, Ind., passed away on Friday, April 30, 1965. Her funeral was conducted by the undersigned. Burial was in the Enterprise Cemetery.

Rev. Herbert Gilmer

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GOODEN. Scott Thomas Gooden, age 70, passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 1965. Funeral services were conducted at the Mt. Olive Brethren Church, Virginia, on April 8 with Rev. Wilbur Garber of the Grootoes Church of the Brethren and the undersigned in charge. Interment was made in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery at McGaheysville.

Rev. John F. Locke



If a man love not the immigrant in his own country whom he has seen, how shall he love the foreigner in the heathen country whom he has not seen?

No man fulfills his obligation to God or to himself who is not in the habit of daily prayer, and who is not sincere in his supplications for himself and his fellowmen.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from the Letters of Paul

Memory Scripture for the month—Ephesians 6:1

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1965

Read Scripture: Romans 13:8-11

The Starling

"That starling isn't very neighborly," declared Gary.

Linda looked high in the tree where Gary was pointing. Two sparrows had a nest there. It was in a crack in the tree trunk.

A starling noticed this unusual place for a nest. He chased the sparrow away. Then he hopped into the nest.

The sparrow scolded and chirped. The starling put his head out. Then pulled it back in. Soon the starling flew out and away.

The sparrow's scolding changed to a low call. Before long his mate came. Together the two little birds went into their nest.

"Oh, I do hope the starling didn't bother their eggs," said Linda. "He was mean!" added Gary.

"Yes, but I guess he didn't know he was mean," said Linda thoughtfully. "That's just the way birds are. We know when we are being mean. We know God wants us to show love for others. Whenever I feel like being unkind, I'll remember that starling. He will remind me to be more loving."

Prayer:

Help me, dear God, to be kind and loving today. Show me ways to be thoughtful and useful. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1965

Read Scripture: Romans 14:10-13

The Reason

"Susan wasn't at Sunday school yesterday," said Linda. "She wasn't there the Sunday before either."

"Maybe they have gone on vacation," said Mom.

"No," replied Linda. "Some of the girls saw her on the porch when they drove by her house."

"Why don't you walk over to see her?" suggested Mom.

"I guess I will," answered Linda.

A short time later Linda returned. "Oh, Mom, I feel terrible," she said. "I was thinking such awful things about Susan because she didn't come to Sunday school. She can't come. Her mother is sick. Her dad is out of town. She has to take care of her mother and watch the little ones."

"I'll go right over and talk with them," said Mom. "I'll see what we can do to help. This has been a good lesson for you, Linda. The Bible reminds us we are not to judge other people. We never know what really causes them to act as they do."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to remember that others need to see Your love in me. Help me not to judge them, but to be loving and helpful. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1965

Read Scripture: I Corinthians 3:8-11

Linda Helps

Linda had a book of Bible stories under her arm. "I'm going to Susan's," she told Mom. "Perhaps I can help her by reading to the little ones."

"Good idea," agreed Mom. "Maybe Betsy would like to walk along with you. I'll be over soon with some food I'm fixing. Then you girls can ride home with me."

A short time later Betsy and Susan's brothers and sisters were seated on the ground listening to Linda read Bible stories.

"Mommy sick," said little Johnny. "Mommy very sick."

"Yes," replied Linda. "God will help her. Let's ask God to help her."

Each tiny hand was folded and each head was bowed as Linda prayed, "Dear God, please help Mrs. Green in the way You know is best. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen."

"Now, let's play a game," suggested Linda.

As she played with the small children Linda knew she was a worker with God. She was glad she could make these little children happy. She was glad she could tell them of Jesus.

Prayer:

Dear God, I know there are many ways each day I can work with You. Show me the ways to be kind and helpful. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1965

Read Scripture: I Corinthians 6:19, 20

Bath Time

"Do I have to take a bath?" asked Gary.

"Yes," replied Mom. "Hurry. Dinner will soon be ready."

"But it's just us," said Gary. "Why do I have to take a bath and get cleaned up? Can't I just wash my hands and face?"

"No," answered Mom. "You're hot and dirty from playing ball. Take a bath and change your clothes."

"I don't see why I have to do that," grumbled Gary.

"Other people," Mom told him, "enjoy being with those who are neat and clean. But more important than that, the Bible says your body is God's temple. How do you think the temple of God should be?"

"Bathed after work or play," smiled Gary. "I'll hurry."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my strong body. Thank You for soap and water to keep it clean. Thank You for good food to make it grow properly. Help me to remember it is Your temple and to care for it as I should. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1965

Read Scripture: I Corinthians 10:13

Jocko's Temptation

"Jocko got out of his cage," said Linda. "He's in the big tree."

Gary went out. He called and called.

Jocko said, "Chee, chee," but wouldn't come down.

Gary started to climb the tree. The monkey went higher. Gary dropped down.

"That will never do," he said. "How can we catch him?"

The children thought and thought. "I have it!" shouted Gary.

He ran into the house. Soon he came out with a banana in a jar with a small opening.

"Oh," laughed Linda. "That's a good idea."

Gary climbed the tree. He tied the jar to one of the limbs.

When he came down he said, "Let's hide in the bushes."

While the children watched from their hiding place, Jocko went to the jar. He put his hand in to get the banana. With the banana in his fist he couldn't pull his hand out again. He wouldn't let go of the banana.

Gary climbed to him and brought him down. He tickled Jocko's tummy to make him let go of the banana. Then Linda shook the banana from the jar and gave it to Jocko. He ate it while Gary put him back in his cage.

"There," laughed Gary. "That banana was too much temptation for you. You could have gotten loose again if you would have dropped the banana."

Every day we are tempted to do things that for us are wrong. God had promised there will be a way to escape our temptations. Do you look for it? Do you ask God to help you?

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I know You are near. Help me to do what is right. When I am tempted to do wrong, show me what I should do. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1965

Read Scripture: I Corinthians 13

Love and Rabbits

Gary, Linda, and Queenie had gone for a walk. They were walking along a country road near the edge of town.

Queenie ran ahead. She stopped to sniff at something in the road. When the children got to her they saw it was a rabbit that had been killed by a car.

The dog sniffed the air. Then ran off across the field. The children were close behind. Queenie stopped at an old tree stump. She dug furiously for awhile. She sniffed in the hole, whined, and stepped back.

Gary and Linda looked in. "Baby rabbits!" they both exclaimed.

"That rabbit in the road must have been their mother," said Gary. "Who will care for them now?"

"We will," laughed Linda. "Queenie will help us. Won't you, Queenie?"

The dog wagged her tail.

Linda continued. "Queenie will sleep with them in her basket to keep them warm. We can feed them with my doll bottle."

"Good!" declared Gary. "Let's try."

Linda took off her sweater. Very carefully the children lifted the three small rabbits from the nest to the sweater. Then taking turns, they carried them home.

When Mom saw the bunnies she said, "The greatest of these is love."

"What?" asked Gary.

Mom laughed. "Charity is the word the Bible uses. It means love—our love for God, our love for others. Because of Queenie's love for little creatures, Mittens has a happy home. Now these rabbits will have a chance to live. Usually a dog would kill rabbits, but Queenie knew these needed help. Love guided her. I pray you children will let love guide you in all you do."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Your love to me. Thank You for the many loving people around me. Help me to show my love for You and others. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1965

Read Scripture: I Corinthians 16:2

Jocko Goes Home

Mr. Long came for Jocko. The children were sorry to have him leave. They liked having a monkey.

Mr. Long said, "You have taken good care of Jocko, Gary. Here is your pay."

"Thank you, Mr. Long," replied Gary. "It was fun."

After Mr. Long and Jocko were gone, Linda asked, "What will you do with the money you earned taking care of Jocko?"

"First of all," answered Gary, "I'll put aside God's part. The tithe of ten dollars is one dollar. I'll use one dollar of it for God's work. I'll use the rest to pay my way to camp."

"I'm glad," said Dad, "that you remember to take God's part out first. It is important to always do that. Then you will have money to help with His work."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to remember that all good things come from You. May I never forget to put aside Your part of my money first. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

COMFORTED TO COMFORT

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms (Deut. 33:27).

OF ALL THE stories setting forth the greatness of our beloved martyr president, Abraham Lincoln, none shows forth the real greatness of the man more than this one, of which greatness I was reminded in coming across the text of our study.

The story runs like this: During the Civil War, with the pressure of the heavy duties of the presidency, the president found time to visit the wounded soldiers in the hospitals in Washington. One evening, as he walked through the wards he came to the bed of a young man who was evidently very sick. Stopping, he asked if there was anything he could do for the lad. Not

recognizing his visitor, the lad was moved by the president's sympathetic manner to make a request. "Would you write a letter to my mother?" The chief executive agreed, and when the letter was finished, the lad said, "Please sign your name, too. I'd like Mother to know how kind you've been." The president signed his name.

When the letter was handed to the lad for his disposal and he saw who had signed as writer, he was immensely surprised. "What! You are the president?"

Lincoln reassured him, and then added, "Now, is there anything else I can do—anything at all?" "Well, I know I cannot last long, sir. If you would see me through—"

The president put those great strong arms of his about the shoulders of the suffering lad, moved him to a more comfortable position and supported the pain-wracked body through the remaining hours of the night, until in the early morning hours of another day God took the soul of the lad to be with Him, and the president ended his vigil of earthly comfort for a fellow man. Lincoln had "seen him through."

There are many ways to bring comfort to needy, pain-wracked bodies; to sin sick, fearful hearts; to burdened, questioning hearts; by word and deed (and "deeds speak louder than words") many times. And as we have been comforted, may we be able to comfort those about us who are in distress. Paul, in his salutation to the Corinthians, has these words: *Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God* (II Cor. 1:3, 4).

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

NEW FILMSTRIPS AVAILABLE

A SERIES OF LEADERSHIP EDUCATION filmstrips has recently been received by the National Sunday School Board as a gift from the Pennsylvania District Sunday School Board. These filmstrips will now be distributed from the National Sunday School Board Office, Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio. Rental fee is 50¢ per filmstrip to cover the cost of postage and handling. The series of nine filmstrips is described below:

Leadership Education Audio-Visual Kit

Leads to Leadership — 71 frames, b&w photos, rec. and man., 15 minutes

This filmstrip deals with the perennial problem of getting more and better-trained leaders for the total church program. It shows how one church facing this same problem was able to meet the problem through planning and properly organizing to find and train leaders.

The Great Adventure — 72 frames, b&w photos, rec. and man,. 14 minutes

An attempt is made in this filmstrip to motivate persons to want to teach in the church and to want to prepare themselves adequately for the task. It does so by presenting the joys and difficulties experienced by one teacher of junior high boys and girls.

So You're the Superintendent — 68 frames, b&w photos, rec. and man., 15 minutes

Sunday School Superintendents face many problems. In this filmstrip Ross Canton, himself a superintendent, tells how he solved many of his problems by sharing responsibility and by organizing workers around him to help carry on the work.

Making the Most of Rooms and Equipment — 64 frames, color photos, manual (no record)

This filmstrip describes the proper environment for good teaching. It discusses what can be done with present facilities to get the most good from them. Suggestions are made for one and two-room churches, and for churches with more rooms.

No Two Alike — 64 frames, b&w photos, rec. and man., 13 minutes

It is important that teachers see their pupils as individuals, each with a different background and environment. The filmstrip shows that it is through such understanding that the teacher is better able to help pupils develop their capacities to the fullest.

As the Twig is Bent — 54 frames, b&w draws, rec. and man., 13 minutes

By tracing the development of John Smith from infancy to adulthood, the filmstrip aims at helping teachers understand the stage of development in this process.

How Persons Learn — 70 frames, b&w photos, rec. and man., 18 minutes

This filmstrip is designed to help teachers understand what is meant by learning and discover the various ways in which learning takes place.

The Teacher Prepares — 56 frames, b&w photos, rec. and man., 6 minutes plus a "chart-on-film"

One teacher comes face to face with the fact that she is a poor teacher. She resolves to become a better teacher by preparing better. The filmstrip presents a step by step plan to guide teachers as they actually prepare to teach a lesson.

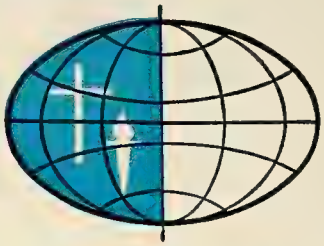
The Teacher Teaches — 104 frames, b&w photos, rec. and man., 9 minutes plus a "chart-on-film"

Four ways of teaching are presented by means of a chart on the film. They are: telling, showing, exchanging ideas, guiding group planning and activity. Each of these teaching methods is then illustrated with a class of juniors.

1964 - 65 Theme Ephesians 5:15-20

"FULFILLING THE TIME"

MISSIONARY NEWS



SHEPHERDS FOR FLOCKS

AS THE CHURCH in Nigeria is taking on more of an African personality, the responsibility of leadership must be coupled with higher-level schooling. In answer to this need, a college was established in 1959 to offer the first theological training to young men in Northern Nigeria. This Theological College of Northern Nigeria has developed under the partnership of many Protestant missions and churches. The Brethren and the church they established, known as the Eastern District of the Church of Christ in the Sudan, have shared with the numerous other groups in this venture. This Christian institution at Bukuru, located near Jos, graduated its first class two years ago. One of the missionaries of C.B.M. serves on the staff and teaches the men from our mission church area the Brethren Doctrines and beliefs in addition to their regular curriculum.

Entrance examinations to the Theological College are most difficult and yet this year a number of young men sought acceptance in order to be better trained missionaries and evangelists to proclaim the "Good News" in Jesus Christ. Of the three gaining entrance, two are Higi young men from the Mbororo Station area who have finished the course at Kulp Bible School. It is a thrill to know that these two young men are entering a four-year course of study to prepare as overseers of the flocks.

In surrendering their lives to serve Him, the cost of their training and support of their families is of great concern. The total cost for one student and his family is $400 a year which includes food, some clothing, and transportation. These men have no way of earning money while in school and the existing economy among the Higi allows no opportunity for saving money toward these dedicated years.

Already some funds have been forwarded for their education from our Brethren Church groups and individuals, anxious that Africans who know the language and customs of their own people might propogate their faith among those with whom they can identify. We have a responsibility as well as our missionaries in Africa to prepare the African Christian in adequate training for the task of demonstrating that the Gospel truly belongs to the African.

Remember in prayer these students, John Guli and Zira Diya and their families, as they further prepare themselves to take the message of salvation to their people. We offer the following sketches of their lives knowing that you are interested in our brethren in other fields.

JOHN: a voice in the wilderness

by GERALD NEHER

He was first known by the name Tizhe, for he was the oldest son. Higi custom names children according to the order in which they are born into the family. Before the child is born tribal custom had dictated its name.

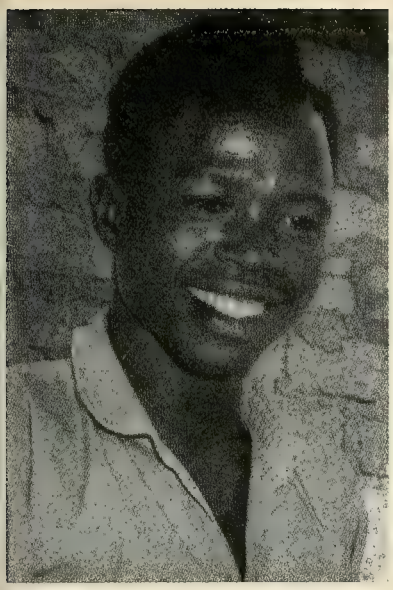
He also had a name which his father had given him. It was Gwambali. Tizhe's father had gone to the Gwambali River to buy dried fish and soon after he returned home his first child was born. The neighboring women cooked some of the fish for Tizhe's mother, so his father called him Gwambali.

And then his mother called him Natawa which means "What have I seen?" inferring that maybe he would die, or maybe he would live.

It is also a very common practice for people to take names from the Bible at the time of their baptism. They reason, and justly so, that if a person is to begin a new life he must have a new name to go with it. When he came to Kulp Bible School, Tizhe was known to us as John.

As John grew up he followed the customs of his friends. As soon as he was a few years old he stayed at home to protect the compound from thieving while his father and mother went to the fields to hoe. A few years later he herded goats, sheep, and donkeys with the rest of the community children. Then he began to help his father hoe a little.

When John was about fifteen years old the Lassa Church opened a class of religious instruction in the village of Kuberjibje, and he entered the class. The next year he went to Lassa to live in the boarding compound and go to the elementary school there. His



John Guli

father had earlier been in a class of religious instruction in Lassa and wanted his boy to go on to school. However, since there was no school in the village John could not go at the proper age. When he was in the fourth grade in school he had the highest marks in his class and could have gone on, but he decided that it was time to get married and start to work.

The task of getting married is not a simple one, especially among the Higis. The bride price must be paid before the bride goes to live with the groom. Included in the bride price was money, the equivalent of about fifteen months of labor, plus seventeen goats and seventeen cakes of mineral salt. According to Higi custom, marriages take place only in the months of September and October after a prospective groom has proved his worth as a son-in-law by hoeing in the fields of the bride's parents.

John married Kwanye, who also has the name *Elizabeth*. They went back to their home village to garden for a while during the dry season but soon accepted a call from the Mbororo church to do village work in Himalkai among his own people near the border of the Cameroon Republic. He worked there for one year and then came to Kulp Bible School. The search for knowledge particularly that of the Bible, caused John to take the test which eventually brought him to Kulp Bible School.

John benefited from Kulp Bible School by learning better methods of farming, what foods the body needs, and where to find that food. He is also happy that Elizabeth has learned to read the Bible and write. But his main joy is that he has learned how to preach and witness so that he may draw men to Christ.

Elizabeth does not have all of the markings of her tribe. Facemarks are put on young Higi girls but a more elaborate pattern of tribal markings are put on the abdomen and back after a few months of marriage. John prevented his wife from getting these marks as he did not want Elizabeth to go through the agony of having them cut through her skin.

John's wife and family, three children, will go with him to the Theological College. Zakariya and Ruth are children born to them and the other girl, Naomi, is a nursemaid to care for the children and home while Elizabeth attends classes, too.

John wants to be a village free pastor, making his living by farming as he learned to do at Kulp Bible School. He particularly has his eye on the village of Ghyi, the large Higi village from which the Higi people claim their origin. John says, "It is a big and important village, but it has no messenger for Christ."

—Gospel Messenger
Church of the Brethren



John and Elizabeth with their two children, Zakariya and Ruth.

ZIRA DIYA: searching the Scriptures

by GERALD NEHER



Zira Diya

Zira Diya and his family are 500 miles from Higi land in the central part of Northern Nigeria attending the Theological College of Northern Nigeria. The road to Theological College has not been an easy one for Zira.

He was born in the town of Micika in Higi land, but his folks soon moved to a rural area so the daily walk to the farm would be easier. Here Zira grew up in the tradition of his people by herding goats and caring for his younger brother and sisters.

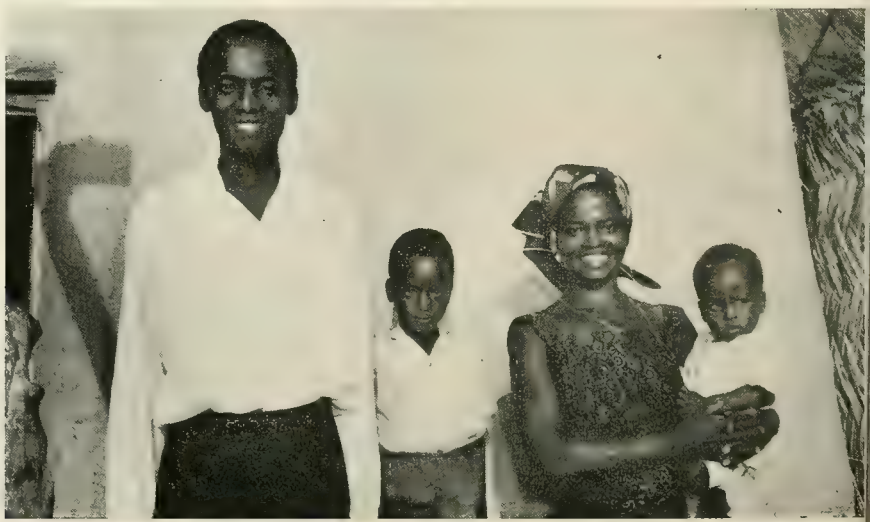
Being the eldest son it was his father's desire that he marry early and carry on the traditions of the family. When Zira was fourteen years old his family chose a young girl and brought her to the compound for him to marry. The same year Zira was married, an evangelist came to the small hamlet of Yabali where they were living. Zira's father refused to give him permission to attend the adult literacy classes being held by the evangelist. Finally, under the disguise of wanting to learn the Hausa language, permission was granted to attend classes. This led to a desire for more schooling, and Zira entered elementary school.

When in the second grade, Zira's father realized that he was no longer following his desires and the traditions of his people. He had made a covenant with God to follow Him. He was then baptized in 1954. This was very displeasing to his father; and because his mother, brother, and sisters assisted him in his efforts, all of them were chased away from the compound.

Zira moved near Moda where he began to help the evangelist. He finished class four and felt the call of God to work for the church.

The first work was done at Sina which is a large village with several distinct areas known as Sina Kwamde, Sina Galle, and Sina Mala. He worked there for two years and over thirty people entered the church. He then felt the call of God to go to a more distant and difficult place to work, so he went to Kamale on the Nigerian-Cameroon border.

Those who have worked with Zira have been impressed with his desire to serve the Lord. Also, those who work with him soon become aware that his family



Zira Diya with his wife, Ndaye, and their two sons, Jesse and Elisha.

relationships are a real example in Christian living in a country where traditionally families are bound together with little more than a common residence. During his last year in primary school he married a young Higi girl named Ndaye, with whom he had fallen in love. Zira, his wife Ndaye and their two sons Jesse and Elisha study and worship together. Zira has taught both Ndaye and Jesse to read and write. Six-and-a-half-year-old Jesse is equally fluent in Higi, English or the Hausa language.

Zira finished his course at Kulp Bible School in December 1964 and though entrance to Theological College of Northern Nigeria is difficult and usually reserved for those of more academic training, Zira successfully passed the entrance examinations, and entered to school in February of 1965. He states: "I am now in Theological College of Northern Nigeria at Bukuru, searching the Scriptures for a four-year period preparing myself for the ministry of God."

MOAB and AMMON

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XXXII

BE IT RECALLED that in the very beginning of this study, was used the phrase, *The seeds of a family feud oft are sown . . . e'en by the fortuitous hand of providence.* If the grandson sons of Lot, Moab and Ammon, remained in the plateau country east of Abram's domain because they knew they were cut off from land and estate, God remembered them yet as Hebrews. They could not participate in and enjoy the Covenant of Abraham but God yet held them in remembrance and gave to them a home. Moses, later leading the children of Israel at the end of the forty years of wilderness wandering, *Turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab. And Jehovah said unto me (Moses), vex not Moab, neither contend with them in battle; for I will not give thee of his land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession* (Deut. 2:9—ASV).

The fortunes of the children of Israel were closely watched even while they were held in bondage. The descendants of Lot did not forget the former days nor the Promise of God to Abraham. The old, old story, with its every twist of personal hurt, must have been related around many a camp fire and to generation after generation of children at their mother's knee. At times, the soothing panacea of time doubtless pushed it into the background, but ever and anon, new circumstance flamed into outbreaks of passion and hatred. How countless the times it must have been said in Ar, by parents to their brood or by Patriarch to his clan regarding Israel in bondage, "It serves them right. Who do they think they are anyway? Now how about the land *as far as Abram could see.*"

But one day great consternation chilled their marrow. News traveled fast, even over the camel routes of the desert. "The Israelites have escaped from Egypt. They are swarming down the Sinaitic highway. They are returning to the *land that Abram could see.*" And the song of Moses and Miriam tells us that, *The people have heard, they tremble: Pangs have taken hold on the inhabitants of Philistia. Then were the chiefs of Edom dismayed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling taketh hold upon them* (Ex. 15:14, 15—ASV).

And to Moab and Ammon they came. Moab lets Israel pass through on the highway but when Israel had wrested from the Amorites the land she had taken from Ammon (Num. 21:21-31) and captured the land of Bashan (Num. 21:31-35), the writer of the book of Numbers tells us that, *Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were so many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel* (Num. 22:3—ASV).

As a consequence, Moab sought an alliance with Midian and the alliance attempted, by the power of DIVINATION, to halt and destroy Israel. The satanic powers of evil has ever tried to discomfit and defeat God's people. The instrument of the attempt was one, Balaam of Pethor, a town on the upper Euphrates. This Balaam seems to have enjoyed a wide reputation as a DIVINER, a worker of enchantments, but God turned him into a Prophet of truth. Three times Jehovah met Balaam and each time gave him his prophetic message (Num. 23:1 to 24:25). Hear him as he cries from a high place of Baal, *And he took up his parable, and said, From Aram hath Balak brought me, The king of Moab from the mountains of the east: Come, curse me Jacob, And come, defy Israel. How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? And how shall I defy, whom Jehovah hath not defied? For from the top of the rocks I see him, And from the hills I behold him: Lo, it is a people that dwelleth alone, And shall not be reckoned among the nations. Who can count the dust of Jacob, Or number the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, And let my last end be like his* (Num. 23:7-10—ASV)! Hear the prophetic lay from Mount Pisgah, *And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; Hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor; God is not a man, that he should lie, Neither the son of man, that he should repent: Hath he said, and will he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and will he not make it good? Behold, I have received commandment to bless: And he hath blessed, and I cannot reverse it. He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob; Neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: Jehovah his God is with him, And the shout of a king is among them. God bringeth them forth out of Egypt; He hath as it were the strength of the wild-ox. Surely there is no enchantment with Jacob; Neither is there any divination with Israel: Now shall it be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought! Behold, the people riseth up as a lioness, And*

as a lion doth he lift himself up: He shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, And drink the blood of the slain (Num. 23:18-24—ASV). When Balak took him to the seven sacrificial altars of Peor, Balaam no longer sought ENCHANTMENT, but looking down upon the multitude of Israel, spread out in the valley, tribe by tribe, in orderly array, *The spirit of God came upon him* and he paid another beautiful tribute to the people of God's choice, *And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor saith, And the man whose eye was closed saith; He saith, who heareth the words of God, Who seeth the vision of the Almighty, Falling down, and having his eyes open: How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, Thy Tabernacles, O Israel! As valleys are they spread forth, As gardens by the river-side, As lign-aloes which Jehovah hath planted, As cedar-trees beside the waters. Water shall flow from his buckets, And his seed shall be in many waters, And his king shall be higher than Agag, And his kingdom shall be exalted. God bringeth him forth out of Egypt; He hath as it were the strength of the wild-ox: He shall eat up the nations his adversaries, And shall break their bones in pieces, And smite them through with his arrows. He couched, he lay down as a lion, And as a lioness; who shall rouse him up? Blessed be everyone that blesseth thee, And cursed be everyone that curseth thee* (Num. 24:3-9—ASV). Balak, King of Moab, was exceedingly angry and ordered Balaam out of his country, but before departing to *his people* for he seems to have been a Midianite (Num. 31:8), he spake the greatest prophecy of all. Hear his clarion voice ringing down through the centuries. Hear the echoes from Bethlehem to Golgotha; and from Golgotha to the "END OF THE AGE" (Num. 24:17-19—ASV):

I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not nigh:
There shall come forth a star out of Jacob,
And a sceptre shall rise out of Israel,
And shall smite through the corners of Moab,
And break down all the sons of tumult . . .
And out of Jacob shall one have dominion.

This was the hope of the world in a nut shell. This was the prediction of the Christ for the Ages; and the Ages for Christ.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

PSALM NINETY-ONE

THIS POPULAR PSALM may be better understood if read in an arrangement of musical responses, as follows:

Solo: The principle of peace (Ps. 91:1)
Solo: The testimony of trust (v. 2)
Chorus: The deliverance of God (vs. 3-8)
Solo: The testimony of trust (v. 9)
Chorus: The deliverance of God (vs. 10-13)
Unison: The salvation of God (vs. 14-16)

This Psalm seems to be an elaboration of Deut. 33:27a. The abrupt change of person from "He" (v. 1) to "I" (v. 2) to "thee" (v. 3) would indicate musical responses with solos and chorus. The marvelous inner strength promised in verses 1 and 2 is only for those who live in closest fellowship with God. Christ alone perfectly fulfilled the description of these verses, and He alone, could claim in the fullest sense the blessings named in the remaining verses. How wonderful that these precious assurances are also given to those who put their trust in Him (Ps. 107:6)!

The way is dark . . . What lies ahead
I do not know . . . But then, my God,
Who lovest so, wilt comfort give
And refuge from the foe, within Thine arms . . .
There I shall rest from toil and strife,
Upon Thy breast, and childlike,
Trust in Thee to shield from harm . . .
What if this frame disintegrate
And helpless be? Within Thy Word
Are bulwarks firm to undergird,
With promise of the Home prepared by Thee!
There, ever strong, from care set free,
I'll work and serve thru peaceful, endless days!
Wonderful reality!

—Margaret S. Fellows.

"The snare of the fowler"(v. 3) is a net used for trapping birds or animals (Ps. 124:7; Eccl. 9:12). "From the noisome pestilence" may mean protection from slander (Ps. 38:12; 5:9; 120:2, 3). The "pestilence that walketh in darkness" (v. 6) may refer to the affliction that comes as a deep gloom (Job 3:6; 10:22; 23:17; 28:3; 30:26). We have invisible protection from invisible dangers (vs. 11, 12). To go to God for refuge is to be sure of a welcome, adequate provision, and Almighty protection (Jn. 6:37). The first half of verse 4 is reminiscent of Deuteronomy 32:11 and is repeated in Psalms 17:8 and 63:7. "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler" and reminds us of "the whole armour of God" (Eph. 6:13-17).

While many people do turn to God in time of personal disaster, the important thing is where one has been abiding or dwelling all along (v. 9). "Most High" means "highest" and signifies God as the possessor of heaven and earth and as the dispenser of blessings upon the earth (Gen. 14:18-22; Deut. 32:8). Note the effective divine interruption of the discourse in verse 14. Who apparently is the speaker? Upon what conditions are His promises made (vs. 14-16)? What do the conditions mentioned in 14 and 15 have upon those stated in verses 1 and 9? What are the eight promises in verses 14-16? What areas of human need are covered by these promises? Put in your own words the requirements necessary for receiving these promises.



Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

SARASOTA, FLA.

FIRST BRETHREN had a "Key to Life Campaign" with Evangelist Dan Ankerberg from Chicago, Illinois, March 14 to 21. We had twelve first time confessions and over 200 rededications for Christ. Total attendance was 1,847 with an average of 205 for the seven days of meetings.

Sunday, March 28, eight people were baptized and received into the membership by the "laying on of hands" and the "right hand of fellowship." Four were also received by letter and former baptism by Triune Immersion. Easter Sunday we baptized five in the beautiful Gulf of Mexico. We also received into our membership one by letter and former baptism by Triune Immersion. Our membership total is now 252.

Sarasota First Brethren average attendance: *February*—Sunday school, 239; Morning Worship, 398; Evening Worship, 109; Prayer Meeting, 68. *March*: Sunday school, 248; Morning Worship, 364; Evening Worship, 147; Prayer Meeting, 90. *April* (4, 11, 18): Sunday school, 203; Morning Worship, 327; Evening Worship, 168; Prayer Meeting, 93. Sunrise service, 200.

Rev. J. D. Hamel, pastor

TEEGARDEN, IND.

THE TEEGARDEN BRETHREN wish to share some of its recent happenings with readers of *The Brethren Evangelist*. Rev. William Skeldon, pastor of our Mishawaka church, served as evangelist for our spring revival. He also led in the song service each evening and rendered many beautiful solo numbers. Many hearts were uplifted by his challenging messages. There was one rededication.

On Easter Sunday new chancel furniture was dedicated. The W.M.S. began the project of securing new furniture last summer. The new pulpit was a gift of Mrs. Hazel Metcalf in memory of her late husband, Welcome. The three pulpit chairs were purchased by the W.M.S. and the church. New offering plates were a gift of the Sisterhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Matz, faithful members of the church, were honored Sunday, April 25, with an "Open House" at the church in honor of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. Their son, Wayne, is moderator.

The Teegarden school, which was closed two years ago due to consolidation, has now been made into a nursing home. The Sisterhood girls presented a devotional program for the folks in the home. They have been asked to hold another service real soon.

Many have read of the Palm Sunday tornadoes in Indiana. Our little town was not hit, but in our county alone, over forty-five homes or farm sites were damaged or totally destroyed. If we would have been looking out of our parsonage picture window when the tornado went through, we could have witnessed the destruction of eight homes.

We are very grateful to God for His protecting hand.

Jane Stogsdill

FALLS CITY, NEBR.

ON SUNDAY, March 28, four young people were baptized and received into the Falls City Brethren Church. Following the baptismal, ordination services were held. Mrs. James Reiger was ordained as our new deaconess by Rev. Robert Holsinger, assisted by Deacon Walter Wissinger.

Holy Communion services were held on Palm Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

A very good program was enjoyed on Easter Sunday evening.

The Thursday night classes for the study of Biblical Beliefs have been completed.

A new speaker system for the sanctuary and class rooms, is being installed in memory of Miss Sandra Gilkerson, who lost her life this past summer in a swimming accident.

A work day was held at our summer camp—Camp Wyandotte, Saturday, April 24. Much work was accomplished.

A Mother-Daughter dinner was held on May 4, at 6:30 p. m.

Plans are being made to remodel the old part of our basement.

Mrs. Fritz Schroedl
Corresponding Secretary

WABASH, IND.

THE BRETHREN of Wabash, Indiana, had a very busy and thrilling Easter Sunday. After a winter with much sickness, eighty-one people gathered for the Sunday school, and, then, ninety-four worshipped together in the 10:30 a. m. service. This was a great joy for those who have been so faithful in visitation and prayer.

How wonderful to watch the faithful grow from thirty-seven for Easter, 1964. God has truly blessed us, and it would be wrong not to give thanks for the wonderful working of the Holy Spirit, also. He has opened and closed doors and blessed us with hope.

At 2 a. m., Wabash held its first sunrise service. The service was by candlelight. It consisted of hymns, scripture, poems and a solo by Brother Joe Woodcott. The B.Y.C. assisted and the program was planned by Brother Dave Smith.

A baptismal service was held in the afternoon at the Roann First Brethren Church. There was also a baby dedication service in the morning worship hour.

Doran, Nancy, and Holly Sue Hostetler were present in the Sunday services. Doran taught the young adult Sunday school class and Nancy spoke to the B.Y.C. at their meeting in the church social room.

Again we say, "Praise the Lord" for His blessings here at Wabash.

Rev. Dana Hartong, pastor

The SEVENTY-EIGHTH CONFERENCE of the INDIANA DISTRICT BRETHREN CHURCHES and BIBLE CONFERENCE

The Brethren Retreat
Shipshewana Lake, Indiana
JUNE 14 to 17, 1965

THE PROGRAM

Monday Evening — June 14

7:30- 8:00 Devotional Service
Music
Scripture and Prayer
Appointment of Credential Committee
Appointment of Committee on Committees
8:00 Hymn
Inspirational Address. .Rev. William Skeldon
9:00 Brethren Youth

Tuesday Morning — June 15

7:15 Breakfast
8:10- 9:45 Simultaneous Sessions
W.M.S., Ministerium, Laymen
8:30- 9:45 Brethren Youth
10:00-11:00 First Business Session
Scripture and Prayer
Report of Credential Committee
Report of Ministerial Delegates
Report of Conference Treasurer
Report of Statistician
11:00-12:00 Moderator's Address
Rev. Glenn Grumbling
"Brethren, Grow or Die"
12:00 Dinner

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30- 2:30 Report of Credential Committee and Ministerial Delegates
District Mission Board Session
2:30- 3:00 The Benevolent Board of the Brethren Church
3:00- 3:30 The Missionary Board of the Brethren Church
3:30- 4:30 W. M. S.
5:30 Supper

Tuesday Evening

6:45- 7:30 Vesper Service
Speaker Rev. Jack McDaniel
7:45- 8:00 Musical and Memorial Program
8:00- 9:00 District Laymen
Hymn Max Miller, Dist. Sec'y.-Treas.
Prayer Charles Stump, Dist. Pres.
Hymn Max Miller
Devotions James Payne,
Southern District President
Installation of Officers John Porte,
National Laymen President
Special Music Northern District
Address Dr. Carl Kreider,
Dean of Goshen College
"Africa"
Benediction John Oberly,
Northern District President
9:00 Brethren Youth

Wednesday Morning — June 16

7:15 Breakfast
8:10- 9:45 Simultaneous Sessions
W.M.S., Ministerium, Laymen
8:30- 9:45 Brethren Youth
10:00-11:00 Business Session
Scripture and Prayer
Report of Credential Committee
Report of Ministerial Delegates
Report of Ministerial Examining Board
Report of Committee on Committees
Election of Officers
11:00-12:00 Inspirational Address. .Rev. William Skeldon
12:00 Dinner

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30- 2:15 Report of Credential Committee and Ministerial Delegates
District Sunday School Board
2:15- 3:00 District Board of Trustees
3:00- 3:20 Ashland College and Seminary
3:20- 3:40 Brethren Publishing Company
3:40- 4:00 Business Session (if needed)
4:00- 5:00 W. M. S.
5:30 Supper

Wednesday Evening

6:45- 7:30 Vesper Service
Speaker Rev. John Brownsberger
7:45- 9:00 District Brethren Youth
Bible Quiz
9:00 Brethren Youth

Thursday Morning — June 17

7:15 Breakfast
8:10- 9:45 Simultaneous Sessions
W.M.S., Sisterhood, Ministerium, Laymen and Boys' Brotherhood
10:00-11:00 Business Session
Scripture and Prayer
Committee Reports:
Credential
Ministerial Delegates
Boys' Brotherhood
Auditing
Resolutions
Brethren Youth Board
11:00-12:00 Inspirational Address..Rev. William Skeldon
12:00 Dinner

Thursday Afternoon

1:30- 2:00 Business Session
Scripture and Prayer
Any remaining business
Time and Place for 1966 Conference
2:00- 3:15 W. M. S. Public Service
Prelude
Song
Special Music Teegarden Society
Foreign Mission Highlights
Mrs. Elmer Baldwin, former missionary to Nigeria
Theme Chorus
Benediction

Woman's Missionary Society

Theme: "Fulfilling Our Time By Serving"

"But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter." Romans 7:6.

Theme Song: "There's a Place in the Harvest For You"

Pianist - - - - - Mrs. Woodrow Immel, North Manchester
Chorister - - - - Mrs. William Anderson, Nappanee

THE PROGRAM

Tuesday Morning — June 15
8:10 - 9:20

Prelude
Song
Devotions Roann II Society
"Serving Christ in My Home" Ephesians 6:4; I Timothy 5:14; Titus 2:3-8
Business
Memorial Service Kokomo Society

W. M. S. Prayer Period
9:20 - 9:45

Mrs. George Pontius Dutchtown Society

Tuesday Afternoon
3:45 - 4:45

Annual Tea and Program College Corner Society

Wednesday Morning — June 16
8:10 - 9:20

Prelude
Song

Conference Organization

Moderator - - - - - Glenn Grumbling
Vice Moderator - - - Glen Traver (moved)
Secretary-Treasurer - - - G. Bright Hanna
Ass't. Sec'y.-Treas. - - - - Paul Tinkel
Statistician - - - - Mrs. Donald Kollar

Devotions Oakville Society II
"Serving in My Church" John 15:2, 8; Proverbs 11:30; Hebrews 2:12
Business:
Election of Officers
Recognition of Banner Societies
Project Offering — Completion of furnishing dormitory rooms at Shipshewana — donations to new Dormitory or buildings if project was completed ..Ardmore Society
Theme Chorus
Benediction

W. M. S. Prayer Period
9:20 - 9:45

Mrs. Dana Hartong Wabash Society

Wednesday Afternoon
4:00 - 5:00

Prelude
Song
Devotions Roanoke Society
"Home Missions" Matthew 24:14
Winding Waters (Elkhart) Home Mission Church
Rev. John Brownsberger
Wabash Mission Church Rev. Dana Hartong
Mission Churches and School, Lost Creek and Krypton, Kentucky Rev. Herbert Gilmer
Benediction

Thursday Morning — June 17
8:10 - 9:20

Combined meeting of Woman's Missionary Society and Sisterhood of Mary and Martha
Pianist Joyce Payne—S.M.M., Burlington Society
Chorister Mrs. William Anderson, W.M.S., Nappanee
Prelude
Song
Devotions County Line Society
"Witnessing in My Community" Acts 1:8; 2:32; 22:15
Special Music Burlington S.M.M.
Duet: Joyce and Peggy Payne
Business:
Combined installation of Officers
Mrs. Russell Rodkey
Theme Chorus
Benediction Mrs. Kenneth Lemert, S.M.M. Patroness

W. M. S. Prayer Period
9:20 - 9:45

Mrs. Paul Tinkel Warsaw Society

Thursday Afternoon
2:00 - 3:15

Prelude
Song
Special Music Teegarden Society
Foreign Mission Highlights Mrs. Elmer Baldwin former missionary to Nigeria
Theme Chorus
Benediction

Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

Theme
"I Charge Thee"
Theme Song: "A Charge To Keep I Have"

THE PROGRAM
Monday Night — June 14

Singspiration and Devotions Rev. William Skeldon
Refreshments Loree S.M.M.

Tuesday — June 15

7:00 Breakfast—Dorm basement
8:30- 9:45 Brethren Youth
9:50-10:30 Fellowship Hour—Dorm basement
11:00-11:45 Attend services in Tabernacle

1:00 - 2:00 P. M.

Prelude Pianist
Theme Song
Greetings by President
Devotions Brighton S.M.M.
Special Music Peru S.M.M.
Message Rev. Pontius, Dutchtown
Reports and Committee Appointments
Closing Hymn—"Spirit of Sisterhood"
Benediction

5:00 Wiener Roast
7:45- 9:00 Attend services in Tabernacle

9:10 P. M.

Meeting in Dorm basement
Devotions Warsaw S.M.M.
Refreshments Dutchtown S.M.M.

Wednesday — June 16

7:00 Breakfast—Dorm basement
8:30- 9:45 Brethren Youth
9:50-10:30 Fellowship Hour—Dorm basement
11:00-11:45 Attend services in Tabernacle

1:00 - 2:00 P. M.

Theme Song
Devotions Teegarden S.M.M.
Special Music Elkhart Sr. S.M.M.
Message Mrs. Herbert Gilmer
Business—Election of Officers
Closing Song—"Spirit of Sisterhood"
Benediction

4:00 - 5:00 P. M.

Sisterhood Dinner
Decorations South Bend Sr. S.M.M.
Prayer Mrs. George Brown

5:30 P. M.

Ingathering (In Tabernacle)
Hymn
Devotions North Manchester Sr. S.M.M.
Ingathering
Consecration Prayer Mrs. Kenneth Lemert
Special Music Nappanee S.M.M.
Benediction

7:45- 9:00 Youth Night—Bible Quiz

9:10 P. M.

Meeting in Dorm basement
Candle-Light Service—Officers
Recognition of Old and New Societies
Refreshments South Bend Jr. S.M.M.

Thursday — June 17

7:00 Breakfast—Dorm basement
8:10- 9:20 Meeting with W.M.S. in Tabernacle
Prelude
Hymn
Devotions W.M.S.
Special Music Joyce and Peggy Payne
W.M.S. Business
Installation of S.M.M. and W.M.S. Officers
W.M.S. Theme Song
Benediction

9:20- 9:45 W.M.S. Prayer Service
10:00 S.M.M. Business Session in Dorm basement
Secretary and Treasurer reports
11:00-11:45 Attend services in Tabernacle
12:00 Lunch—Dorm basement

Laymen's Organization

Tuesday Morning — June 15

8:10- 9:20 Regular Laymen session
9:20- 9:45 Prayer Period

Tuesday Evening
8:00 - 9:00
(Conference Program)

Hymn led by Max Miller
District Secretary-Treasurer
Prayer Charles Stump
District President
Hymn led by Max Miller
Devotions James Payne
Southern District President
Installation of District Officers John Porte
National Layman President
Special Music in charge of Northern District
Address: "Africa" Dr. Carl Kreider
Dean of Goshen College
Benediction John Oberly
Northern District President

Wednesday Morning — June 16

8:10- 9:45 Combined Ministers-Laymen Meeting
Ministers in charge

Thursday Morning — June 17

8:10- 9:20 Regular Laymen session
9:20- 9:45 Prayer Period

Boys' Brotherhood

Tuesday — June 15

8:30- 9:45 Attend Brethren Youth Session
1:00- 2:00 Devotional Program
Speaker Rev. Jack McDaniel
9:00 Brethren Youth

Wednesday — June 16

8:30- 9:45 Attend Brethren Youth Session
1:00- 2:00 Devotional Program
Speaker Rev. Arthur J. Tinkel
9:00 Brethren Youth

Thursday — June 17

8:10- 9:45 Attend Laymen Session
1:00- 2:00 Devotional Program with Bible Drill
Rev. C. William Cole in charge

Brethren Youth

Monday — June 14

9:00 Activities

Tuesday — June 15

8:30- 9:30 "Exploring Inner Space"
Rev. Kent Bennet
9:30- 9:45 Prayer Period

2:00- 4:00 Recreation (games and swimming)
9:00 Activities

Wednesday — June 16

8:30- 9:30 "Exploring Inner Space"
Rev. Kent Bennett
9:30- 9:45 Prayer Period
2:00- 4:00 Recreation (games and swimming)
7:45- 9:00 District Brethren Youth Bible Quiz
9:00 Activities

Thursday — June 17

8:10- 9:45 Girls meet with W.M.S.
Boys meet with Laymen

Ministerium

Tuesday Morning — June 15
8:10 - 9:20

Topic—"HOW TO Build a Vital Denominational Program"
by John Porte, Field Secretary of the Brethren Church
Rev. William Skeldon, Moderator

9:20 - 9:45

Devotions and Prayer Period Rev. Gene Hollinger

Wednesday Morning — June 16
8:10 - 9:20

(Combined Minister-Laymen Meeting)
Topic—"HOW TO Unify Local Auxiliary Programs"
Rev. Claude Stogsdill, Moderator
Group Discussion:

1. Overlapping of Projects
2. Overlapping of Goals
3. Lack of Organizational Theme
4. Need for Well-Defined Purpose

9:20 - 9:45

Devotions and Prayer Period Rev. Gene Hollinger

Thursday Morning — June 17
8:10 - 9:20

Topic—"HOW TO Administrate Special Church Programs"
Rev. Richard Allison, Moderator
Group Discussion:

1. Unified Budget
2. Evangelism
3. Planning Committee
4. Educational—Sunday School

9:20 - 9:45

Devotions and Prayer Period Rev. Gene Hollinger

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for June 6, 1965
WHEN AUTHORITY IS REJECTED
Text: II Samuel 15:10-13; 18:31-33

NOTHING TO DO, no responsibility and no self-denial were harmful conditions that plagued the children of David. The office of king made David an extremely busy man no doubt. While David was king, by his own choice he was also a father and as such obligated himself to parental responsibilities. Perhaps this more than anything else contributed to the ruin of three of his children—Amnon, Tamar, and Absalom. David loved Absalom but in a way that was at times foolish. Absalom was excused and over sheltered by his father when he should have received correction and been held responsible for his conduct. Many psychologists of our time are certain that many of our people who are problems to society are those who received no discipline in their youth. Parents, for fear of having a maladjusted child or of causing the child to despise them, refrain from discipline. If a child is to have a sense of proper judgment, he must come under judgment. If he is ever to be a responsible person, he must be held to responsibility. If he is expected to be an obedient man, he must first be an obedient child. Like Absalom, he must eventually face life in this world, such as it is.

In his rebellion Absalom was sinning in that he was dishonoring his father; he was sinning in that he was rebelling against his king and country; he was sinning in that he was attempting an overthrow of the household with whom God had made a covenant; promising the throne forever to David's seed. This would be sinning against God for it was His to decide not Absalom's. Absalom sinned in the way in which he deceived the people of Israel who were coming to his father for judgment.

Rebellion was costly to Absalom. It cost his friendship with Joab. Joab at one time interceded for Absalom with his father. Now he is killed by his friend. In rebellion against his father, he forced David to take steps to defend himself and the country causing the defeat of Absalom and his forces. It is ironic that the hair of his head, of which Absalom was vainly proud, became a snare to literally hang him in a tree.

David's words of mourning "would God I had died for thee" may indicate that David realized that the great trouble into which Absalom had gotten himself was in part at least due to his failure as a parent.

PRIDE

Pride, as it is compounded of the vanity and ill nature that dispose men to admire themselves, and condemn other men, retains its vigor longer than any other vice, and rarely expires but with life itself. Without the sovereign influence of God's grace, men very rarely put off all the trappings of their pride till they who are about them put on their winding sheet.

Claredon

I don't think I have ever fully believed in what is called the Church. Too often it has looked like a caricature of the real thing and far too often it has failed in its task, though few have had the temerity to say so. But always from the first days of my ordination I have held a blurred vision of what it should be and could be.

Henry C. Whitley in
LAUGHTER IN HEAVEN
(Fleming H. Revell Company)

Brethren Youth Crusaders

DONUTS AND PUBLIC SERVICE

The youth of the Garber Church in Ashland held a donut sale on May 1. Orders were taken several weeks ahead and members of the group began making dough and freezing the cutout donuts. The Summy's freezer was filled and more donuts were stored in Pastor Rowsey's freezer.

Work began at 8:30 a.m. on May 1 at the home of the church's youth director and 89½ dozen donuts later that day was complete. Profit from the donuts has been applied to our project money for Derby.

Our Public Service was held on Youth Sunday, May 16, with Bill Walk as the special speaker. He used the youth theme "Our Mission" as the basis for his message. Members of the groups participated in the program as follows:

Call to Worship—Joyce Brown
Song Leader—Susie Dull
Scripture—Doyle Hoverstock
Morning Prayer—Gary Weller
Reporter—Janet Summy
Special Music—Judy Marker and LuAnn Summy
Ushers—Linda Dull and Betty Marker
"God's Promises"—Doyle Hoverstock and Bev Summy (This was a presentation of a science project in which Doyle made a color projector. This was explained and demonstrated and we were reminded of God's promises through color—the rainbow.)

"Cotton Pickin' Corn Pickers"

In order to raise money for the National Youth Project, the Nappanee combined youth picked up left-over corn. They started early Saturday morning and carried their sack lunches. A sum of $30.00 was earned on this project.

—Robin Wenger, Jr. secretary

QUIZ REMINDERS

Don't forget the addition to the Quiz rules—

"A second alternate may be selected to fill the position of any regular member or first alternate who cannot attend the National Bible Quiz elimination. No changes can be made in winning district teams after district elimination and the names of the four persons composing the district winning team plus the second alternate shall be submitted to the National Youth Director before the National elimination and only four of those five can participate in the National eliminations."

And Districts be sure to order your trophies now! We have had only one request for District trophies so far. If the National Youth Board is to provide trophies we must have your order so they can be made. The following blank may be used for that purpose:

CHURCH ANONYMOUS



This church began in the portable chapel which Brethren Youth gave the Missionary Board. It lists a membership of 143 in the Brethren Annual. It is located east of the Mississippi River. The present pastor was a former Brethren Youth Director.

Can you name the church and pastor? Watch for the answer in next week's **The Brethren Evangelist** on the Youth pages.

Answer to last week's
CHURCH ANONYMOUS

WABASH, INDIANA

IDEA BOX



Ever play Tic-Tac-Toe? Here's Tic-Tac-Toe with a new twist . . . play it with human X's and O's. Draw the usual game form on the floor in large scale with chalk. Tags should be prepared for the proper number of X's and O's. It would be good if these were large and could be put around the neck with string to hang in either the back or front of the individual player.

Rules are the same as with regular Tic-Tac-Toe but the game is a little more confusing to play with human X's and O's. Try it!

TOO BAD!

It looked easy enough, but walking into church last Sunday was one of the most difficult acts in John Larkner's life. You see, John had not been in church for several years. Even getting up in time for the morning service had required that he break his habit of sleeping late every Sunday.

Too bad that Richard Neighbor was absent from church on that particular morning. Richard had often asked John to come to the services. Somehow John had taken it for granted that his friend would be there and he felt a trifle disappointed not to be able to surprise him.

Too bad that the usher who handed out the printed programs had to be away from his post for a few minutes and failed to turn his task over to someone else. Of course, John remembered the order of service well enough; but there were some announcements on the folder that might have aroused his interest in taking further part in the activities for the week.

Too bad that the choir had had only a few at practice for the special music. John understood very little about music, still he could sense a lack of sureness and smoothness in the singing.

Too bad that the minister forgot his usual words of welcome before the sermon. John would have realized that the remarks about welcoming "the stranger within our midst" did not apply specifically to him, yet he would have liked the feeling of being wanted.

Too bad that the sermon itself was "general" rather than an explanation and application of Bible truths. Though John did not realize it himself, he had come to church with the hope of finding an answer to some of life's perplexing problems. The end of the sermon left him with his desires unsatisfied.

Too bad that the finance committee had not been able to put the church on a better financial footing and that the minister therefore was forced to use part of his time talking about funds for an item that should have been covered in the regular church budget. John wondered whether it was this way every Sunday.

Too bad the Smithmoyer family had to hurry away after the service without stopping to chat for a few minutes with John. They knew him only slightly, so who could blame them for the oversight? But ordinarily they were such friendly people—it seemed a pity they had no extra time on this particular Sunday.

As we said before, it was not easy for John Larkner to come to church last Sunday. It will likely be much harder for him to decide to try it again.

—George M. Dodson,
From Duplex Envelope Co.

BRETHREN YOUTH MAY OFFERING

Make all checks payable to: **Brethren Youth**
Send all offerings to: **Brethren Youth**
524 College Avenue
Ashland, Ohio 44805

Answer to last week's
Spotlight on Scripture . . .

Romans 6:22, 23

DISTRICT TROPHIES

Please send us one (1) **Winner** and one (1) **Runner-up** Trophy for each of the following divisions of the B. Y. Bible Quiz, 1964-65:

_____ **Senior Hi (grades 10-12)**

_____ **Junior Hi (grades 7-9)**

_____ **Juniors (grades 4-6)**

Sent to: Name _____

Address _____

_____ **District**

Remember! This is for district trophies and in Indiana and Ohio it is for state trophies.

"fill the DERBY hat" — $10,000

THE HYMN SCHOOL

by Jean Lersch

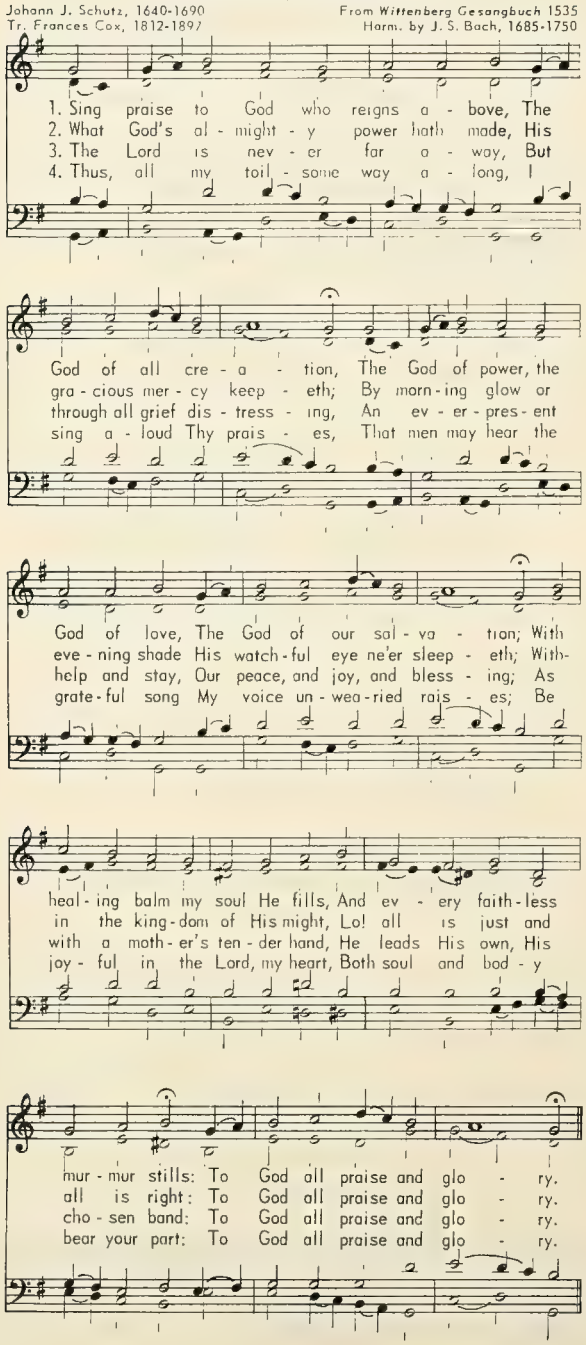
Hymn of the Month:

Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above

LUTHER'S HYMN (NUN FRUET EUCH)

Johann J. Schutz, 1640-1690
Tr. Frances Cox, 1812-1897

From *Wittenberg Gesangbuch* 1535
Harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750



Schutz was a friend of some of the German Pietists who were "pathfinders for the Brethren." (**A History o the Brethren** by Martin Brumbaugh) These men le away from the dogmatic theology of the established church and exalted individual Christian experience an Bible study.

The first line of the hymn sets forth its theme—praise to God. Notice the reasons given for praising God:

A God of power, yet a God of love; He heals, and also chastens (stanza 1).

His all-creating power and all-sustaining mercy; Hi ever-presence and absolute justice (stanza 2).

His abiding presence "as with a mother's tender hand" (stanza 3).

My obligation to tell others of His praises (stanza 4) Each stanza closes with the refrain "To God all prais and glory."

Hymn Tune—"Luther's Hymn" (Nun Fruet Euch) fron Wittenberg Gesangbuch.

The melody is simple enough for anyone to learn wit intervals all within the major scale, nearly all step-wise The first phrase is repeated. Bach has beautifully har monized this melody, but it is best to leave the harmon to the accompanying instruments, and give strength t the song by all singing unison. The range of the melod lies easily in the reach of the average worshiper (only a octave—from d to d). An uncomplicated rhythm aids i the flow of the song.

Biblically-based words in beautiful poetic form sun to a single tune with lovely harmonization truly ai the worshiper in expressing his praise to God.

KEN ANDERSON



MR. KEN ANDERSON will be the speaker for th Layman's Public Service on Tuesday evening o the Seventy-seventh General Conference. Mr. An

derson is well known in Christian circles for his production of Christian Evangelistic and Missionary Films; films that are produced here but filmed on location in many countries.

Ken Anderson, Incorporated got its real start when Dr. Bob Pierce invited Mr. Anderson to come to China and film "China Challenge." Since that time, Ken Anderson has traveled around the world producing films, writing books and articles, and working in lay evangelism.

He was born and raised near Rembrandt, Iowa, educated at Trinity and Wheaton Colleges. He is married and has a family who very much is a part of his life and Ken Anderson, Incorporated. Between films, he is an editorial director for the Lambert Huffman Publishers, of the Higley Sunday School Commentary.

SISTERHOOD

YOU ARE DIFFERENT

by MISS IDA KIMMEL

IF SOMEONE called you an "odd ball" you would not like it. I'm suggesting that you are different and if you are not, you should be. Unless you happen to be an identical twin, you don't look like anyone else or think like anyone else in the world. That is the way you are made up physically.

In the spiritual realm you may be very much the same as others. If you have had just one birth, the physical, you are the same as millions in the world. When sin came into the world through the disobedience of Adam and Eve, we, too, were cast out from the presence of God. All men need a covering for sin. In Old Testament times the need was filled through animal sacrifice. In this day you receive forgiveness through the sacrifice on the cross of the Son of God. You have come to a dead end road and must make your decision to go one of two possible ways. That decision will make you different.

The Bible speaks of Christians as being "peculiar people." That does not necessarily mean that you must dress or act differently from your friends unless they dress immodestly and their social behavior would not be acceptable in the eyes of the Lord. You will cultivate friendships with other young people who have chosen to be different. The Bible says that you will not have room for the world when you have Jesus in your heart.

You are not different because of what you do but because of what Christ has done for you. The Jew who tried to do what was right by keeping God's laws, did not find salvation. He was trying to be saved by being good instead of depending on faith.

When you come to know Christ, the Holy Spirit dwells within you and gives you supernatural power or strength to overcome evil and temptation. You don't have to face evil alone. You will consecrate your heart to Him. Your tremendous energies, your body, your hands and feet, all of you, you will present to Him to make you different. His thoughts will drive out evil thoughts; His love will be a fire which burns out evil.

Someone has said so beautifully that a Christian is

A mind through which Christ thinks,
A heart through which Christ loves.
A voice through which Christ speaks,
A hand through which Christ helps.

Yes, you are different. The devil never gives up trying to get and keep you in his ranks. The unsaved may make fun of you and call you a "goody-goody" or a "little angel" but don't let that get you on the wrong road. Let each day, yes, each moment of each day, be spent for Him who bought you with His own blood. You cannot serve two masters. You *must* be different!

(Our writer, Miss Kimmel, is a member of the Berlin, Pennsylvania, Brethren Church and has been very active in Sisterhood work. We certainly appreciate her contribution to our page. Take her words to heart, girls!)

Why not join the
TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

Tribute to REV. WILLIAM S. CRICK

by REV. PERCY C. MILLER



REV. WILLIAM S. CRICK, beloved pastor of the First Brethren Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, passed from this life April 20, 1965, at Shadyside Hospital, where he had been a patient for a week. Truly a "man of God" has gone home to be with his Lord. Brother Crick was ordained to the Brethren ministry in 1916.

His first pastorate was a circuit pastorate at Mt. Olive, Bethlehem, and Dayton, Virginia, where he served for six years. From 1922 until 1925 Rev. Crick served as pastor at Aleppo, Sugar Grove, and Quiet Dell, Pennsylvania. The next two years he served three churches in Bedford County, Pennsylvania: New Enterprise, Raystown, and Yellow Creek. From there he moved to Fremont, Ohio, where he served as pastor of the Brethren Church from 1927 until 1936. After this he moved to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where he served both the Johnstown III Brethren and Johnstown II Brethren Churches. It was in 1943 that Brother Crick first went to Dearborn Street Church, Pittsburgh. There he was pastor for five years, went to Gratis, Ohio, where he remained until 1954. From Gratis he went to Newark, Ohio, under the sponsorship of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, to start a new work there. In 1959 he was called back to Pittsburgh where he served faithfully until the time of his death.

Brother Crick will be remembered by so many of us as National Statistician of the Brethren Conference for at least fifteen years. He was also past president of the Pennsylvania Mission Board, and a member of the Ministerial Examining Board. He was also a member of the Brethren Ministerial Association.

Brother Crick was a man of great talent. He really was never fully appreciated. We doubt very much if there ever was a man more widely read than Brother Crick. He also had full command of the English language. He was a marvelous writer as well as a marvelous speaker. He was always very faithful to our conferences. He will be sadly missed by so many of us.

Services were conducted by the undersigned, April 20, 1965, assisted by Rev. Clayton Berkshire. Brother Crick has been a dear friend of the writer for many years, having baptized me in 1937. The writer deems it a great honor to serve in this capacity for, truly, a great, devoted Brethren minister and man of God has been called home. Our loss is His gain. Brother Crick was serving on the Ministerial Examining Board of the Brethren Churches in Pennsylvania when I was called into the ministry.

Brother Crick is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edna (Van Lear) Crick, and the following children: Mrs. Evelyn E. Hunter, Ashland, Ohio; Mrs. Alma L. Stumpf, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Genevieve V. Levy, Sacramento, California; Donald E. Crick, Stevens Point, Wisconsin. He is also survived by several grandchildren and one foster sister, Mrs. Gladine Williams, Kokomo, Indiana.

Rev. W. S. Crick was laid to rest in the Temple of Memories, Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We appreciated the fact that many of our Brethren ministers could be present for the services. Our sympathies, the sympathies of all the Brethren ministers, go out to the family of Brother Crick.

World Religious News in Review

DON'T BAR TEXTS ON EVOLUTION, WARNS EVANGELICAL SCIENTIST

ST. PAUL, MINN. (EP)—A University of Minnesota scientist has cautioned religious groups against efforts to prohibit the use of new high school biology textbooks because of their treatment of evolution.

Dr. V. Elving Anderson, assistant director of the Dight Institute of Human Genetics and associate professor of zoology, said he did not think that "external restrictions upon the teaching of evolution will win wide acceptance of belief in God."

Dr. Anderson is president of both the Minnesota Academy of Science and of the American Scientific Affiliation, an organization of evangelical Christians engaged in science.

Writing in the publication of the Association of Evangelicals of St. Paul, Dr. Anderson noted that new biology textbooks discuss evolution at greater length than former textbooks.

Movements to restrict their use, he said, "have arisen from a very sincere desire to uphold the relevance of the doctrine of creation as revealed in the Bible." However, he observed, "some of the anti-evolution arguments reflect a theological position not widely held by evangelicals as well as a misunderstanding of the nature of science."

Dr. Anderson suggested a four-point alternative approach to evolution:

1. "We need a renewed emphasis upon creation as an important theological doctrine . . .

2. "People in the community should learn more about the basic objectives in the new high school science courses . . .

3. "A distinction should be made between 'evolution' and 'evolutionism' . . .

4. "An adequate Sunday school and church program for high school students should permit and encourage the discussion of controversial questions within the context of faith."

CHRISTIAN HOMES: HALF HAVE BIBLES

NEW YORK (EP)—Despite the fact that the Bible enjoys the reputation as the all-time best seller, a recent worldwide survey discloses that there are no Bibles in half of all Christian homes.

The United Bible Societies survey further showed that only one Christian in eight possesses a New Testament.

In North America, it is estimated that one person out of five has a Bible.

The survey, released here by the American Bible Society, estimates that there are 150,000,000 Scriptures currently in circulation in the world.

Average life of a Bible is estimated at 15 years, although the study indicates that this varies with climate, quality of paper used, binding, printing and care given by the reader.

According to the survey, religious forces have a reasonable chance of providing every person in North and South America with a Bible or at least a portion of the Scriptures within the next 20 years.

Chances of making the same achievement in Australia are rated as "fair," but the outlook for the rest of the world is less optimistic.

The American Bible Society is planning to celebrate its 150th anniversary in 1966 by increasing Scripture distribution from 40 million to 75 million.

Dr. S. P. Raju, who conducted the distribution study, warned that "Scripture circulation is not an end in itself." He added that the greatest need "is to bring God and Bible from the churches on Sundays into the world's business places on weekdays."

POEM BRINGS MISSIONARY ARREST, $60 FINE

CHIPINGI, RHODESIA (EP)—A sonnet written by a Protestant missionary here won no award in the contest to which he submitted it. But it did get him arrested. And it cost him a $60 fine.

When the Rev. Lester Keith Weiner, a United Church of Christ missionary and principal of the Mt. Selinda Teacher Training College here, was unsuccessful in the Salisbury Shakespearian Sonnet Competition, he submitted his poem to the Central African Examiner, which published it.

He was arrested and awaits trial charged with having committed an act "likely to engender feelings of hostility towards the police" and "likely to expose the police—to contempt, ridicule or disesteem," according to the summons served on him by the Provincial Magistrate's Court.

The editor of the Examiner also was arrested, charged with publishing a subversive document. He was fined $70.

Mr. Weiner's sonnet, which he said grew "out of my own experiment of the present situation," follows:

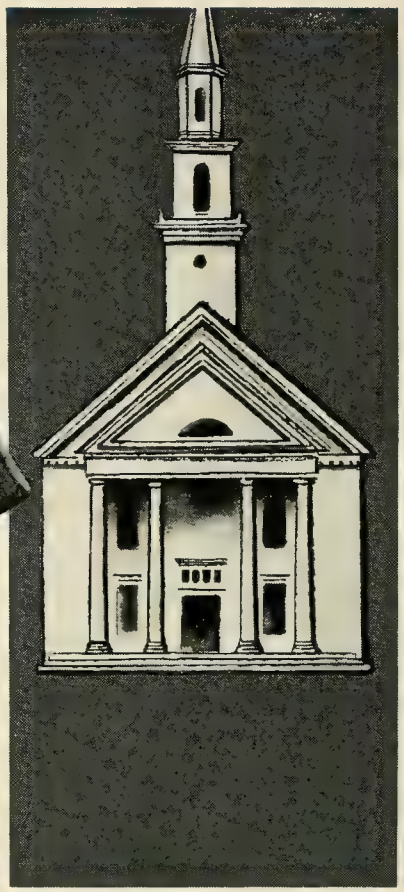
"Why must man suffer at another's hand
Police dogs (well trained to hate the smell of black:
The dispossessed, the people of the land)
By nature gifted, swift and gentle on the track
Of wayward lambs who trust their guiding bark,
As does the sightless man, who at one's leathered neck
Finds light and peace within a world of dark?
Good God, Creator, why must man so wreck
The image of Thy goodness planted there
Instinctively within a beast so wise?
Why must man warp and twist and tear
The nature of both man and dog with lies?
May man yet taste and know this bitter gall:
Perverting one is thus perverting all."

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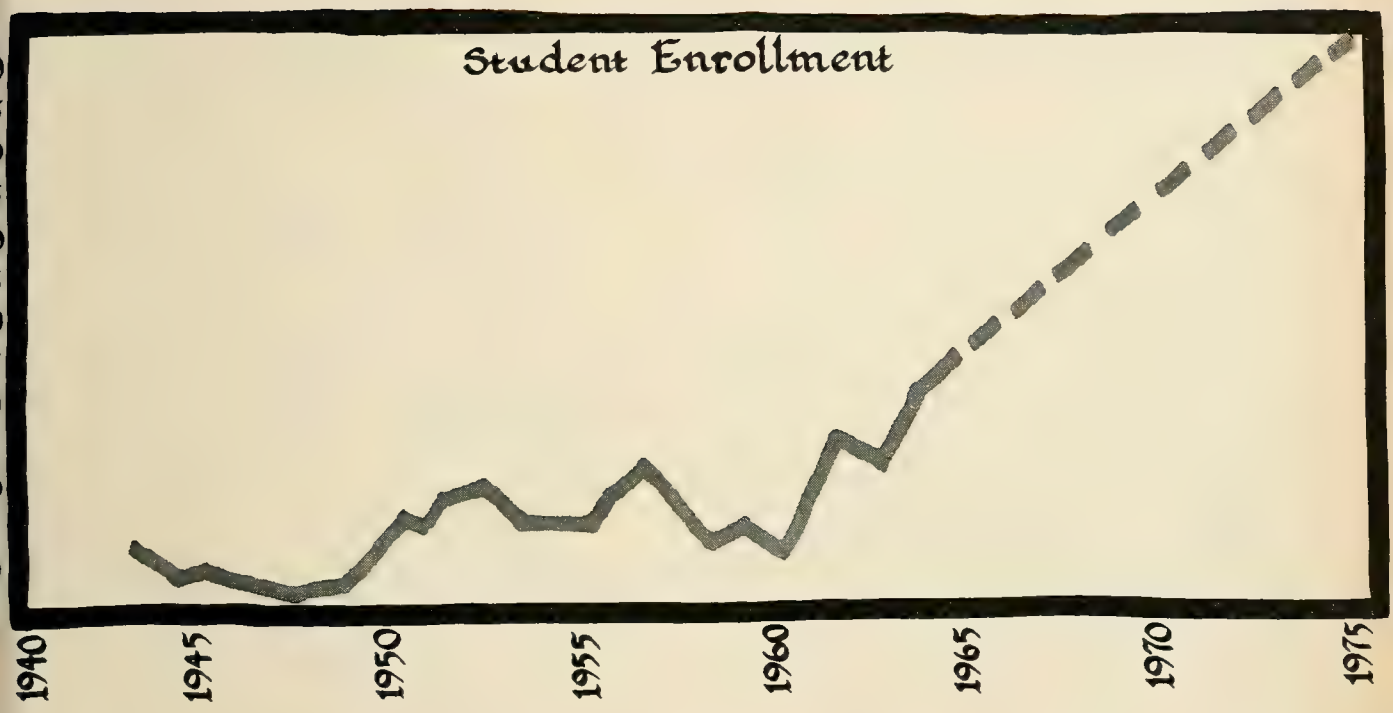
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NOTES and COMMENTS

ROOMS FOR CONFERENCE WEEK

SEVERAL inquiries have come in to this offic as well as to the office of Mr. Robert Adams Business Manager, Ashland College, relative t the availability of rooms and meals during Gen eral Conference week.

Next week's *The Brethren Evangelist* will carr full information relative to reservations fo rooms, meals, etc. This information was not re ceived in time for it to appear in this week' magazine.

These Times of Change

These times of change
Do cause a man to search his soul.

How to live, so life can have
A meaning that's beyond
The trivial.

How to think, so thoughts can be worthwhil
Instead of trite reflections
On little themes
Which have no depth.

How to walk, so character
Can stand erect without
Appearing grotesquely tall
As if the force of Ego
Stood us up.

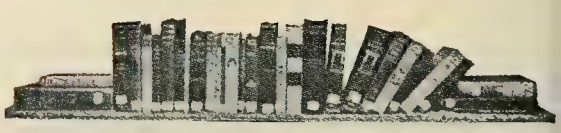
How to play, so tired minds
And weary bodies
Can truly come alive
Without a compromise to
Some dark god whose name is fun.

How to work, so time invested
Gets its gain and yet
Destroys not the soul of him
Who toils with hands or mind.

How to pray, so empty words
Fall not on stone-deaf ears
Of man-made gods,
But living words expressing
Life and rising upward
Touch the throne of God to
Bring us peace.

These times of change
Do cause a man to search his soul.

by William M. Huie



the editor's editorial

Ministerial Student Aid Fund

THE MONTH OF JUNE has been set aside by General Conference for the purpose of raising funds for the Ministerial Student Aid Fund which is sponsored by our National Brethren Ministerial Association. The purpose of this fund is to assist pre-seminary and seminary students with their current expenses so that they will be able to continue their education. Each application is considered upon its merit and upon its need. These funds are given to the student, these are not loans.

We have a shortage of ministers in our denomination, therefore it is our duty to do everything in our power to keep our young men in college and seminary. Many times the local church forgets her young men while they are away at college—we don't forget them in the sense that they are not included in our prayers every so often—we forget their financial needs. Many times only a small amount from the home church will tide the student through a very difficult time. Each local congregation should take a long look at its responsibility to its students who are studying for the ministry or for missionary work. In most cases the congregation will find that the members are willing to help but there is lack of organization in getting the project in motion. If the laity of the church would consider such a project as its sole responsibility, something could be done.

We have been talking about those churches who have students in college and seminary preparing for the ministry or missionary work. What about those who do not have such students? The Ministerial Student Aid Fund is an ideal situation in which every congregation can share in assisting such students. Many of our churches have this item in their yearly budget; others take up a special offering during the month of June. Regardless of how it is done, every local church must participate!

Perhaps some of us forget how much it costs to attend college and seminary today. Many of us remember the cost in terms of a few years back and we have lost sight of how much the cost of living has gone up. In college and seminary the tuition, fees, insurance, board and room have gone up considerably. For a student to be in college away from home, the average cost is over $2,000 per year! Many students and their parents cannot afford this cost, therefore there must be assistance from other sources.

A few years ago the National Brethren Ministerial Association realized that something needed to be done, therefore they organized the Ministerial Student Aid Fund hoping that individuals and local churches would support such a program. The response has been good, and it continues to grow each year for which the Association is grateful. The goal this year is $9,000 — it can be reached! This money is in the care of Rev. Donald Rowser, pastor of the First Brethren Church, New Lebanon, Ohio (all funds should be mailed to him). Members of the committee are Rev. Viril Meyer, chairman; Rev. Donald Rowser; and Rev. Joseph Shultz. Detailed reports are made to the National Brethren Ministerial Association each year.

It is a known fact that some of our men would not have been in school this year had it not been for the assistance they received from this fund. Some twenty-four students received help from these funds—the average amount being a little over $300 for each student. This was possible because YOU were willing to give!

You can see that this is a very tangible way in which you can help in the training of young men in the Christian ministry. Won't you give serious consideration to the amount that you will give this year? S.G.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from the Letters of Paul

Memory Scripture for the month—Ephesians 6:1

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1965

Read Scripture: II Corinthians 3-17-18

Our Liberty

"Listen to the bells," said Linda. "Don't they sound pretty?"

"Indeed they do," agreed Dad. "I thank God every Sunday for the music of the church bells."

"Yes," added Mom. "In many countries the church bells are not permitted to call the people to worship. The churches are closed, and Christians must worship in secret."

"How terrible!" exclaimed Linda. "I can't imagine not being allowed to go to church."

"The Bible tells us," continued Dad, "that where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. We know from what has happened in other countries that when God is no longer worshipped the people do lose their freedom. It is important that we pray for the leaders of our nation. It is important to pray for our country."

"I'll ask God everyday," said Linda, "to guide our leaders. I'll ask Him to keep us all close to Him. I want His Spirit to stay with us. Then we will always hear the church bells on Sunday morning."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for our country. Thank You for the freedoms we have. May the leaders of our nation look to You for guidance. May our people remember that our liberty is a gift from You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1965

Read Scripture: II Corinthians 4:3-7

God's Light

The Kellers had gone to the woods for a picnic. As it began to get dark Mom asked, "Where are Gary and Linda?"

"They went for a walk in the woods," replied Dad.

"I hope they aren't lost," said Mom. "Gary! Linda!" she called.

No answer.

"Gary! Linda!" she called again.

They saw a light among the trees ahead. They heard the children answer, "Coming."

When the family was all together again Dad said, "Your flashlight reminded me of Jesus."

"How?" wondered Gary.

"Well," continued Dad, "His love shines in the world and leads us to God, just as your light led you back to us. Your light guided you. If we have the love of Jesus in our hearts He will guide us in the way we should go."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad Jesus came to show us Your love. I want Him to always be my Guide. In His name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1965

Read Scripture: II Corinthians 5:7-10

Good or Bad

"Queenie!" scolded Gary. "Did you dig in the garden?"

The dog came slowly to Gary. Her tail and ears were drooping. She stretched out in front of him. Then she rolled her eyes to look up at him.

"That was a naughty dog," Gary told her.

Queenie whined.

"Yes, that was naughty," agreed Linda, "but she has been a good mother to the baby rabbits."

Queenie walked to her basket. She washed the three little rabbits with her tongue. Then she got in the basket with them. They cuddled close beside her.

"She is a good mother," agreed Gary as he reached down to pat Queenie's head. "But don't dig in the garden any more."

Queenie licked his hand and wagged her tail.

"Some day everything we have done will be judged," said Mom. "All the good. All the bad."

"Yes," nodded Gary. "We talked about that in Sunday School. I want to do all the good I can. I don't want to be ashamed when God judges me."

Prayer:

Dear God, guide me today so I will do the things I should. Help me to want to do good. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1965

Read Scripture: II Corinthians 9:6-9

Betsy's Ball

"My ball! My ball!" said Betsy as she ran to get the ball Gary and Linda had.

"Oh, Betsy," Linda said, "we're just playing with it."

"My ball!" repeated Betsy as she held the ball tightly.

"We know it's your ball," Gary told her. "May we play with it?"

"My ball! My ball!" declared Betsy as she ran to the garden where Daddy was working.

"Yes, it's your ball," agreed Daddy. "But a ball isn't much fun if you just hold it. Throw it to me."

Betsy threw the ball to Daddy. He tossed it back to her. She laughed and threw it to him again.

"Now watch how far it goes," Daddy told her. He threw the ball over her head to Gary.

Betsy laughed when Gary caught it and threw it back. Then Daddy tossed the ball to Betsy.

"Throw the ball to Gary," he told her. "You will have fun if you share your ball."

The three children played with Betsy's ball until Mommy came to get Betsy for her bath.

"Fun playing ball," she said to Mommy as they went into the house.

Betsy is learning an important lesson. She is learning the fun of sharing.

Every day there are things you can share that will make others happy and will please God. Remember to do it gladly and cheerfully.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for all the good things I have. I want to share what I can with others. Help me to do it cheerfully and gladly. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1965

Read Scripture: Galatians 3:23-29

One Family

Mittens and Queenie were standing by the basket looking at the baby rabbits.

"What a strange family!" laughed Linda. "A dog, a kitten, and three baby rabbits!"

"Yes," agreed Mom. "It is a strange family, but it's just like us."

"How's that?" wondered Linda. "We're all people. Gary, Betsy and I are all your children."

"I was thinking," explained Mom, "of the larger family we belong to—God's family. Big people, little people, people with all color of skins belong to God's family."

"Just as Queenie loves Mittens and the little rabbits so God loves every one of us. It doesn't matter to Him that we look differently."

"I'm glad," said Linda, "that I'm part of God's family."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I'm Your child. Help me to remember that all those who love You are my brothers and sisters. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1965

Read Scripture: Galatians 4:4-7

Whose Children?

"Those are funny looking puppies," said Jack when he looked in Queenie's basket.

"They aren't puppies. They're rabbits," said Gary.

"What are rabbits doing in a dog basket?" asked Jack.

Linda giggled. "That's their home."

"Their home should be with their mother," said Jack. "Queenie isn't their mother."

"Oh yes, she is!" declared Gary. "She takes care of them; so she is their mother."

"I don't know why she would want baby rabbits," continued Jack. "They don't even look like her."

"No," agreed Gary. "But she adopted them. They trust her to take care of them. So she is their mother."

"Being God's children is something like that," said Linda. "We can't possibly be like Him. Yet when we accept Jesus as our Savior we become His children. We trust Him and He cares for us."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for letting me be part of Your family. Help me to remember that as Your child I should try to do the things that please You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 1965

Read Scripture: Galatians 5:13-14

Helping

Linda swept the porch. She dusted the porch furniture. As she worked she sang happily. When she finished she went to the kitchen.

"Is there anything else you want me to do?" Linda asked Mom.

"No, thank you," smiled Mom. "You are a good helper."

"I saw Mrs. Wilson trying to weed her flower bed," said Linda. "It's hard for her to stoop over. I'll go help her."

"That would be very thoughtful," Mom said.

Linda skipped to their neighbor's house down the street.

"Hello, Mrs. Wilson," she said. "I've come to help you."

Mrs. Wilson smiled. "How nice! Pulling weeds is hard work for an old woman."

"Why don't you sit down in that chair?" suggested Linda. "Then you can watch me so I don't pull the flowers instead of the weeds!"

Mrs. Wilson sat down. They visited as Linda worked. Soon the flower bed was all weeded.

"That looks fine!" declared Mrs. Wilson.

"It was fun helping you," said Linda. Then she went home for dinner.

Prayer:

Dear God, there are many ways each day I can serve You by helping others. May I do these tasks gladly. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SWISS REPORTS CUBAN MISSIONARIES WELL

JACKSON, TENN. (EP)—Swiss Ambassador Emil Stadlehoffer in Havana reported Southern Baptist missionaries Herbert Caudill and David Fite "in good health and excellent morale."

Cuban authorities arrested the two missionaries and 51 Baptist pastors and laymen April 8

Stadlehoffer's report followed a personal visit to the Havana prison where the missionaries are held in separate cells. The Swiss embassy handles U. S. affairs in Cuba.

Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, released the information which he received from the White House in Washington.

Stadlehoffer said the prisoners responded spontaneously that they were being adequately cared for, that sleeping conditions were good, food sufficient, and they had no need for medicine.

Mrs. Caudill and Mrs. Fite also visited the men.

Stadlehoffer said he would continue to stay in touch with the missionaries and with the Cuban government.

Dehoney expressed gratitude to Southern Baptists for the widespread response to the "call to prayer" issued for April 25 by himself and Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, which employs Caudill and Fite.

The "call to prayer" had asked united petitions for the missionaries, the families concerned, the Baptists of Cuba, and for the Cuban authorities.

Dehoney said, "We must continue to pray, not only for the missionaries but for Cuban Baptists in this hour of trial."

The EIGHTY-SECOND CONFERENCE MEETING of the OHIO CONFERENCE OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

Theme: "INFILLING FOR FULFILLING"

Text: EPHESIANS 3:14-19

"Know the love of Christ . . . be filled with all the fulness of God?" (v. 19)

Hymn: "BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD"

PROGRAM

Monday Evening — June 21

5:30 Fellowship Hour and Evening Meal at Host Church
6:30 Registration of Adults and Brethren Youth
7:30 Inspirational Service
- Doxology and Invocation
- Call to Order
- Welcome Host Church
- Greetings Conference Moderator
- Song Service
 - Theme Hymn: "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"
- Devotions Rev. Glen Traver
- Message Rev. Kenneth Hulit
 "The Laos in Fulfillment"
- Hymn
- Benediction

Tuesday Morning — June 22

9:00 Simultaneous Sessions
10:00 Mid-morning Break
10:15 Prelude
- Hymn
- Special Music
- Moderator's Address Rev. Phil Lersch
 "When the Cup is Full"

11:00 Business Session
- Moments of Infilling:
 - Theme Hymn
 - Unison Prayer
 - Waiting upon the Lord
- Report of Credential Committee
- Organization of 1965 Conference
- Reading of Recommendations from Executive Committee
- Election of Committee on Committees
- Election of Nominating Committee

12:00 Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30 Hymn
- Business Session
- Reading of the Minutes
- Reports and Business:
 - National Representatives
 - John Porte—Field Secretary
 - Youth Board
 - Credential Committee
 - Treasurer
 - Statistician
 - District Board of Trustees
 - Camp Bethany Board

2:30 Brethren Youth Program—Quiz Contest
—Program in charge of District Youth Board
4:00 Board and Committee Meetings

Tuesday Evening

7:30 Inspirational Service
- Prelude
- Song Service
 - Theme Hymn
- Devotions Rev. Cecil Bolton
- Special Music
- Vice Moderator's Address ..Mr. Virgil Barnhart
 "Penetration of Stewardship"
- Hymn
- Benediction

Wednesday Morning — June 23

9:00 Simultaneous Sessions
10:00 Mid-morning Break
10:15 Hymn
- Special Music
- Bible Lecture Dr. Bruce Stark
 "The Holy Spirit In The Old Testament I"

11:00 Business Session
- Moments of Infilling:
 - Theme Hymn
 - Unison Prayer
 - Waiting upon the Lord
- Reading of the Minutes
- Reports and Business:

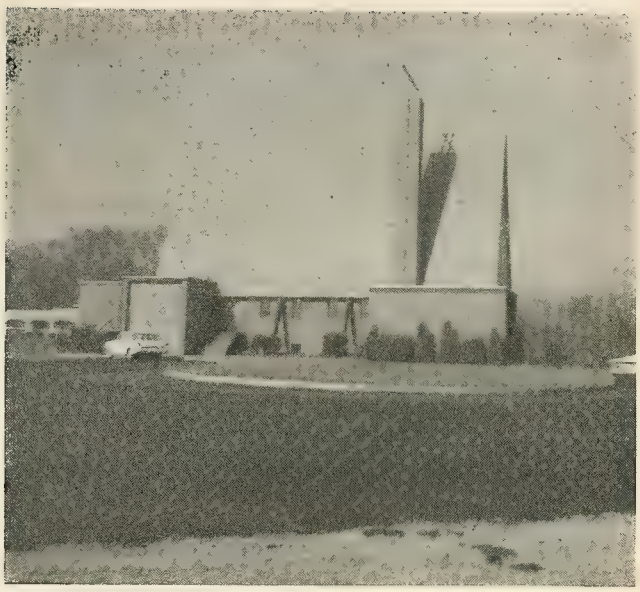
Trinity Brethren Church

455 55th Street N. W.

Canton, Ohio

June 21 - 24, 1965

Daylight Saving Time Observed



National Representatives
Ashland College and Seminary
Retirement Board
Credential Committee
Election of Officers
District Mission Board
Ministerial Examining Board

12:00 Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

1:00 Hymn
Business Session
Reading of the Minutes
Reports:
National Representatives
Sunday School Board
Benevolent Board
Publishing Company
Credential Committee
Results of Election of Officers
Committee on Committees and Election of Committees
Election of Board Members
Action on Recommendations of Executive Committee
Action on Executive Committee's recommendation on Moderator's Address
District Sunday School Board
General Conference Executive Committee
College Trustees
Board of Evangelists
Special Committees

3:00 Presentation Chaplain Eugene Beekley
4:00 Board and Committee Meetings

Wednesday Evening

7:30 Inspirational Service
Prelude
Song Service
Theme Hymn
Devotions Rev. Herbert Johnson
Special Music
Bible Lecture Dr. Bruce Stark
"The Holy Spirit In The Old Testament II"
Hymn
Benediction

Conference Organization

Moderator	Rev. Phil Lersch
Vice Moderator	Mr. Virgil Barnhart
Secretary	Rev. George Solomon
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. Howard Winfield
Treasurer	Rev. L. V. King
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. Charles Munson
Statistician	Rev. Thomas Shannon
Statutory Agent	Mr. Elton Whitted

Thursday Morning — June 24

9:00 Simultaneous Sessions
10:00 Mid-morning Break
10:15 Business Session
Moments of Infilling:
Theme Hymn
Unison Prayer
Waiting upon the Lord
Reading of the Minutes
Reports and Business:
National Representative
Missionary Board
Credential Committee
Results of Election of Board and Committee Members
District Youth Board
Selection of Time and Place for 1966 Conference Meeting
1965 Auditing Committee
Selection of Delegates at Large to General Conference
Printing of Minutes and Distribution
Unfinished Business
Final Reading of the Minutes
Adoption of Minutes as Official Record of this Conference Meeting
Adjournment

12:30 Missionary Banquet — District W.M.S.
Program—Executive Committee
Speaker—Mrs. Clarence Sekerak, Malone College
Installation of all Officers

AUXILIARIES

Woman's Missionary Society

Song Leader Mrs. Jean Lersch, Ashland
Pianist Mrs. Eleanor Starkey, Canton

Tuesday Morning—9:00 A. M.

Prelude
Call to Worship Mrs. George Solomon
Song Service Mrs. Jean Lersch
Welcome Canton Society
Devotions Akron Society
Special Music
Business
W. M. S. Benediction

Wednesday Morning—9:00 A. M.

Prelude
Song Service Mrs. Jean Lersch
Devotions Garber Memorial
Special Music Louisville Friendship
Speaker Miss Olga Erzikeit
Head of Wayside Community House
of Canton, Ohio
Business
W. M. S. Benediction

Thursday Morning—9:00 A. M.

Prelude
Song Service Mrs. Jean Lersch
Devotions Louisville Faith Circle
Special Music Ashland Group III
Recognition of Banner Societies
Business
Project Offering Smithville Society (Special Service)
W. M. S. Benediction

Sisterhood

Pianist Donna Miller
Song Leader

Tuesday Morning—9:00 A. M.

Devotions Garber Memorial
Special Music Ashland Park Street
Special Speaker Mrs. Dolores Keplinger
(Nat'l. Patroness)
Business
S. M. M. Benediction

Wednesday Morning—9:00 A. M.

Devotions Smithville
Special Music Akron
Speaker Mrs. Dolores Keplinger
Feast of Ingathering
Business
S. M. M. Benediction

Thursday Morning—9:00 A. M.

Devotions Fremont
Special Music North Georgetown
Speaker Mrs. Dolores Keplinger
Business
Election of Officers
Election of Patroness
S. M. M. Benediction

Laymen

Tuesday Morning—9:00 A. M.

Greetings and Devotions Canton Trinity
Business
Appointment of Nominating Committee
Speaker Mr. John Porte

Wednesday Morning—9:00 A. M.

Devotions Miami Valley
Business
Election of Officers
Speaker Mr. Dennis Randall

Thursday Morning—9:00 A. M.

Devotions Northeastern
Business
Memorial Service
Report of Election
Installation of Officers
Speaker Rev. George Solomon

Boys' Brotherhood

Tuesday Morning—9:00 A. M.

Greetings and Devotions Canton
Speaker Rev. Keith Bennett

Wednesday Morning—9:00 A. M.

Devotions Miami Valley
Speaker Rev. Donald Rowser

Thursday Morning—9:00 A. M.

Devotions Northeastern
Speaker Rev. Thomas Schultz

Ministerium

Tuesday—9:00 A. M.

Devotional Leader Rev. H. H. Rowsey
Discussion Leader Rev. Keith Bennett
Topic: "Funeral Practices and Their Help to the Grief Stricken"

Wednesday—9:00 A. M.

Devotional Leader Rev. Cecil Bolton
Discussion Leader Rev. Spencer Gentle
Topic: "Improving the Work and Spirit of the Brethren Church"

Thursday—9:00 A. M.

Devotional Leader Rev. R. Glen Traver
Discussion Leader Chaplain E. J. Beekley
Topic: "Interracial Marriage—What Is the Brethren Church's Position?"
Business:
Election of Officers
Other Items

Brethren Youth

Tuesday—June 22

10:00-11:00 Rev. Shultz of Canton "Youth for Christ"
11:00-12:00 "Getting to Know You"
12:00 Lunch

1:30- 4:30	Movie and Panel Discussion on important questions concerning our Christian faith
Evening	Continuation of Panel Discussion and Recreation
	Wednesday—June 23
10:00-11:00	Rev. Shultz
11:00-12:00	"District Youth Meet"
12:00	Lunch
1:30- 4:30	Quiz over Acts
Evening	Hootenanny Brethren-style
	Thursday—June 24
10:00-12:00	Picnic at Monument Park

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

HOLY SPIRIT

This, O Spirit, is Thy day;
Thine to guide our pilgrim way.
To this path Thou art no stranger;
Keep us safe from every danger.
Lead, as Thou hast led before,
Holy Spirit, evermore.

Comforter and Source of light,
Cloud by day and fire by night,
Thou alone art wise to know
How to quell the unseen foe.
Grant from Heaven's unfailing store
Faith and courage, evermore.

Author-Teacher of the Word,
Keep us mindful of our Lord;
Breathe through us His worthy praise,
Paraclete on earth's hard ways.
Holy Spirit, go before;
We will follow, evermore.

—Emma Belle Yourdon

THE HOLY SPIRIT is God's miracle provision for a Gospel Christian: 1. He is born of the Spirit and thus becomes a child of God (Jn. 1:11-13; 3:5, 8). 2. He has the witness of the Spirit, resulting in the inner conviction of his sonship (Rom. 8:16; Gal. 4:6). 3. He is indwelt by the Spirit (Rom. 8:9; I Cor. 3:16; 6:19). 4. He is baptized by the Spirit into the body of Christ (Rom. 6:1-11; I Cor. 12:13).

We have a foretaste of the joy, glory, and victory of our full salvation when we shall have a resurrection body like Christ's: 1. We have the first-fruits of the Spirit (Rom. 8:23). 2. We are sealed with the Spirit until the day of redemption—marked with God's ownership (Eph. 4:30; 1:13; II Cor. 1:22). 3. We have the Holy Spirit as the earnest of our inheritance (Eph. 1:14; II Cor. 1:22; 5:5).

Four expressions concerning the Holy Spirit relate to our present salvation: 1. We are to walk in the Spirit (Rom. 8:4; Gal. 5:16, 25). 2. We are led by the Spirit (Rom. 8:14). 3. We are commanded to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18). 4. We are to bear the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22, 23).

The love of God has been poured out like a torrent in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5), and thus when we walk in the Spirit we are walking in love. The commentary of Galatians 5:22, 23 is I Corinthians 13, which tells us how love behaves itself. To suffer long and be kind requires a miracle (Col. 1:9-11). God's provision for victorious living may be given in one word—"Christ" (Phil. 1:21). He is the only life (I Jn. 1:12). Our only choice is between the life which Christ is, and death (Jn. 14:19).

Our part in entering into victory is to surrender our very selves unto God (Rom. 6:13). The three great enemies that Christians have is the world, the flesh, and the Devil (I Jn. 2:16). To Paul surrender meant a crucified self so that Christ could live in him (Gal. 2:20). Through Christ the world was crucified unto him and he unto the world (Gal. 6:14). This obtains for all who are Christ's (Gal. 5:24). Christ was manifested to destroy the works of the Devil (Heb. 2:14). We died with Christ and are to live for Him (Col. 2:20; 3:1, 2; II Cor. 5:14, 15).

MOAB and AMMON A FUTURE

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

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MOAB AND AMMON were always at the back door of Israel and always will be. They were allied with Nebuchadnezzar against Jerusalem under Jeconiah's evil reign and were not always anti-Jehovah, for we read in II Kings 24:2 that *Jehovah sent against him* (Israel's King) *bands of the Chaldeans, and bands of Syrians, and bands of Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of Jehovah.*

Now, what became of these children of Lot? Jeremiah tells us in no uncertain language, *Woe unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh is undone; for thy sons are taken away captive, and thy daughters into captivity. Yet will I bring back the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith Jehovah. Thus far is the judgment of Moab* (Jer. 48:46, 47). Moab shall be brought back again some day. But what of Ammon, his cousin? Hear it. *Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come*

unto me? Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, from all that are round about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth, and there shall be none to gather together the fugitives. But afterwards I will bring back the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith Jehovah (Jer. 49:4-6). Yea, they shall return in God's own time and shall be in the land when the great Antichrist is revealed. Hear it from Daniel, *And at the time of the end shall the king of the south contend with him; and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass through. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon* (Dan. 11:40, 41). When will they be brought back? Have they been brought back? Are they being brought back in the great shifting of Arab people in Jordan today?

How deep the roots of hatred have grown, through the blood streams of Moabite, Ammonite, and many others in the mingled peoples we term the Arab world today.

While Lot was sojourning in Sodom, which was before that wicked city was destroyed, other seeds of family trouble were germinating in Abram's family. Sarai, Abram's half-sister wife was barren. No greater hurt could plague an oriental woman of those patriarchal days than to be denied motherhood, especially to bear a son. Sarai did the obvious and customary thing of her day—chose a concubine for her husband with the view to claiming as her own, a child of the union. Ishmael was born to Abram and Sarai's slave girl Hagar.

Did the event fulfill Sarai's dream? Did Hagar enter into the alliance in self abnegation and sublimate herself into the plan to the satisfaction of either she or Sarai? Certainly not. Hagar was a woman, too, with a woman's normal aspirations. The child she would bear would be her own and not another's, and the record says, *her mistress was despised in her eyes.* She was a handmaid and had nothing. Sarai was the wife of the patriarch and had everything—except the ability to bear children. True to the philosophy of her day, Hagar held the childless Sarai in contempt. Sarai, like Hannah (I Sam. 1:10) *was in bitterness of soul* and jealousy sprang into her heart. Her plan had backfired and she sought to lay the blame upon her husband. *And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee.*

What a congenial climate for the sprouting of the seeds of a family feud. Here is the age old triangle. Here is the heart-riven wife; here is the gloating concubine; and here is the embattled husband in the midst.

It seems that Sarai bequeathed to all Israel an enmity against everything Ishmaelic; Hagar passed on to her posterity a despising of all that is Israelic; and Abraham gave to all his posterity a love for their children and family solidarity. Abram loved Ishmael, as he did Isaac. At God's promise that Sarai should bear him a son who should be his heir, Abram, whose name God now changed to Abraham, said (Gen. 17:18), *Oh that Ishmael might live before thee.*

We must not forget that many nations sprang from the stock of Abraham, and that God had a special place for each of them. Ishmael was no exception. Hear God's word to Hagar (Gen. 16:10-14) *And the angel of Jehovah said unto her, I will greatly multiply thy seed, that it shall not be numbered for multitude . . . Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son; and thou shalt call his name Ishmael, because Jehovah hath heard thy affliction. And he shall be as a wild ass among men; his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell over against all his brethren.* Ishmael, the Ishmaelite, the Bedowin, the Arab has been *a wild ass among men,* and *his hand has been against* every man from Hagar until today as he has *dwelt from Havilah unto Shur that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria; he abode over against all his brethren* (Gen. 25:18).

We must not assume that Ishmael was all bad. He had his better parts. He kept in touch with his father as long as Abraham lived and when death came to the patriarch, Ishmael as a dutiful son assisted Isaac as *they buried him in the cave of Machpelah,* along with Sarah who had passed on before him.

It is also noteworthy that the Ishmaelites of the third generation had settled somewhat in Midian, and when they purchased Joseph from his brothers, they were called both Ishmaelites and Midianites and were not unkind to Joseph. It is quite possible that the sons of Ishmael had married daughters of the Midianites and were closely enough knit, even in the third generation, as to use their tribal names interchangeably. Who the Midianites were we shall see presently. Then looking down through some two hundred years, when the descendants of Isaac had multiplied in Egypt, the lines of Ishmael had also multiplied and mixed with other of the Abrahamic stock as well as Egypt and the east. To what extent the Ishmaelites and Midianites mixed there remains no record; so when Moses fled from Egypt and he sought haven among blood kin, he went to the home of Jethro, priest of Midian, and took to wife Jethro's daughter, Zipporah. If Moses' wife carried Ishmaelitic blood or not we do not know.

That the descendants of Ishmael intermarried with other tribes in the early days strongly suggests that the process of amalgamation has continued unto this day and did not produce a distinctive blood strain as did the family of Isaac. That amalgamation has produced the Arab world as we know it today.

Among the descendants of Ishmael were doubtless many men who gained prominence in their world. Among them was the Prophet Mohammed who is said to have sprung from Ishmael through the line of Kedar. Mohammed gave the Arab world its religion and the religion its name, Mohammedanism.

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SISTERHOOD

The PASTOR'S WIFE WRITES . . .

DEVELOPING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

by MRS. RICHARD KUNS

IN THINKING about the subject of developing Christian character, I would like to consider two questions: Why should we develop Christian character, and how do we do it?

Why should we develop Christian character? First of all, because God intends for us to grow spiritually just as he intends for us to grow physically. Suppose you knew the parents of a newborn baby. The parents were so happy with the child and it seemed normal in every way, but suppose when the child was three years old it was as small as when it was born and still drank milk from a bottle! This is the way we are if we do not grow in Christian character.

Jesus compared us to children when He said in Matthew 18:3: *Except ye be converted; and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom.* Peter tells us to grow spiritually when he says in I Peter 2:2: *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.* Thus we can see that God looks upon us as children who are expected to grow spiritually just as children grow physically.

Another excellent reason for developing Christian character is because we as Christians are involved in a desperate war against the forces of evil. This battle is just as real as any war that has been fought on the earth, even though we aren't using guns and bombs. An excellent passage of Scripture which speaks of this warfare and how we can be prepared for it is found in Ephesians 6:10-18. Here the Apostle Paul tells us to *Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.* This describes the war we are fighting and what our enemies are.

We can never win this war if we are not properly prepared, and Paul tells us how we can be prepared. In these verses he also answers the question of how we can develop Christian character. He speaks of "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" and also "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." Certainly these are two ways in which God can speak to us—through His Word and through prayer. II Timothy 2:15 tells us to study the Bible. I Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to "pray without ceasing." We are told to have our loins girt about with truth, to wear the breastplate of righteousness, to have our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, to have the shield of faith and the helmet of salvation. This is how we prepare for the war we are fighting and this is how we can develop our Christian character.

(Our pastor's wife writing for us this month is Mrs. Sue Kuns, wife of Rev. Richard Kuns, pastor of the Chandon Brethren Church in Herndon, Virginia.)

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Miss Diane Gardner
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1964 - 65 Theme — Ephesians 5:15-20

"FULFILLING THE TIME"



INVESTING IN CHRISTIAN MINISTERS and ASHLAND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY'S GROWTH

by Dr. Joseph R. Shultz

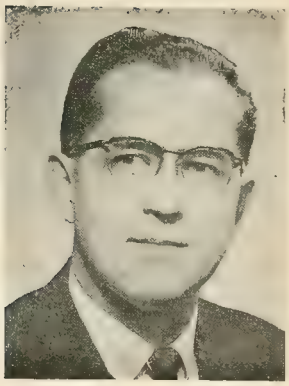
THE TRUE MEASURE of any educational institution is the measure of its graduates. Students are the heart of the Seminary, as the Seminary is the heart of the Church. The primary purpose of the Seminary is the preparation of young men for the Christian ministries; pastors, missionaries, denominational and world leaders. These students are "called" men of God for specific duty. They have been enlisted by the command of the Master, "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

This "calling" gives direction to a man's soul, heart, and mind. However, he is still in a world which demands rents, payments, premiums, hospitalization, tuition, etc. The general living expenses of a student is the same as a non-student. He is not exempt from the "high cost of living." If he is forced to work full time to support himself, his life is divided, his studies suffer and the full rich programs of learning is lost. **Financial help is absolutely necessary for any student today.**

The Ministerial Student Aid Fund has been the means this year of keeping men in Seminary training who might have been forced out otherwise!! **Dedicated Brethren students** need **dedicated Brethren Churches** and **dedicated Brethren people** to stand beside them and invest in the Christian ministries. "Whatsoever a 'Church' soweth, that shall it also reap."

The growth of the Seminary is evidenced in the record enrollment this year. Next year we anticipate a new record enrollment. Thus more Ministerial Student Aid is needed.

In June, four men from the Seminary will enter Brethren pulpits; Rev. Don Rinehart at Smithville, Rev. Alvin Shifflett at Johnstown II, Rev. Waldo Gaby at New Paris and Clarence Kindley at Flora. Two men will enter missionary candidacy; Rev. Larry Bolinger for Nigeria and Jerry Grieve for advanced linguistic study. This is a fulfillment of your past investment in the Christian ministries. The **Ministerial Student Aid Fund** needs your full support.



BRETHREN CHURCHES SHARE in MINISTERIAL STUDENT TRAINING

by Virgil Meyer

SEVENTY Brethren churches, plus many individuals, gave last year to the Ministerial Student Aid Fund. Through your gifts you helped young men continue with their education. One could say without question that there are those in school at Ashland College and Seminary who could not possibly be here if it were not for your giving.

All of our men work hard to help themselves but many of them are married, are trying to make a living for their families in addition to paying school costs. They still must give a major share of their time to classroom work. They really need our help. Our gifts of love and sacrifice are deeply appreciated.

The need is rather staggering! I can think of six men with families who would be here studying for the ministry right now if it were not for the problem of finances. When one thinks of this in the terms of Eternity, one cannot help but be burdened for the cause.

A young man is coming here this fall to study for the ministry who had planned to go to a state school near home because it was cheaper. Believing that it was in the best interests of the young man and the Brethren Church, we were able to tell him that we had confidence enough in your willingness to share to assure him that we could, through our Ministerial Student Aid Fund, make up a significant part of this difference. I am happy to say that he is now enrolled to begin his training for the ministry here this fall.

We thank God that we had a total of $7,285 available, and given to our students. This money has come from endowed awards, from individual church scholarships, individual gifts and through our churches' gifts to the Ministerial Student Aid Fund. It has been most encouraging to see the way our Laymen and Woman's Missionary Society groups have shared in this challenge.

Our Seminary Expansion Program is moving along very well. We earnestly believe that this will be a great blessing to the Brethren Church in the years to come. All this, however, is quite meaningless unless we have men. We trust that you will prayerfully consider your gift and do your best.

Letters from Students who have appreciated the MINISTERIAL STUDENT AID . . .

from a Sophomore . . .

I am a sophomore who is studying for the ministry at Ashland College. The financial aid that I have received from the National Ministerial Student Aid Fund has truly been a blessing. I truly believe that this fund was created by God for His people who have faith and trust that they will have all that they really need.

For me, the financial aid has always come at the time of my greatest need. I am grateful to those who have responded with their financial aid and I pray now that God will bless you as you continue in this way to further the growth of the Church.

from another Sophomore . . .

I am a sophomore who is studying for the ministry at Ashland College. When I first came to Ashland College it was completely on faith. I was a married man and we were expecting our first child. Both my wife and I had placed our complete faith in Christ. Christ then worked through the funds that were available at Ashland College.

Because of the faith and sincere desire of the Brethren people, we were able to come back to Ashland College and I was able to receive enough help to pay for my college education thus far. The Ministerial Student Aid Fund has been the main source of God in helping me acquire the education I will need for the work of the ministry.

from a Senior . . .

I am a senior who is studying for the ministry at Ashland College. I have had to meet many problems and difficulties that come to all college students. One of the biggest of these problems is finances. With an earnest desire to get out into the ministry, I was distressed at the thought of having to delay in order to accumulate enough money to finish. Ministerial Aid has helped me to finish and go on in the work I believe the Lord wants me to do. In this way I will pay my debt and be better able to accomplish the purpose set before me.

from another Senior . . .

I am a senior who is studying for the ministry at Ashland College. My wife and I wish to express our thanks to those who have given through the National Ministerial Student Aid Fund. The financial aid made it possible for me to continue in college without dropping out to work.

As I begin my seminary training this fall and look back to God's supplying of all needs, I will indeed praise His name that He has used Christian people in helping with this work.

You have helped to share in the Christian Ministry by giving generously to the MINISTERIAL STUDENT AID FUND

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Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for June 13, 1965
SHOW YOURSELF A MAN
Text: I Kings 2:1-4; 3:5-9

BLESSINGS COME from blessings. It is not always what you have available that makes your life rich and a blessing to the world, but what you do with what you have. David bequeathed to Solomon, his successor, great riches, a strong empire, a true and sound religion and a final charge "show yourself a man." His last words were to tell Solomon just how he could prosper with what he had—". . . keep the charge of the Lord thy God . . . as it is written in the law of Moses."

In his dying hours (2:4) David made known to Solomon that it was now his responsibility to walk before the Lord in truth that his house might retain the throne of Israel as promised by God. Solomon's own house, as well as the whole kingdom would profit by how Solomon conducted his life.

God does not expect men to attempt great things with success without His help. To Solomon He gave the choice of some divine gift. Solomon asked for an understanding and discerning heart. The Lord gave him wisdom and understanding (3:11, 12). If you had a choice of some gift which would give you the greatest advantage in the world, what would you ask?

Solomon had advantages for greatness that no other king on earth ever had. In his youth he was God fearing; he loved Jehovah. He ascended the throne at about twenty-one years of age. He had wealth. He possessed the greatest wisdom and understanding of any man. By him alone a whole nation stood to prosper. The whole-hearted blessing of God was upon him. It remained to be seen if he were man enough to use to good advantage all these blessings.

Had Solomon walked more faithfully than he did how much greater would have been his glory. Had he been man enough to depend upon God instead of hundreds of political marriages and alliances, what then? It is a man who walks near to God.

"Had Moses failed to go, had God
Granted his prayer, there would have been
For him no leadership to win;
No pillared fire; no magic rod;
No wonders in the land of Zin;
No smiting of the sea; no tears
Ecstatic, shed on Sinai's steep;
No Nebo with a God to keep
His burial; only forty years
Of desert, watching with his sheep."

—J. R. Miller

Brethren Youth Crusaders



My

PUBLICITY: Use white posterboard for your poster and cut out letters from colored construction paper and paste on the poster stating the theme, "My Life in Service." Add other pertinent information as to time and date of the meeting. Select several small pictures from S. S. papers or other sources that would show a figure praying, reading the Bible, giving of his possessions, working in the harvest field or other subjects that would depict service. These should also be added to the poster.

MUSIC: "In the Service of the King," "Give of Your Best to the Master," "Jesus Calls Us," "Every Moment of Every Day."

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:19-24

METHOD: You will need to request one of the suggested filmstrips or obtain one from your church film library that will be suitable. The filmstrip could be eliminated if necessary but you will need a chalkboard or large sheet of paper to score the Clue Quiz and for listing ways to serve. Make sure each young person has a Bible either his own or supplied by the sponsor.

The sponsor should prepare the program carefully, making sure to have comments in mind or in notes concerning the Bible exploration verses.

PROGRAM: Have one of the youth who reads well to read the Scripture from Matthew. The sponsor should then make a few opening remarks on the subject of service being sure to point out in the Scripture just read that Christ warns we cannot serve two different masters. We serve either Christ or Mammon which means riches or literally "what is hidden."

A filmstrip on service is suggested at this point. Three recommended filmstrips which are available from the Sunday School Office, Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio 44805 are:

"Why Do We Live"—39 frames, b&w draws, captions and manual. Opening with its title question, this strip illustrates ways in which a committed person may use all of his resources in God's service.

"Guide for Serving"—43 frames, b&w draws, captions and manual. This filmstrip tells us that our abilities are divinely given. Each of us has his individual abilities which may be used in serving God in the church.

"Fishers of Men"—55 frames, color draws, captions. Beginning with Jesus' call of Peter and John to become "fishers of men," the filmstrip continues with an explanation of what it means to be "fishers of men" and how we can become such persons.

Charge for the filmstrips is 50¢ each.

After viewing the filmstrip or if you did not have a filmstrip, you could still proceed to ask the youth to name some ways in which we can serve. These should be listed on a chalkboard or large sheet of paper.

Now we will take a look at some people who served God. Divide the group into two teams. Explain that you will give three clues to a person in the Bible. If a team can answer correctly with the first clue, they receive 10 points, the second clue—6 points and with the third clue they receive just 3 points.

1. First Clue: I lived in the Pharaoh's palace for many years but I was not an Egyptian.
 Second Clue: A reed basket was important in saving my life.
 Third Clue: I led my people, the Israelites, out of bondage in Egypt.

2. First Clue: My wife and I were tentmakers and started several churches in our home.
 Second Clue: The apostle Paul was one of our best friends.
 Third Clue: Paul mentions us in several of his letters and sent greetings to us.

3. First Clue: I was one of the first seven deacons chosen to serve the early church.
 Second Clue: Besides serving at the tables, I also witnessed for Christ.
 Third Clue: I was the first Christian to be killed by unbelievers.

Life in Service



Junior Topic under Goal No. 5

4. First Clue: I was taken into captivity and wrote an Old Testament book of prophecy that is closely connected with the Revelation in the New Testament.
 Second Clue: The enemy king said no one was to pray to God but I continued to pray each day.
 Third Clue: I was once thrown into a lion's den but God spared my life.

5. First Clue: I was a minister in several of the first churches which Paul helped establish.
 Second Clue: The apostle Paul called me his son.
 Third Clue: My mother was Eunice and my grandmother was Lois.

6. First Clue: I played the harp and sang as well as composed some music.
 Second Clue: I became the second king of Israel.
 Third Clue: I was a shepherd boy when I killed a Philistine giant.

7. First Clue: I was the forerunner of Christ and also his cousin.
 Second Clue: I preached in the wilderness and called upon the people to repent.
 Third Clue: I baptized Christ and later was beheaded.

8. First Clue: Under God's direction, I was a builder.
 Second Clue: The wicked people around me did not believe my message of coming judgment and destruction.
 Third Clue: God spared my family, myself and all animals because of my faith.

9. First Clue: The Lord visited our home in Bethany many times.
 Second Clue: Jesus once found one of us worried about the kitchen work while the other sat listening to His words.
 Third Clue: Our brother Lazarus was raised from the dead by Christ.

10. First Clue: On the Day of Pentecost I preached to thousands.
 Second Clue: I wavered in my faith earlier in my life but Christ made me the Rock.
 Third Clue: I once denied Christ three time.

Answers to the "Clue Quiz:" 1-Moses, 2-Aquila and Priscilla, 3-Stephen, 4-Daniel, 5-Timothy, 6-David, 7-John the Baptist, 8-Noah, 9-Mary and Martha, 10-Peter.

The sponsor should mention that these were all people who served God. Each one served in a different way but they all served well. Look at the items listed by the youth of ways they could serve and point out that these people served in some of the same ways.

The sponsor will now conduct a Bible exploration to find out what the Word of God says about serving and service. The references should be given to the youth and then read by them with some comments by the sponsor.

Joshua 24:15
I Chronicles 28:9
Psalm 72:11
John 12:26
Matthew 20:26-28
Romans 6:6
Galatians 5:13
Colossians 3:24
I Thessalonians 1:9
I Chronicles 29:5
Romans 12:1
Ephesians 6:7

Sponsors might close with the following thoughts: Our lives are to be given to the Lord and we are to serve Him. Remember we read in Matthew where the Lord said we cannot serve two masters . . . we will serve one or the other. Our hearts or interests will be where our treasure is. If we seek only to lay up worldly riches, our interests will be only for this world. If we seek to lay up heavenly riches in God, our interests will be with the Lord and His service. So let us all give our lives to the Lord and serve Him.

Answer to last week's
CHURCH ANONYMOUS

WAYNE HEIGHTS, PENNA.
Rev. Marlin McCann, Pastor

The Brethren Layman

Views and Comments

Floyd S. Benshoff

District and National (General) CONFERENCES of the Brethren Church

THE TIME is fast approaching and, indeed is at hand, when the Brethren will be assembling in their annual conferences. Most District Conferences precede the National Conference, which is scheduled this year, as usual, to convene on beautiful Ashland College campus. Indications are that college accommodations will be at an all-time high for the General Conference of The Brethren Church, August 16-22.

The schedule of District Conference shows that the Pennsylvania Brethren plan to assemble in the Berlin Brethren Church, July 19-22; the Ohio folks will convene at Trinity Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio, on June 21-24; the Indiana gathering will be at Shipshewana Lake, June 14-17; the Mid-West people will meet at Morrill, Kansas, on October 7-10; the Southeastern assembly is planned for Oak Hill, W. Va., on July 12-14; and Central District Conference is September 23-26, at Waterloo, Iowa.

The DISTRICT CONFERENCE is the corner stone of our NATIONAL CONFERENCE. Chapter two of the "Manual of Procedure" for The Brethren Church is devoted entirely to the relationship of the D. C. to the N. C. of our denomination. Each district has its own set of Constitution and By-Laws, which is generally synchronized with the above mentioned manual.

The Brethren Church is a three-stage rocket; first, the local congregation, second, the District Conference and third, the General Conference.

At the District Conference, your representative on the committee to make the General Conference program is selected. Men and women, as chosen from all over our land, assemble to determine the inspirational and business content of the annual meet.

Your voice on the Ashland College Board of Trustees is nominated by your district. Each year these conferences are asked to select nominees to represent them on this governing board of our church college. Two are nominated for each post. The representation varies according to the size of the district. The sitting board members then select from these nominees each April at the annual meeting of that board.

If Ashland College is to be the Christ-centered higher educational institution its founders intended it to be, with social-academic standards above reproach, the District Conference must take a real interest in the privilege it still has in having the large voice in who will represent them on this important board.

As I see it, the annual conferences serve a four-fold purpose. Not necessarily in the order of their importance, I would suggest INSPIRATION, FELLOWSHIP, UNITY OF PURPOSE and PROMOTION.

Inspiration:

From time to time this scribe, through his regular attendance at the General Conference of his church, has had the high privilege of listening to some of the outstanding Christian preachers of the day. This, along with hearing our own Brethren preachers at their best and listening to

the high caliber lay folk as they speak, sing and play, has proven invaluable in adding up to a thrilling religious experience.

Fellowship:

These conferences represent not only annual meetings on a churchly level, but on a friendship level as well. This year, as I plan to attend my district and national conferences, I expect to see some people I cherish as dear friends but haven't set eyes on for a year. (A few, bless their memory, will be missing.) I have exchanged correspondence with some of these folks during the year, but this is a poor substitute for a face-to-face, handshaking encounter.

Unity of Purpose:

They tell me a team of mules is rather hard to get a good day's work out of, particularly when they have different directions in mind. Men, even churchmen, are somewhat similar in nature. I am not a good rubber-stamp person, but like to think that I'm open to persuasion on valid points of difference. We need, very much today, the unifying effect that our conferences lend to The Brethren Church. Going off on tangents is child-like in the face of the awesome problems of life in our twentieth-century world.

Promotion:

The church today needs it and deserves the most modern methods, consistent with its calling. If we are to "serve the present age" we should have the best tools. The meeting of minds on best ways to do things is most logical. The weak may learn from the strong, but how can they learn except they are informed, and how can they be informed unless they seek to know. The conferences we're talking about in this essay are real gold mines and hearts.

Conferences are Biblical. The book of The Acts is replete with accounts of how the early church settled their disagreements and got things done through the means of conferences. The Council at Jerusalem is one of these outstanding occasions. Those early Christians employed corporate prayer, corporate thinking and corporate acting. Should we do less?

Come out and meet the Brethren. F.S.B.

HOW MUCH SHOULD A MINISTER EARN?

He doesn't expect to get rich, but he needs enough to meet the requirements of his position and support his family without undue anxiety.

by PAUL CALVIN PAYNE

THE United States Department of Labor, in a bulletin called *The Occupational Handbook,* put its finger on the spreading difficulties about the salaries of ministers. "The choice of the ministry as one's life work," says the *Handbook,* "involves considerations which do not influence to the same degree the selection of a career in most other occupations. When young people decide to become clergymen, they do so primarily because of their religious faith and their desire to help others."

In honesty we cannot overlook the fact that too many congregations exploit this dedication by underpaying their ministers. An illustration is the frequency with which churches withhold merited salary increases of $500 to $1,000 a year until a church building debt, or some other obligation, is paid. Thus the pastor pays, in addition to his voluntary pledge, a "contribution" sometimes equal to that of well-to-do members.

Another factor is a widespread feeling, often encouraged by ministers themselves, that clergymen ought not to receive incomes comparable to those of other professions. There is also a general conviction that the minister's salary should not rise above *the* average income of the congregation. And it is true that a pastor's effectiveness is reduced if he lives in a more favorable financial milieu than his parishioners.

Last spring the Ministers Life and Casualty Union subsidized a survey of ministers' incomes by the Clergy Support Project of the National Council of Churches. With the cooperation of fifteen major denominations, the Research Bureau of the Council has provided more detailed and accurate data than has ever been available.

One of the points the survey makes clear is that equalizing a pastor's salary with that of the congregation's average member works a hardship. For in many cases a sizeable slice of the minister's salary is lopped

away to defray operating expenses of the church. For example, ministers who deduct $1,000 in their tax returns for business use of their cars are actually receiving, for personal use, $1,000 less than their stated salary. The median car expenses for business among all ministers is $685 a year (United Presbyterians, $586). One minister in five reports a yearly car expense of $1,000 or more.

Pastors pay own business expenses

Two thirds of the United Presbyterian clergy are not reimbursed for out-of-town travel and lodging when they travel on church business. Only 23 percent receive whole or partial reimbursement for attendance at institutes and seminars for refresher courses. Many ministers are expected to entertain church groups in their homes at their own expense.

There is considerable illusion about the extent to which a pastor's income is augmented by fees. Recently a minister officiated at an elaborate wedding shortly before leaving on his summer vacation. As the wedding involved extremely wealthy families, it was rumored in the town that the pastor's wedding fee paid for his vacation. The fee was, in fact, $20.

Seventeen percent of the United Presbyterian clergy do not accept fees. Among those who do, the median is $100 annually. But in small communities fees amount to less than $50. Benefits from discounts at stores, where they exist at all, are so small as to be negligible.

How shall a pastor's salary be determined? Shall we take into account his educational qualifications? If so, the United States Department of Labor reports relevant data. For heads of families and individual earners with grade-school education or less, the rural-nonfarm communities, the median income is $3,623. For persons whose education terminated any time between eighth grade and twelfth grade, the median is $5,925. For those with one to four years of college training, it is $8,047.

The median income of United Presbyterian ministers, including rental value of manse and deducting $586 for business use of a car, is $6,499. (The Board of Pensions shows higher average salaries, but in this instance averages are higher than medians.) For the 47 percent of pastors who had their utilities provided, a median of $460 should be added to their real incomes.

It is plain that the median income for all United Presbyterian ministers is considerably lower than that for persons with a college education or less in rural-non-farm communities, although the minister has studied at least seven years after high school; 43 percent of them have taken additional graduate study.

No minister hagridden by financial worries can do his best work. Yet financial anxiety is continual in most pastors' families whose salaries are below the median figure and whose indebtedness is therefore above the median family debt. Sixty-eight percent of United Presbyterian ministers report a median indebtedness of $1,610 exclusive of debt incurred in purchase of a home. Of these, 36 percent are unable to reduce their debt, 31 percent report that their debt is increased, and only 26 percent are able to lower their indebtedness.

Why churches are poor

Any parish that requires full-time service from a minister should pay a full-time salary. It is not beyond the ability of most churches, even the smaller ones, to provide a living for their ministers and their families. The all too common practice among Christians of "token giving" cripples every phase of our church's work from its local responsibility to its world mission. The Presbyterian businessman who remarked "My church is my cheapest club" unconsciously symbolized the attitude that hamstrings the Christian enterprise and creates an illusory inability to pay pastors a living salary.

The remedy is for each presbytery to adopt a minimum salary schedule, based not on what weak churches can pay, but on actual living costs in the given area. To this minimum should then be added the business expense of car operation and other travel on church duties. Either the presbytery or the synod to which it belongs ought to have a salary pool to which churches that pay more than the mandatory minimum would contribute. This pool would be used to bring salaries in less affluent churches up to the minimum. The scriptural injuction that the strong shall bear the burdens of the weak is surely applicable here.

In reviewing a minister's salary, church officers ought to determine whether his purchasing power has been reduced by rising costs of living. A church that paid its pastor $3,000 in 1945 and pays him $5,000 in 1964 has not increased his real income. A church that paid $4,000 in 1945 would need to have paid $5,896 in 1955, and $6,788 in 1964 just to prevent his purchasing power from declining.

Laymen, too, must give for their faith

It may seem idealistic to say that the minister, because of his sacred calling, should be content to live substantially below the material level of others with similar education, or even below the level of those with no more than high-school training. But this assumes that Christians in other callings are free to ignore the claims of stewardship. There are those church members who do take comfort in the thought that God has set a lower standard of devotion for them than for the clergy, as if Christ's church were divided into first- and second-class compartments.

Most ministers do feel that their calling requires them to set examples of sacrificial living. But their sacrifice ought to be voluntary. We should pay them honest salaries and let them share as liberally as they wish. But let no church force a hair shirt on its pastor, then assume that God will count as righteousness this vicarious generosity on the part of a congregation lukewarm in its stewardship.

Inadequate support for the minister is a poor economy that churches can ill afford. It impairs the minister's usefulness. His financial anxieties take his mind from his sermon-writing and parish-planning. Often he is compelled to accept "promotion" to a church that pays a better salary (euphemistically called "a higher field of service") when he would prefer to remain in his present charge.

The proper way to determine a minister's salary is to ask how much he must receive to maintain the standard of living which will enable him to do his best work. A church that pays less is penalizing itself and defaulting on the terms of the pastor's call, in which the congregation pledged to keep their minister "free from worldly cares and avocations."

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from the Woman's Outlook

Your National President Speaks . . .

MINISTERIAL STUDENT AID FUND

MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

I BELIEVE we should be reminded many times during the year about our Seminary, its needs and its program. Regardless of what direction we turn in our denomination, we are faced with the shortage of ministers, missionaries and trained laity. So this month we have an opportunity to lend encouragement to our Seminary students in a financial way by contributing to the Ministerial Student Aid Fund. This aid is extremely important when one considers seven years of schooling.

The story is told of Adoniram Judson and the hardships and disappointments he suffered in reaching the people of Burma. He wondered how the uncounted millions would be reached with the knowledge of Christ. Judson wrote back to America, "If I had $1000 to give, I would give it to a Christian college for in so doing I would be investing in the seed of the kingdom." He saw what history had confirmed. Down to this hour, the great majority of all our ministers and missionaries and many of our finest lay leaders have been trained in Christian institutions.

Because the struggle today is for the minds of men, the future of our nation is being decided in large measure in the classroom of America. I have heard the young people from our local church, who attend State Universities, tell of what they are doing in some of their classes. So at this time of the year we need to be recruiting, too. Many Brethren young people will be graduating from high school this month, and how many of us will assume the responsibility of encouraging them to go to a Christian college? As it is important to contribute financially, it is also important to recruit young men and women for future leaders in our churches and in our denomination. Then we should also feel a definite need to pray for the Dean of our Seminar, the professors and for our seminary students.

At Burlington, our minister, Gene Hollinger, graduated from Ashland Theological Seminary last June. Each Sunday as I listen to his splendid sermons, I am thankful for Ashland College and the Seminary and for the fine training he has received. Also, I am thankful for those persons (his parents, ministers, S. S. teachers and concerned Christians) who had a part in moulding his life that when God called, he responded.

God called Samuel by name, but Eli had to help him understand this word from God. Could it be that we have failed to call young people "by name" and to be unhesitant and unashamed in personalizing the challenge of Christian commitment?

Notice, too, that it was not the boy who found God, but God who found the boy. Samuel was trained in the service of the temple and when the hour arrived, he was disciplined enough to hear and respond to the message from God.

So our work is threefold—to give spiritual encouragement, to recruit and to give.

There are vast numbers of young people to whom a word from the Lord would be welcome. How may they hear God's call? More often than we realize, God's voice is mediated by YOU and ME. GREAT is our responsibility in this regard.

Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

UDELL, IOWA

SOMETIMES it is hard to express in words what we really feel when the blessings of God are so richly bestowed upon us. We have just closed a week of meetings and spiritual blessings Sunday evening, April 25, with Rev. Phil Lersch from Ashland as our evangelist. Rev. Lersch brought us such spirit-filled Gospel messages each night. There were real spiritual refreshings throughout the week. Many reconsecrations were made the last night; God was so near, and the Spirit of Christ so overflowing. It always gives us great joy when we can see the results of God still being on the throne.

A carry-in dinner was served in the annex on Sunday at noon. Good fellowship and warm friendship was enjoyed by the pastor, evangelist and the people.

A children's dedication service was held Sunday morning, May 2.

The people and pastor ask for your prayers as we work together to promote the kingdom of God here in Udell.

Rev. Amos Mast, pastor

MISSIONARY NEWS

RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN TRAINING SCHOOL

by Dr. Harold E. Barnett

RIVERSIDE Christian Training School and the Lost Creek Brethren Church were founded in 1905 by Rev. and Mrs. George E. Drushal. The school and church are located in the hills of southeastern Kentucky at Lost Creek in Breathitt County. State highway No. 15 connects the beautiful valley of Lost Creek with the rest of the world. The Riverside campus comprises about 107 acres, most of it "straight up and down."

The most prominent building on campus is the classroom-gymnasium building. It houses grades 1-12 with about 100 students enrolled. The girls' dorm is a three-storied, concrete block building which also contains the kitchen, dining room and faculty apartments. The building was damaged by a landslide in 1962 but has since been repaired.

In 1961 some friends converted a swampy cornfield into a beautiful athletic field which permits baseball, softball, track, and has playground equipment for the young children.

A new church is being built on campus to house the Lost Creek Brethren Church congregation and is called the Drushal Memorial Church Building in honor of the founders. It is made of concrete blocks, is two-storied, and will seat over 200. The plans called for it to be in use by Christmas, 1964, and the dedication on May 7, 1965.



Classroom-Gymnasium (boys' dorm in background)

There are 13 members on the staff of Riverside School with 14 children. Rev. Drushal passed on to be with the Lord in 1958 and is buried on a hill overlooking his beloved Riverside. Mrs. Drushal and daughter, Adah, live in Portland, Oregon. Rev. Harold E. Barnett, Ph.D., succeeded Rev. Drushal as President of Riverside School and pastor of the Lost Creek Brethren Church. Rev. and Mrs. Drushal also established churches at Haddix and Rowdy, Kentucky, the former being about 2 miles and the latter about 15 miles from Lost Creek.

Rev. Barnett serves as pastor of these two churches also. Members of the Riverside School staff carry on Sunday school work at Big Branch, Fugate's Fork, Cow Branch, River Caney, and serve in other areas.

The buildings and grounds are owned by the Brethren Church with headquarters in Ashland, Ohio, and is supervised by the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church. The Riverside Board of Directors, which meets twice yearly, administers the program. Some church denominations represented on the Riverside staff are: Brethren, Mennonite, Free Methodist, E.U.B., Church of God, and an interdenominational church.

Riverside has a Bible Class each day for each grade in school. Scripture verses are either memorized or written daily. Daily chapel is held with faculty members and students in charge. Three revivals are available to the students during the school year with special rallies, YFC Bible quizzes, and a Prophecy Bible Conference planned among many other spiritual programs. Riverside's Bible Quiz Team won the Regional S. E. Kentucky championship last year. Two of Riverside's students went to Winona Lake last July with the S. E. Kentucky team which won the international YFC Bible Championship (one of our students was a member of the team and the other was an alternate). The captain of the team is a faithful member of the Lost Creek Brethren Church.

Riverside is fully accredited and is the oldest, full-term, continuously established elementary and secondary school in this area, even before the public schools. Thousands have been educated and influenced by the work of the school and church here. Rev. Barnett received his elementary and secondary education here and has been a member of the church since youth. His grandmother was a member of the first class of Riverside School and the second member of the church. His parents, sisters, and many relatives have all been influenced by the ministry of Riverside. Rev. and Mrs. Barnett and staff want to see this ministry continue as a "Light in the Hills," which is Riverside's motto.

Riverside Christian Training School and the Lost Creek Brethren Church will be celebrating their 60th anniversary during 1965. The new church dedication was one of the highlights on May 7. The R. C. T. S. commencement on May 20th in the new church was another highlight. A special celebration is being planned on July 4th by the community folks as a tribute to the 60 years of service of this Mission. Next October, community folks, organized as the Riverside Improvement Club, will present the history of the 60 years in a pageant. When Riverside was established in 1905, Breathitt County was known as "bloody Breathitt." Troublesome Creek flows by our school and has flooded our campus three times since 1957. Christian schools are having a hard time getting along these days, but the faculty and friends of Riverside are determined to go on by God's grace.

ROUNDTABLE—Spring 1965



Staff Members and their families

WORLD-WIDE PRAYER for WORLD-WIDE BROADCASTING



JUNE 13

Annual Prayer Day

TALCOTTVILLE, CONN.—A day of prayer for Gospel broadcasting around the world will be observed June 13, it was announced here by the International Christian Broadcasters committee. "Thousands of programs are heard each week in hundreds of languages by millions of listeners around the world," the announcement stated. "Gospel broadcasting is a mighty ally and aid to the Christian Church. God's people everywhere are earnestly requested to pray especially on June 13."

Since 1957 the Annual Prayer Day for World-wide Gospel Broadcasting has been observed on the second Sunday of June. The specific purpose is prayer for Gospel programs released over many stations throughout the world.

Materials for use in observing the day of prayer may be obtained from International Christian Broadcasters, Talcottville, Connecticut.

International Christian Broadcasters is a federation of the National Religious Broadcasters and the World Conference on Missionary Communications.

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MINISTERIAL STUDENT AID FUND

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To spread the preaching of the Gospel

To help meet the rising cost of education

To assist the growing number of ministerial students

TWENTY-FOUR MINISTERIAL STUDENTS RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID IN THE PAST SCHOOL YEAR

The average financial assistance per student in the past school year was $303.57.

Seventy Brethren churches made contributions to the Ministerial Student Aid Fund in the past year. There were 34 individuals who contributed.

Costs of education continue to rise. Tuition, fees, board and room will average $2,100 per year for the pre-seminary student. Tuition and fees in the seminary will amount to about $300 — with living cost in addition to this.

Your gift to the Ministerial Student Aid Fund helps these men remain in school and, after training, to be a part of the Gospel ministry.

Send your offerings to:

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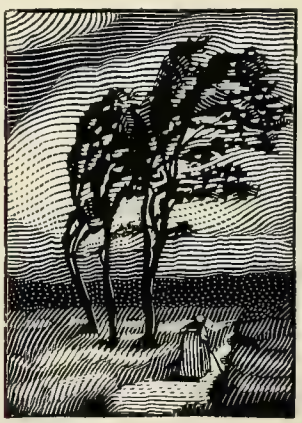
FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

by Mrs. Rose Bolinger

In the garden of your heart
What have you planted there?
Have you taken care of each part
And cultivated it with care?
Do you have lovely flowers growing?
Or have you the weeds of sin
been sowing?
Are they your paths choking,
Creeping in and provoking
Your thoughts with evil deed
Here and there scattering their
ugly seeds?

Or does your garden receive care
And weeding of evil thought
through prayer?
Are lovely flowers and fair
To be found growing there?
Have you planted patience,
kindness and love in every part?
Do you let God's sunshine nourish
the garden of your heart?
If you've let your garden go to weeds
of sin
It's time to let Christ come in
And clean the paths of their weeds;
Planting instead, patience,
love and kindly deeds.

This poem was contributed by Mrs. Rose Bolinge wife of Rev. Larry Bolinger. The Bolingers will b leaving within a year or two for Nigeria wher they will serve as our missionaries. Larry grad uated from the Ashland Theological Seminary thi spring and will enter a university this fall fo further study. Remember this family in you prayers.



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A FEW YEARS AGO the Sunday School Board and the Brethren Publication Board launched upon a program of supplying Sunday School literature to the local churches that would make it possible for all Sunday Schools to have the same materials in every department. After several meetings with several companies it was agreed that the denomination should enter into contract with Gospel Light who would furnish the church with an imprint program. The denomination adopted such materials from the nursery department up through the high school department.

It was hoped at the time that all our Sunday Schools would adopt these materials in its entirety. A few of our Sunday Schools have done this. However there are several who either do not use the materials in any department, or use it only in some of the departments of the Sunday School. Other materials are used in other departments. The reasons for this are varied. Some teachers seemingly refuse to use our own materials for they feel that other materials are better. Other materials are used because the principle of the Imprint materials is not understood by the Sunday School. Other materials are used because the teacher has to spend more time in preparation for the Imprint materials. Every Sunday School in the Brethren Church should at least be willing to use our own materials, materials which have been adopted by the Sunday School Board and the entire denomination! All pastors and Sunday School superintendents should take a long look as to why other materials are used and perhaps should insist that our own Brethren materials be used.

Regardless of what is said, our own materials are just as good, if not better than any other on the market. Let it be said here that all materials have their limitations, but Gospel Light has done more than any other company to make their materials more Bible centered and more adaptable to the graded Sunday School.

Brethren Sunday School Imprint Literature

Gospel Light is constantly revising and seeking means of making their materials better! Whenever a new manuscript has been written and before it is printed in the quarterlies, these new manuscripts are sent to every denomination for which they print in order that they might be approved by the denomination. Over the last few years manuscripts have been sent to Rev. Joseph Shultz, Rev. Jerry Flora and Rev. Richard Allison for review. No other company does this! When these men send in suggestions of how the material could be made better, the suggestions are considered and used when found to be usable! So you see, we very definitely have a part in the writing of these materials.

By every Sunday School using our own materials there is unity throughout the denomination. As Brethren families visit other Brethren churches during vacation and when our own materials are used, our children do not miss out on the series that is being presented in most of our Sunday Schools. This is especially true of pastors' children. For this reason and for the sake of unity in our denomination, every Sunday School should use all of our imprint materials.

Again, let it be said that some of our Sunday Schools do not use these materials because they do not understand the purpose and intent of such materials. The Sunday School Board has designated certain men in each district who can be used as consultants in explaining the **Brethren Sunday School Imprint Literature.** Every local Sunday School should take advantage of this service! If you are interested in such a workshop in your Sunday School or in your District, write to Dr. Joseph Shultz, Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio, or to your Editor and he will pass the letter on to Dr. Shultz. Remember—there is no better materials on the market today! Every Sunday School in the Brethren Church should and must use our own materials if there is to be coordination in the work of our denomination! If you are using other materials, please prayerfully consider our own—you owe it to your denomination!

S.G.

news ... from the Brethren

Washington, D. C. Rev. Jerry Flora reports that on Sunday, May 23, four persons were received into membership of the church. One by letter of transfer and three by baptism.

Pittstown, N. J. (Calvary). On Sunday, May 16, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur F. Collins were received into membership of the Calvary Church according to the May 23 bulletin. Rev. Collins is the pastor of the church.

Canton, Ohio. Rev. Keith Bennett reports that two young men were received into the membership of the church recently.

New Lebanon, Ohio. The following item was in the newsletter from New Lebanon: "The pastor and the entire congregation was thrilled last month to receive 20 people into membership in the Lord's Church, 17 by baptism and 3 by letter."

Dayton, Ohio. Rev. W. Clayton Berkshire reports the baptism and reception of four persons into the fellowship of the church recently.

Milledgeville, Ill. Rev. Arthur H. Tinkel delivered the Baccalaureate message at the Milledgeville High School on Sunday Evening, May 23. Rev. Tinkel reports that four persons were received into membership of the church recently.

South Bend, Ind. A new youth director has been employed at the First Brethren Church in South Bend. Mr. Bruce Claiborne has been hired to serve in this capacity and will begin about the middle of August. He holds a degree in Religious Education from Detroit Bible College and has almost completed his Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling at Eastern Michigan University.

Tempe, Ariz. Rev. Duane Dickson reports that a new parsonage has been purchased by the congregation and that he and his family are now living in it. The house is immediately behind the church. The new address is:

2733 North Forest Ave.
Tempe, Arizona

Rev. Dickson also reports that one person was recently received into membership of the church by transfer of letter and two by baptism.

Pastor Needed

The First Brethren Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is in need of a pastor. If interested, please contact:

Mrs. A. A. Custer, Secretary
629 Penny Drive
Pittsburgh, Penna. 15235

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for June 20, 1965
CONSECRATE LIFE TO GOD
Text: I Kings 9:1-9

A TEMPLE OR A CHURCH is important only inasmuch as it becomes a place which serves to perpetuate the knowledge of God and make known His laws and judgments (II Peter 1:2-4).

The temple which Solomon built took seven years to build and cost well over one hundred million dollars.

In dedicating the temple, Solomon recognized the fact that God had kept His promise to David in having his son reign on the throne of Israel and having his son build the temple which David had desired to build (I Kings 8:20).

After Solomon had dedicated the temple, God appeared to Solomon and made an agreement with him. God had promised David that his seed would be established forever upon the throne of Israel. David was now dead, and God could not and would not annul the agreement that He made with David. Solomon was the first of David's children to reign on the throne. Now God told Solomon that if he would walk as David had walked, keeping all the commandments and statutes, his family would be permanently established. If not, then another of David's children or grandchildren would come to the throne. Whatever happened to Solomon would in nowise contradict the covenant that God made with David.

God's covenant with Solomon is conditional. It depends upon his conduct as to whether or not his family will be established forever. Solomon's failure would mean for Israel that she would be cast out of her land, that the temple would be destroyed, and the people would become a proverb and a byword among all people. Again, God does not here contradict His promise to David. Israel would be scattered among the people of the world—not lose their identity as a people. God spoke through other prophets showing that Israel would be scattered among nations but eventually gathered together again and become a nation. David's seed must reign on the throne of Israel.

There is a lesson in the temple which Solomon built. For us a church may be built for the glory of God. Its beauty may be awesome. No building, however so lovely it be, will open the gates of heaven to God's blessings. A church is beautiful only when its people are beautiful. Early Christians were often forced to meet in tombs, caves and cisterns for the worship of God and study of His Word. Here men learned to know Him. Here in these dismal places men experienced the grace and glory of God that Israel lost in her beautiful temple.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from the Letters of Paul

Memory Scripture for the month—Ephesians 6:1

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 1965

Read Scripture: Galatians 5:22-26

Christians

"So many nice people go to our church," said Linda as the children set the dinner table.

"Yes," agreed Gary. "They all seem interested in us. Almost everyone asked how the rabbits were."

"I heard them asking about those who are sick and the missionaries," continued Linda.

"The Sunday school teachers are swell," added Gary. "They let us have fun, but when it's time to study, we study! I'm learning lots about the Bible from them. They have great faith in God."

"All the things you've been saying are true," said Dad. "Those who truly love Jesus have great faith in Him. They show love and concern for others."

"I love Jesus," said Linda. "I want to be like Him, too."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Your children who help me in so many ways every day. May I, too, grow more like Jesus. May I show love and concern for others. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1965

Read Scripture: Galatians 6:7-11

The Garden

"How the garden has grown!" said Linda.

"Yes," nodded Gary. "The corn will soon be ready to eat."

"Corn on cob!" laughed Betsy. "Corn on cob!"

"The beans Mom cooked this noon were really good," continued Gary.

"And the salad," said Linda. "Salads made with vegetables from our garden are the best!"

"Do you know why we have such good vegetables in our garden?" asked Dad.

"Because you work hard to have a nice garden," said Gary.

"What if we had planted seeds from weeds?" questioned Dad.

"Oh, then we would have weeds instead of vegetables," laughed Linda.

"I guess you mean," said Gary, "that it's important to plant the right seed."

"That's it," nodded Dad. "Whatever we plant is what will grow in our garden. It's the same way in our lives. If we do what is wrong, we'll get only unhappiness for ourselves and others. If we do good, happiness and goodness will come to us and those around us."

Prayer:

Dear God, I want to do the things that are pleasing to You. I want to do the things that will make others and myself happy. Help me to sow good seed. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1965

Read Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-9

A Gift

"Gary," called Dad when he came home from work. "Come outside."

Gary hurried to the back porch. From there he could see Dad standing in the yard with a shiny red bike.

"A new bike!" shouted Gary. "Is it for me?"

"Yes," smiled Dad.

"But why?" questioned Gary. "It isn't my birthday. I haven't done anything to earn it."

"No," said Dad. "I just wanted to get it for you."

"Thanks, Dad," said Gary as he got on the new bike.

Our parents give us many things because they love us. It is not often that they can give us some things as expensive as a new bike. But notice today how many things your parents do give you because they love you. Don't forget to include your home, food, and clothes on your list!

Our Heavenly Father loves us, too. He has given us the best gift of all—eternal life through Jesus Christ our Savior. We have not earned it. He has given it to us because He loves us.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my parents and the loving care they give me each day. Thank You for Your love and Your gift of eternal life. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1965

Read Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-7

One God

Uncle Jim had sent more pictures from Nigeria. Most of them were pictures of things Nigerians worshiped. There were trees and mountains. There were animals and birds. There were idols made of wood and stone.

"The Nigerian, like all people, wants to worship," wrote Uncle Jim. "Until he learns of the true God, he worships things around him or things he has made."

"I miss Aunt Doris and Uncle Jim very much," said Linda, "but I'm glad they are in Nigeria."

"Yes," said Gary. "The people there need to learn of Jesus our Savior. They need to know there is only one God. Uncle Jim and Aunt Doris will help them to have faith in Him."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I know You are the one true God. Show me ways I can share this news with others. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1965

Read Scripture: Ephesians 4:25, 26, 32

Forgive Now

"Gary makes me so mad!" declared Linda. "Judy

and I were jumping rope. He kept making us miss. He said he was playing, too. Some playing! I'm going to bed."

"Just a minute," said Mom. "Do you think you can rest well now?"

"No," answered Linda. "I know I won't because I'm so angry."

"Do you remember what the Bible teaches about forgiving?" questioned Mom.

"It says we should forgive one another," replied Linda. "I don't feel like forgiving Gary now. I'll wait until morning."

"The Bible also tells us," Mom said, "that we should not let the sun go down on our anger. God knows it is not good for us to be so angry. You will rest better and so will Gary if you forgive him tonight."

"I know," said Linda slowly. Then she began to giggle. "It really was funny the way he ran in and tried to jump with us. I'm going out and tell Gary I'm sorry I was so cross. Then I'll go to bed."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to control my anger and to be more forgiving. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1965

Read Scripture: Ephesians 5:1, 2, 19, 20

Give Thanks

"What a beautiful morning!" said Linda.

"It is so nice I walked to the garden and around the yard before I started breakfast," said Mom.

"This is a perfect day to go fishing," said Gary as he came into the kitchen. "After I finish my work may I go to the lake?"

"Yes, Gary," answered Mom.

When the family sat down at the table Dad said, "We have much for which to be thankful. We should pause not only to thank God for our food but for all the other good things He has given us. Many times each day we should say thank You to God."

"Thank You! Thank You," laughed Betsy in her high chair.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for all things — for the lovely world, my family and friends, my home and church. May I never forget that all good things are gifts from You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1965

Read Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-4

Obey

"May I go with the fellows for a hike in Miller's woods?" asked Gary.

"Is there an adult with them?" wondered Mom.

"No," answered Gary.

"Then you may not go," replied Mom. "There are caves and deep ravines in that woods that boys should not explore alone."

"I'll be careful," said Gary.

"I know you would," Mom told him. "But you need a grown-up along anyway in Miller's woods."

Gary went out to his friends. "I can't go," he said.

"Oh, Gary," suggested Bill, "Tell your Mom we will go somewhere else. She will let you go with us. Then we can go to Miller's woods."

Gary shook his head. "No, Mom knows best. She told me not to go and I'll obey her."

The boys walked on. Gary went back to the house.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for my parents and the loving care they give me. Help me to remember it is important to obey them. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

MORE NEW FILMSTRIPS AVAILABLE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN MIND

MORE NEW FILMSTRIPS have recently been added to the Sunday School Board's filmstrip library, and are available from the Sunday School Office at Ashland College. These new filmstrips are particularly directed at Senior High Youth and young adults and would be useful in Sr. Hi Youth meetings, Sunday school classes and other youth and young adult meetings. Following is descriptive material of these new filmstrips.

A Basis for Sex Morality

This series of six filmstrips is based on lectures given to college students by psychologist and guidance counselor, the Rev. Canon Bryan Green, D.D., of Birmingham, England. The filmstrips discuss the following topics:

1. **Love, Friendship and Marriage.** This filmstrip stresses the importance of personal relationships to physical, mental and spiritual health; how the man-woman relationship leads to mature selfhood or to personal ruination. The problems and confused thinking we face in these areas in our day are also discussed.
2. **The Nature of Sex.** With growing divorce rates and increased promiscuity, there is a need for understanding the true and deeper dimensions of sex. The filmstrip defines "love" and shows the meaning of "oneness" in marriage in both Biblical and contemporary terms.
3. **The Man-Woman Relationship.** The growth of sexual activities through successive periods of life is traced. Guidance is given on choosing a mate and how to know real love.
4. **Pre-Marital Relationships.** "Erotic" and "sexual" feelings are defined. Responsibilities to self, one's lover, and society are indicated. Five reasons are given why sexual intercourse should wait for marriage.
5. **Rationalizing Sex Behavior.** The arguments used to rationalize illicit pre-marital sex behavior are considered. The filmstrip stresses the exclusiveness of real love.
6. **Guidelines for Sex Behavior.** As the title suggests, this filmstrip attempts to provide basic guidelines for evaluating sexual behavior. It gives standards for the friendship and engagement periods.

All of the above filmstrips are in color, and have with them a printed and recorded script.

Vocational Guidance Series

This series of four color filmstrips (with records) deals with the broad areas of vocations from the point

of view of the church. While primarily concerned with vocational choices in which young people will find satisfaction, it also speaks out to parents and youth leaders.

Youth and the Meaning of Vocation. This filmstrip presents life as a trust from God. Introduces vocation as more than just another word for job, but rather a call for whole life's service.

Youth and the World of Work. This filmstrip presents the broad panorama of work and discusses the expanding and changing variety of opportunities for service to God and fellow man. Sets forth procedures for reaching occupational decision.

Youth and Church Vocations. This filmstrip points out the vast variety of ministries in the church and why the church needs prepared, dedicated servants.

Youth and the Family in Vocational Decision. This filmstrip pictures the responsibility of the family in vocational decision. It emphasizes areas where young people's independence must be respected, and those where their dependence on parental opinion requires understanding and enlightened guidance.

The FOURTH SEEDS of ESTRANGEMENT

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XXXIV

REFERENCE was made, while we were discussing the line of Ishmael, of Midian and his relationship. This leads us back again to Abraham.

After Sarah had died and Abraham had buried her in the *cave of the field of Machpelah* near Hebron, and Isaac was married and settled in his mother's tent, we read (Gen. 25:1) *And Abraham took another wife, and her name was Keturah. And she bore him Zimram, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.* What became of these six sons and the people who descended from them?

Furthermore, Hagar was not the only concubine that Abraham had. Let us read further in Gen. 25 at verses 5, 6. *And Abraham gave all that he had* (that is the birthright, the land, and bulk of his fortune) *unto Isaac. But unto the sons of the concubines, that Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts; and he sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.* There is no record of the size of Abraham's harem, but the children were all rewarded and separated from the *land of the Covenant,* Palestine, to forestall any trouble between them and Isaac's seed.

Here we have the posterity of Keturah and the concubines, multiplying and doubtless intermarrying, living in the land eastward from Palestine. Think you not that there may have been envy and jealousy, among all of these sons of Abraham, jealousy over Isaac, the birthright and the land? May not that resultant hatred be inbred even to this day in another portion of the Arab world?

Among all of these children of Abraham, was Midian, the one of our reference. He was the fourth son of Abraham and Keturah and the progenitor of the Midianites. At least a part of the tribe had migrated to the Sinaitic peninsula and settled in the environs of Mt. Horeb. It was there that Moses later sought refuge and to which he delivered the Israelites after the escape from Egypt. Jethro, the priest of Midian, and father-in-law of Moses, bears evidence that, at least a part of the Midianites were not of common stock but were a people of dignity and wisdom. Jethro's counsel with Moses materially aided him in the organization of the hoard of liberated slaves into orderly groups with a workable plan of judgments and instruction. Jethro declined Moses' invitation to accompany the Israelites into Canaan but some of his children did and were later known as the Kenites.

There were other of the Midianites, however, who were not so friendly to Israel, for we find some forty years later, when Moses was leading Israel through wilderness east of the Jordan, that a part of Midian then joined forces with Moab and hired Balaam to pronounce a curse upon the Israelites.

Truly, the covenant between Jehovah and Abraham, has produced a seething mass of related humanity. Hear again the voice of God, (Gen. 17:2-4), *And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abraham fell on his face; and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be the father of a multitude of nations.* Not only Israel but all of the tribes of Abraham's blood stream fall under the greater covenant between him and God. Nevertheless a special covenant was executed for the birthright and the royal line. Genesis 17:7, 8ff states it, *And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land of thy sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession.* This special covenant is made with Abraham's SEED (Singular), not seeds as of many sons of Abraham. Only the one seed, Isaac, and in every generation after him, one seed, a royal line, even unto Jesus the son of Mary, according to the flesh, but the legal, Royal son of Joseph by virtue of the fact that Joseph was the husband of Mary when Jesus was born.

Long are the fingers of history, yea long in their reach, even unto the troubled world of this mid-twentieth century and the tangled affairs of the Near East as they impinge upon the whole world of today.

Brethren Youth Crusaders

QUIZ SYSTEM PURCHASED

The National Brethren Youth Board wishes to announce to all districts that a new quiz recognition system has been purchased and will be used in the National Finals at Youth Conference in August.

This system is very compact, having all parts in a small suitcase. A small pad is placed on each contestant's chair. This pad is connected to a control board by a cord and the first person who stands is recognized as his light is the only light that comes on. The small control board is in the top of the suitcase and can be detached to set on a chair or table.

This light system has been used in Indiana and found to be foolproof for recognizing the contestant who first stands. The N. Indiana Youth Board has purchased this system and perhaps other districts would like to have their own. Therefore, we give you the following information concerning the system and its price.

1. The cost is $85.00 for a two-team unit plus $2.00 for the shipping cost.
2. The address is: QUIZ-TIME, P.O. Box 551, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

These light systems in varying forms can sometimes be borrowed from other groups such as Youth for Christ if the purchase of one is not possible.

CONCERNING CONFERENCE . . .

The National Brethren Youth Conference each August is planned well in advance for the youth of the Brethren Church. This year we have an especially interesting conference with many new features and some "surprises." Every young person will want to attend and take home as much as possible of all he saw, heard and experienced.

Each youth delegate must present his credential which has been properly signed along with 75¢ registration fee when he comes to National Youth Conference.

We want to remind all youth, parents and pastors that when this credential is signed, the young person is signing a Pledge which reads as follows:

> *"I promise to abide by all of the rules and regulations of this Brethren Youth Conference, and to attend as many of the sessions as possible. I understand that my conduct is a reflection on my local church, and therefore promise to conduct myself as a Christian Youth at all times."*

The Youth Executive Committee of B.Y. Conference, Youth Board and your Acting Director would like to urge that each young person seriously consider what he is signing and after the credential is registered that he abide by the Pledge.

The 1965 "Catacomb Conference" of Brethren Youth will be a real inspiration. Make sure you are a part of this conference!

"BLESSED ARE THEY"

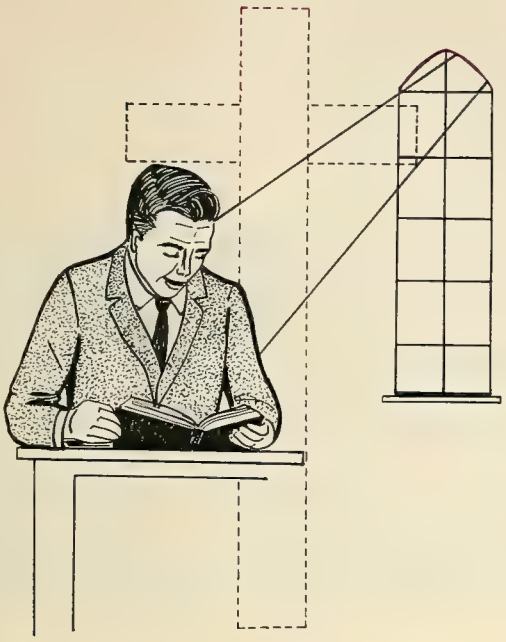


The picture and small write-up shown here appeared in the Bristol Courier and Levittown Times newspaper.

"Members of the Brethren Youth Crusaders rehearse the Easter play, 'Blessed Are They,' which will be given April 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Brethren Church of Fairless Hills, 837 Hoe Road, Highland Park, Levittown. From left are Roy Cutshall, Denny Cutshall, Carol Welty, Marsha Edwards, Mike Nolte, Lynne Austin and Debbie Dean. Robert L. Keplinger, pastor, will direct the play."

"fill the DERBY hat" — $10,000

LIFE WORK RECRUITMENT



"Encourage a program of internship in the use of second and third year students as associate pastors or summer replacements"

Our committee is somewhat reluctant to make suggestions to the Seminary and the only reason we do so is because we feel that a Life Recruit program, in order to be completely successful, must be an endeavor of the entire church-college and seminary working in accord toward one purpose. We are only making suggestions to the Seminary—we are not in any way trying to dictate policy or promote any selfish interest.

In the field of teaching perhaps the most valuable course of all is that one called "Student Teaching" in which the about-to-be teacher serves so many weeks in an actual school situation under the supervision of a regular practicing teacher. This past winter I worked with several college students who were doing their practice teaching or student teaching. They were amazed to find the actual classroom situation so utterly different from the "theory" they had been taught. Theory is necessary and important but it is of no value if the young teacher cannot apply it to her actual classroom situation. When these young college students left our high school they were obviously very grateful for the actual practice in teaching. A doctor also serves an internship so that he might learn to apply the knowledge learned. It seems to our committee that it would be invaluable if every "budding" minister could serve an internship under the guidance of an experienced pastor. Thus he does not come to his first church untried, untested and unprepared. Biblical men always had several young men in tow whom they were instructing, not only in the Word but in the service.

Last summer I observed first hand a reasonable facsimile of an internship in the ministry and it was quite a revelation to me. My son, who is a pre-seminary student, served as Protestant Chaplain, counselor and swim instructor at a Boy Scout Camp. He was the official representative of the Lord before 200 and more men and boys each week. He left for camp in a blissful, happy mood, carefree and excited. He came home for a short visit a different young man, full of the knowledge of his responsibility and somewhat appalled at the position in which he found himself.

He said he was utterly happy until one father came up to him that first day, introduced himself, and said, "So you're the Chaplain. I was anxious to meet you." David said the shock of the words, "So you're the Chaplain" utterly unnerved him and he wanted to say stupidly, "Who? Me?"

The enormity of his responsibility as God's man among all those boys and men sent him seeking the counsel of the Lord in a vast hurry. All eyes were upon him. He must be a good Joe, a right fellow and the faithful servant of the Lord all in one and he must not fail. Suffice to say that by the end of the summer he definitely knew the demands, the delights, the defeats, the compensation of ministering to boys, and he did by this internship of a sort, know if he was able and willing to undertake a full-time ministry for God.

Our committee respectfully suggests to the Seminary staff that it consider some such positive internship for every young minister before he leaves the Seminary, and we further feel that a student pastorate is not the full answer, but that a guided and directed internship would be far more valuable to a young man than thrusting him out on his own in a student pastorate to sink or swim, willy-nilly. In a directed service he would learn the rituals of the church, something of her business and a great deal of her teaching and preaching in actual practice. As a lay committee we feel such a seminary course might have some merit.

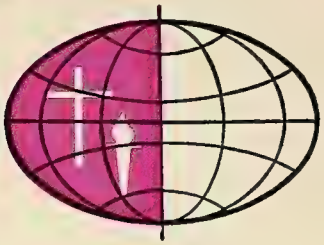
Life Work Recruit Committee of Youth Board



od shall wipe away
from their eyes; and
be no more death, neith
nor crying, neither shall
ny more pain: for the
ngs are passed away

Identify this Scripture reference. Check your answer in next week's *The Brethren Evangelist.*

MISSIONARY NEWS



Missionary Board Highlights

The Budget Meeting of the MISSIONARY BOARD was held May 18 and 19, 1965

1965 - 1966 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET $141,000

HOME MISSIONS	**$ 49,649**
WORLD MISSIONS	**$ 91,351**

New TEN DOLLAR Church Designated . . .

The second call for 1965 beginning on July 1 will be for the Mansfield, Ohio, Church.

This small congregation is proceeding steadily toward erection of a new building. They are re-locating an a three-acre site west of Mansfield.

General Conference SUNDAY OFFERING . . .

Larry and Rose Bolinger will be preparing this year for missionary service in Nigeria. They will have further language study at the Language Center, Michigan University in anticipation of their going to the field next summer. This expense is an extremely large budget item and the designation of the Sunday Offering at General Conference for the **"Bolinger Candidate Training Fund"** will be of considerable assistance.

Need for additional PUBLICITY . . .

Plans are being formulated for additional publicity and missionary information among the Brethren.

RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN TRAINING SCHOOL improvements . . .

The girls' old dorm at Riverside Christian Training School is in hazardous condition and must be razed this season. This should be replaced by a three-family apartment to accommodate staff members and their families.

The campus improvement in recent years has been steadily advancing in order of priority to meet their needs.



Athletic Field at Riverside Christian Training School shows steady improvement

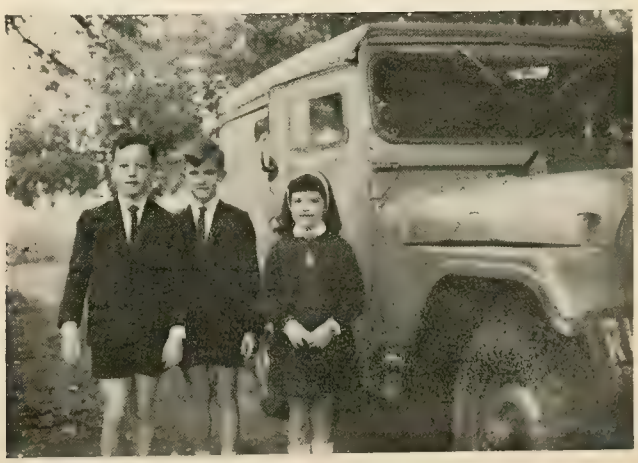
EDUCATIONAL allowance INCREASE for Argentine MISSIONARY Children . . .

A new allowance schedule for Argentine Missionary Children will go into effect July 1 with the 1965-66 Fiscal Year.

The educating of Argentine missionary children presents a peculiar problem, since they must attend American schools where there is a very high tuition charge.

The regular South American schooling does not present a curriculum that coincides with the school courses in the States which the young people are required to take during their furlough years. Also, college entry in the States would be hampered without this Americanized education.

The tuition has been affected by the South American inflation and educational allowances were insufficient.



Tim Solomon, Mark Aspinall and Becky Solomon prepare to leave on the ten-mile daily trip to school

from the Woman's Outlook

Topic for July

TAKE TIME TO PLAY

by Mrs. RICHARD ALLISON

THE WORD "play" is used in excess of fifty different ways in our complex English language. Therefore, when I suggest to you that you "take time to play," I must take great care to explain just what I mean. In turning to the Scriptures, I found the word "play" was used mainly in two ways. The first, to "play" a musical instrument. The second, to "play," meaning to take the part of. I cannot rule out the use of play as it is connected to music, because we know good music has a very definite place in the life of a Christian. Music has soothed many a weary and confused mind. We see this exemplified for us so well in the life of Saul, King of Israel. As Saul drifted away from God, becoming involved in his own selfish desires, seizures of rage and fury engulfed him. Then the young Psalmist, David, would come to sing and play for him, and this soothed the distraught king bringing him back to health and sanity. This leads me to say; take time to play—the piano, the violin, the harp, etc., or take time to sing—at work, at home, at church. God can use talents such as these —not while they are wrapped tightly in the cocoon of a human body, but only when they are developed or metamorphosed and given freedom as a gay summer butterfly. Here, then, is one place where we see God's creativity brought forth in all its glory; whether it be in a colorful butterfly soaring in a summer breeze or a human soul expressing feelings and moods in melody—a whole new way of life emerges!

Sydney Greenbie in his book, *Leisure for Living*, states, "a human being should be a symphony of flesh. His emotions, his thoughts, his doings should have a kind of pattern like that of music and art. In such a life one must practice not only the notes but the rests and pauses. So order would become not a routine, but balance; not labor, but art; and a man would be a perfect instrument for social or private living." We can conclude from this statement that the pauses and rests of a great symphony are of great importance to the meaning of the whole composition. Applying this to our lives we could say that they, too, could be more meaningful if interspersed with rests and pauses.

So just what DO we mean, "take time to play"? Which of the fifty definitions can we apply to our individual needs as Christian women? Medical authorities are telling us that we need a balance of three things to live a happy, healthy, harmonious life. They are simply this—work, worship, and play. This is no easy task for we must learn HOW to work, HOW to worship, and HOW to play. Then we must decide how MUCH to work, how MUCH to worship and how MUCH to play. This, too, is a complex task because our needs change with each year of life.

We can see then that play is an important part of life, but what do we REALLY mean and why is it important? Let us substitute the word "fun" for "play." Take time for fun! Now by "fun" we do not necessarily mean having an exuberantly good time, but that the sense of outgo is greater than the intake. It is the point at which the soul in its prison finds an open door and goes forth.

How this business of having fun will be accomplished will depend on our age, physical abilities, where we live, our occupation, and our needs. I firmly believe that physical activity is vitally important to good health, yet to the farmer's wife who spends a great deal of time gardening or doing chores, a couple sets of tennis would not be as appealing as it would be to the office worker or housewife. This woman might find her "fun" in art, music, or just a quiet time of reading or handiwork.

The thing I wish to stress is that time is really too precious to be wasted on frivolous, frantic, facades which have absolutely no meaning or purpose. Even our "play time" must have purpose and direction. Leisure time is fast becoming a problem to our "Great Society," and it is a problem only because we have not learned HOW to use it or to give it direction and purpose. Some psychologists have said that one of the tragedies of the German people is that they have never learned to play—a possible reason why suicide of children is not uncommon there. Our problem with "play" in America is that we play because we simply want to "have fun," and we have the free time and the money to do and go at will. We no longer send our

children on their way with a concerned "God be with you" but with a casual "have a good time" or a frivolous "have fun." The real purpose of play has been lost and forgotten.

I'll again refer to Mr. Greenbie's book where I have gleaned two reasons why fun is important. First, "Fun is important because it is a release for whatever it is that is not satisfied in the day's routine, and rightly experienced it enables us to bring back to that routine the glamor of freshness." So it really serves in this respect as a safety valve. Unsatisfied desires do not always die. If they are not released in an acceptable way they may break out in harshness and cruelty. Second, "Fun is a means of reconciling our life with our dreams. It releases the imagination and it disciplines it. It takes that illusion that colors all our thinking, that wish-fulfillment which distorts our judgment and misguides our purposes, and turns it to a magic of dream-light making acceptable the common object and the necessary task." Our daily tasks can easily become burdensome but when they are intermingled with "fun" they take on a whole new perspective.

You don't have time for play? There is too much work to do? Think on these words of W.E. Sangster—"It is with the mind as with the soil. If you want to get the best out of your land, you must change the crops and sometimes even let the land lie fallow. One who never slackens the bow becomes at the last a work-ridden neurotic."

Bible Study for July

WALK WORTHY OF YOUR CALLING

by REV. W. CLAYTON BERKSHIRE

Introduction

ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE to the Ephesians begins with a doctrinal treatment. The calling and design of the church is set forth. By reading carefully you will see how God loved us even before we were born, and how He provided in His Son the great salvation which is abundantly available to all who will accept it.

After St. Paul establishes the doctrinal background, he prescribes the consequent duties of the believer. It is a reasonable approach which the Apostle makes in this epistle; first, the calling of the individual to be a Christian and the doctrinal truth behind this; then, the conduct that is becoming to the believer. The revelation of truth is made clear, and after that comes the instruction pertaining to the individual's responsibility to this high calling.

The fourth chapter of Ephesians ushers us into the second phase of St. Paul's letter. The Amplified New Testament gives us the first verse in these words: *I therefore, the prisoner for the Lord, appeal to and beg you to walk (lead a life) worthy of the (divine) calling to which you have been called—with behavior that is a credit to the summons to God's service* (Ephesians 4:1).

Examining a Few Words

Let us look at three of four words in Ephesians 4:1 at this point in our study.

1. The word "therefore" is always significant and leads us back to what has just been said or written. Here it is saying, in view of this new life which God has given to us, in view of this grace revealed in Jesus Christ, in view of this understanding of the doctrine of our salvation. In view of these things something is to follow. What? We are to prove by the proper kind of conduct that all this is real; that we accept and believe this. The "therefore" indicates that where doctrinal Christianity is accepted, practical Christianity must follow; wherever there is faith, there good works and good behavior are to be found also.
2. The word "prisoner" is used to add authority and dignity to St. Paul's instructions. He is a "prisoner of the Lord" because of his belief in the truth about which he has been writing to the Ephesian Christians. He is a prisoner for the sake of Christ, because he was being an ambassador, a representative of Christ. The man who is about to tell them about living up to their calling knows what he is talking about. Of course he is in reality a prisoner of the Roman government, but for Christ's sake and the Gospel's sake.
3. The word "beseech" is used in the King James version. This word means to ask earnestly, to beg. St. Paul, you will note, does not take the position of commanding or scolding but he entreats, he begs them "to walk worthy." As an apostle he could have commanded them, but divinely compelled and for love's sake he begs them. You will recall that Paul wrote in Philemon 8 and 9, *Though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin* (command) *thee that which is convenient, yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee.*

Explaining the Christian's Calling

The word "vocation" as used in Ephesians 4:1, the King James version, may be better understood by using the words "calling" or "summons." In several other passages the idea of the believer's "calling" is

expressed. In I Thessalonians 2:12 Christians are exhorted in these words, *That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.* We see here that the calling is of God and is to enter His Kingdom over which He rules in absentia but over which His Son shall one day rule with power and glory.

In Philippians 3:14 St. Paul speaks of *the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.* Here our attention is focused on the fact that God's call is climaxed in His Son, Christ Jesus. In Christ we see all the possibilities of humanity realized. We see the pattern of what God wants us to be, what He has called us to be and what He will enable us to be if we are obedient to His will and His way. This is a high calling and there is none higher.

In Hebrews 3:1 the writer talks about believers being *partakers of the heavenly calling.* It comes from heaven and has all the characteristics of heaven. In the midst of life it leads the individual heavenward, and at the end of life heaven is a part of the reward promised.

In II Timothy 1:9 it is referred to as a "holy calling." There is a sacredness to this calling from God. God in order to make the call offered up His best, His Son. The price was great; it was paid in human sacrifice. The result, therefore, takes on a special nature; it becomes a holy relationship and different from any other relationship; one that is designed and reserved for all who hear and become partakers.

This "calling" is more simply a summons of the Holy Spirit to accept the grace of God, to enjoy the fellowship of believers, to make known the excellencies of Christ, to proclaim His gospel and to share His eternal glory. We are also summoned as God manifests himself all around us in His creatures, in the mysteries of our own personal lives, and in the unveiling of His purpose in the world. We hear, also, the summons of Jesus as He says, "Come unto me . . . take my yoke upon you and learn of me." In all of these ways those who hear are being summoned to draw near to Christ and to let their lives be moulded into His likeness. We are to become Christlike.

Expressing a Deep Desire

St. Paul is certainly expressing the desire of God's own heart when he pleads for the Ephesians to "walk worthy of their calling." It was at the same time his own personal desire for them. They had received the abundant mercies of God and now were made new creatures by the power of God through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, His Son. They now held a high position and a privileged relationship with Christ. This position carried with it responsibility and required conduct that gave evidence of a new life guided and ruled by Christ and His Spirit. St. Paul is simply asking them earnestly to show the kind of conduct becoming to Christians and to walk consistently in the way which Christ laid down for His followers.

Colossians 1:10 is another text which speaks of walking worthily, for it says, *That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.* May we suggest here some characteristics of this life which the Apostle considered to be worthy. First, from Colossians 1:10.

1. "Unto all pleasing" seems to be referring to pleasing God in all parts of life. This is imperative for the Christian. His sense of gratitude should stir within him a desire to do always those things that please God.
2. "Fruitful in every good work." Bearing fruit in the many things undertaken for the Lord is certainly the idea here. This doesn't mean that the Christian is simply engaged in a lot of "busy work" but that he is involved in serving God in every possible way with profit.
3. "Increasing in the knowledge of God"—a life that increasingly becomes better acquainted with God and understands His will.
4. "Strengthened unto all patience and long-suffering." This suggests a growth in patience and the development of a spirit which can endure and show tolerance through troubles and hardships without harboring a spirit of revenge.
5. "Giving thanks unto the Father." A life that is worthy of its high calling is one that is in everything thankful to God.
6. "With all lowliness and meekness." Here we return to Ephesians 4:2 and pick up a couple of characteristics of the "worthy walk" to finish our lesson. "Lowliness" suggests the idea of true humility which comes from one's understanding of his own unworthiness before God. "Meekness" means more than modesty. It suggests a "trustful submission to God and a consequent gentleness and self-restraint" when confronted by the provoking attitudes and conduct of others.
7. "Forbearing one another in love." This indicates the ability to continue to love even though you are offended and displeased by the conduct of another person. Love bears all things and endures all things.

These characterize all that we are summoned to be, and "unless we are in some measure obeying the summons, and giving evidence of such a life in our behavior, then, regardless of what we say about unmerited favor, free grace, undeserved love, and salvation not being by works but by faith, we have no right to claim the mercy which we say we have received and in which we trust."

He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk, even as he walked (I John 2:6). So then, "Ye see your calling, brethren."

1964 - 65 Theme Ephesians 5:15-20

"FULFILLING THE TIME"

Special Study
Brethren Missions in Review

The MISSIONARY BOARD of the BRETHREN CHURCH

Part III

JUST AS A SHIP needs a captain to direct its course, so each organization needs a leader to chart its direction. The Missionary Board of the Brethren Church is no exception. It is fortunate that in the history of the Mission Board there has been consecrated men who have given of their time and talents in its service. These men of foresight and dedication have directed the affairs of the Board in such a manner that we have seen an enlarged and vigorous program of missions in our church. The men responsible for this vision have served in the capacity of the General Missionary Secretary.

The constitution of the Missionary Board provides for the election of a General Secretary whose duties include taking charge of the money and other property belonging to the Board and to "perform such other acts as may be required for the full and faithful discharge of the duties of said office." The man responsible for this very important position is Virgil Ingraham.

Reverend Ingraham was born in Oregon but moved to Manteca, California, at the age of five. He spent most of his life time there, attending Manteca High School, National Schools in Los Angeles and Stockton College of Commerce. He served in the United States Navy during World War II and following his discharge he earned his living in industry. He was interested in Christian service and served several churches at the same time. For several years Reverend Ingraham was the pastor of the Stockton Brethren Church and an American Sunday School Union Church at Thornton, California.

Reverend Ingraham received a call to become the pastor of the Nappanee, Indiana, Brethren Church, and this became his first full-time pastorate. While he was serving as pastor at Nappanee, he was elected to the Missionary Board and was a member of the Board for six years. He was elected as first vice-president and served on various committees.

In 1963, when Reverend Clayton Berkshire resigned as General Secretary after more than ten years of service, Reverend Ingraham was called by the Board to assume this important task. He was well qualified to meet the challenge of this most important position.

In addition to his numerous duties as Missionary Board General Secretary, Reverend Ingraham is also a husband and father. He has a lovely wife, Alice, and four children, Joann, Evelyn, Dan, and Ruth.

The Woman's Missionary Society is grateful for the capable leadership of this dedicated man. Let us remember him, his family, and the work of the Missionary Board daily in our prayers.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

"IN THAT HE HIMSELF HATH SUFFERED"
Hebrews 2:18

"I cannot go on," I said to the Lord,
"It is more than I can bear.
Take me out of the strain and stress of it all,
Somewhere, anywhere."
"You can go on," His answer came,
"I have been where you must go.
I would not ask you to carry a load
I did not know."

—Emmet Russell

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST was born in a stable and laid in a manger (Lu. 2:7). For His dedication His mother was not able to bring a lamb for sacrifice (Lev. 12:2), but brought a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons instead (Lev. 2:24). They called Him "the carpenter's son" (Matt. 13:55). On a borrowed colt He made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Matt. 21:5). He instituted the three-fold communion in a borrowed room (Mk. 14:15). In death He was laid in a borrowed tomb (Matt. 27:59, 60).

At twelve He could instruct the learned (Lu. 2:47). In His public ministry He spent short nights in prayer (Mk. 1:35). Though exhausted, He went on His mission (Lu. 4:43). Facing suffering and death, He went on toward Jerusalem (Matt. 16:21). Bravely He faced His betrayer (Matt. 26:46).

Like David, Jesus needed solace (Ps. 55:6). But He could not avoid the crowds (Lu. 19:10). For He came

to minister (Mk. 1:33), and He had not time to eat (3:20). He could not get away from the crowds (6:33). Yet He was lonely (Matt. 8:20). He was forsaken by His disciples (Matt. 26:56). For our sins He was momentarily forsaken by the Father (27:46).

Fatigued, He slept in a small boat in a storm (Matt. 8:24). He sat on a curbing for rest (Jn. 4:6). He knew hunger in the extreme (Matt. 4:2). He found no fruit on a fig tree (Mk. 11:12). He knew natural thirst at Jacob's well (Jn. 4:7), and the thirst of a soul in Hell (Jn. 19:28; Lu. 16:24). He was considered crazy (Mk. 3:21), discredited (Jn. 7:5), and hindered by unbelief (Mk. 6:5, 6). His disciples were afraid of Him (6:52). They grieved Him (Matt. 17:17). After the Lord's Supper there was strife (Lu. 22:24). His chosen guard fell asleep (Matt. 26:40). After His resurrection He was still confronted with unbelief (Lu. 24:25).

For healing the palsied man and forgiving his sins Jesus was charged with blasphemy (Mk. 2:7). He was criticized for eating with sinners (2:16), for healing on the Sabbath (3:1-5). He was said to be using demonic power (3:22). His authority was questioned (Matt. 21:23). He was rejected by His own (Jn. 1:11). He anticipated pain (Matt. 16:21; 20:17-19), and suffered the most terrible kind of pain (27:26, 29, 35). Having known all trials common to man He can succor those who are tempted (Heb. 2:17, 18; 4:14-16).

Without the camp—'twas there He dies,
My Saviour and my Lord (Heb. 13:13).
Without the camp would I abide
And this be my reward;
With my heart His peace to know,
His joy, His friendship sweet,
And then impart where'er I go
Things learned at Jesus' feet.

—Ida A. Guirey

1965 GENERAL CONFERENCE ROOM and MEAL ARRANGEMENTS

August 16 - 22, 1965 — Ashland, Ohio

THE ADMINISTRATION would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Conference delegates back to the College Campus for the 1965 General Conference. We will attempt to make your stay a most enjoyable one.

We urge you to use the College housing and eating facilities and thereby help your College. These buildings were constructed with funds from bond issues, and the income is used to liquidate the loans. Our rooms are comfortable and our meals reasonable and satisfying.

No deposits are required for advance reservations. You pay at the desk when you register upon arrival.

Dormitory rooms will be reserved, as follows:

(1) Rooms in Myers Hall and Clayton Hall will be reserved for adults. Clayton Hall has elevators, therefore there is no problem for those guests who cannot climb steps.
(2) Jacobs Hall will be reserved for Sisterhood girls and their counsellors.
(3) Allen Hall will be reserved for Brotherhood boys and their counsellors.

All delegates rooming on Campus must furnish their own blankets, towels and wash cloths. Sheets will be furnished for all residents in these dormitories by the College.

Please send all reservations by mail to:

Housing Conference Secretary
Business Office
Box N
Ashland College
Ashland, Ohio 44805

The Conference Housing Secretary is now on duty and will confirm your request for reservations as rapidly as possible.

All guests residing on Campus will be charged at the rate of $7.50 per week. Most of the rooms are two in a room. We have a few single and a few triples. **Reservations are for the week.** Less-than-week reservations will be accepted if rooms are available at $1.50 per person per night. These rates apply to Sisterhood girls and Brotherhood boys as well as adults.

MEAL RATES

Six-day Tickets	**$13.50**
Individual meals:	
Breakfast	$.40
Noon Luncheon (Dessert not included)	.70
Dinner (Dessert included)	1.25
Cost per day	$ 2.35

All meals are served in **REDWOOD DINING HALL.**

IMPORTANT:

In making reservations, please state the names of people in your request, together with the number of days you intend to occupy the rooms.

The Brethren Layman

Searching the Psalms

PSALM 145

by THOBURN C. LYON

PSALM 145 is titled as "A Song of Praise—of David." The story of David is too well known to need retelling here. He was chosen of God, but still came to the throne the hard way. After success came sin, followed by sincere repentance and forgiveness. By the grace of God he became "a man after God's own heart." When such a man writes to us, under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, it behooves us to "search" this psalm.

The psalm speaks of praising God—not just upon the occasion of some great deliverance, nor upon receiving some special blessing, *but every day I will bless thee* (v. 2, RSV). Also (v. 5, RSV), we read, *On thy wondrous works I will meditate.* Both verses remind us of Goal No. 8 for this year (. . ."maintaining a family altar, grace at meals and daily Bible reading . . . a chapter a day or equivalent thereof").

Men have only to lift up their eyes to behold His wondrous works in the sun, moon, and stars; the universe about us; and the many universes beyond—"world without end." Looking inward, His power and glory are reflected even from the atom, which is built after the same pattern as the universe, itself. But the most wondrous work in all the universe is the redemption of a sinful man, to become a man after God's own heart. No wonder David exclaims (vs. 13, 14); *The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down* (RSV).

In verses 6 and 7 David finds some "specifics" for which he feels he ought to praise God. First is *the might of thy terrible acts.* Probably David had in mind such divine acts as the terrible plagues which God had visited upon the Egyptians; the deliverance of his people at the Red Sea as contrasted with the fate of their enemies; the miraculous crossing of the Jordan; the walls of Jericho; and the hand of God throughout the whole history of Israel.

In our day we may still look back upon these same "terrible acts"—and many others; the steadfast love of God in Christ Jesus; the incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection of our Lord; Pentecost; the rebirth and growth in grace of every believer; and the certain promise of His coming again. Oh that WE might praise the Lord for all His wonderful works to the children of men!

Mention is next made (v. 7) of the "abundant goodness" of God. David did not attempt to spell out all the goodness of God, nor shall we. There comes to mind the story of the preacher who, after a sermon on the love of God, felt that he had failed rather miserably. An older friend stopped him, however, by asking, "And did you expect to tell all the love of God in thirty minutes?"

Then there is the *righteousness* of God (also in v. 7). David had long been acquainted with God's love and mercies, but *he* used the power of his throne as a means of gratifying his sensual desires, leading to adultery and murder. Even though God later restored him, what a contrast between David's righteousness and the sinless perfection and righteousness of God—yet Jesus taught that we are to be perfect, even as our Father in heaven is perfect (Matt. 5:48). We have not begun to live up to our possibilities and privileges in Christ.

In verses 11 and 13, David refers three times to the glory of the kingdom of God. Reference here is not to David's kingdom, glorious though it was. David's kingdom lasted (though later divided) for something like five hundred years, but the kingdom of God *is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endures throughout all generations* (RSV). We still look forward to the coming of His kingdom, and we are urged not to be discouraged in this hope, for in a little while He *will come and will not tarry* (Heb. 10:37—RSV).

Jesus taught us, in the parable of the vine and its branches (and elsewhere), the absolute dependence of the believer on his great Maker. David, even in his day, understood something of this when he sang (v. 15), *The eyes of all look to thee, and thou givest them their food in due season* (RSV)—food for the

body, and also that spiritual food without which the body is worthless.

Now David approaches one of the great mysteries of the faith: that sinful man may find complete restoration and have constant fellowship, now, with the Lord who created all things, with the *high and lofty One who inhabits eternity* (Isa. 57:15—RSV). If we call upon Him in truth (vs. 18, 19), the Lord is near; He fulfills the desire of all who fear Him, He also hears their cry and saves them. No wonder David wrote (vs. 10-12), that *all* God's works should praise Him and all His saints should bless Him!

It is important to remember, however, that there is "no respect of persons" with God. All His wonderful works are not just for you and me, who have been fortunate enough to receive His revelation and His blessings. They are for ALL people, everywhere, of whatever race or color. We have an obligation (vs. 11, 12) to speak of the glory of His kingdom and to tell of His power.

The Psalmist concludes (v. 21), *My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord.* May this be the strong decision reached by every layman! When our mouths speak forth His praises—not just in the quiet of our own "prayer closets," nor even in His sanctuary; when the laymen of the church become witnessing believers speaking out of a genuine experience; then the church of which we are a part will grow as it has not grown before.

May the day soon come when (v. 21) all flesh shall *bless his holy name for ever and ever.*

The writer of our "month of roses" Searching the Psalms—Psalm 145, is Brother Thoburn C. Lyon. An ordained minister in the Brethren Church, Mr. Lyon has not been active in this direction for some time therefore, we take the liberty to claim him as part-Layman. He is a member of the Washington, D. C Brethren Church, an author of books, and camera shy

F.S.B.

SISTERHOOD

CAMPING '65...

Hi Gals,

DeAnn asked me to submit a topic to you. That word scares me, so I decided to write you a letter instead. Hope the "powers that be" have no objections!

Girls, this is really an invitation to attend the summer camp of your choice—wait a minute—I don't mean just *any* summer camp. How about considering the Brethren Camping Program in your particular district?

If you have never attended a Brethren-sponsored camp, you're missing a real experience.

Maybe some of you are saying—"Oh, I like summer camp, but *church* camp—you can't have any fun there; they spend part of each day having classes. Who wants to study in the summer after just getting out of school?"

Well, we can't deny God's Word, can we? II Timothy 2:15 reminds us—*Study* to show thyself approved unto God . . .

What other camping program is interested in your spiritual outlook as well as the physical aspect? Perhaps right now you can think of someone you know who experienced salvation at a Brethren camp and maybe you know of others who dedicated their lives in full-time service to Christ, wherever He would call them to serve. I know right now, that some of our Brethren missionaries made their decision at Brethren Church camps—ask them!

I also know that some of the guys and gals that attended Brethren camps liked each other so well they decided they wanted to be together permanently. I don't believe this, however, should be the ultimate goal of our summer Brethren camping programs.

A very beloved Brethren, who had the best interests of the camping programs at heart, said the reason you go to camp is "That you might learn to: love Him more; serve Him better; trust Him truly." I believe this pretty well sums up the goal of the Brethren camps and should certainly be our reasons for supporting our favorite Brethren camp.

Yes, girls, Brethren camping is for you—and whichever one you attend, do your very best to be a good camper! That means entering into every phase of the camping program wholeheartedly, giving your full cooperation to counselors and staff and keeping in mind your reason for being at camp that *you* might learn to: love Him more; serve Him better; trust Him Him truly.

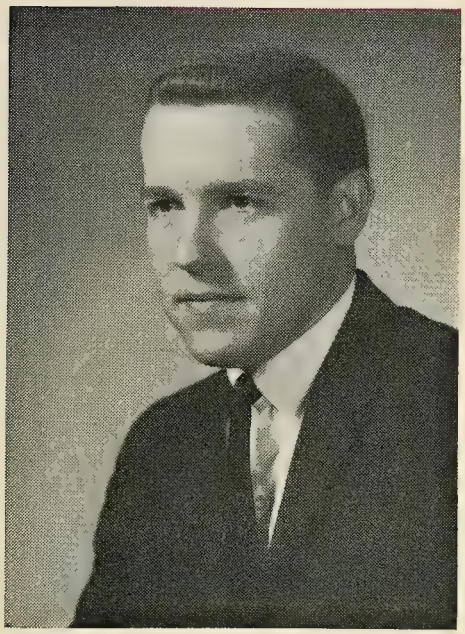
Be assured your camping experience will be a valuable one, and not soon to be forgotten!

Was this writer a camper? Most certainly! — a camper, a counselor, a lifeguard; but I prefer to remain anonymous so that you won't have any idea which camp my heart belongs to. Your camp—wherever it may be—will be just as meaningful and hold fond memories that you'll cherish for years to come.

Goodbye now and Happy Camping!!

A Former Brethren Camper.

Ordination Service
DONALD R. RINEHART
Ashland, Ohio
May 2, 1965



ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, May 2, 1965, Mr. Donald Rinehart was ordained to the Christian Ministry in the First Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. The order of service was as follows:

Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Bach
Mrs. Jean Lersch, Organist
Invocation Elder Joseph R. Shultz
Call to Worship
Hymn"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Scripture Reading Elder Phil Lersch
Doxology
Prayer Elder Lersch
Violin and Organ Duet
"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Bach
Mrs. Ann Eagle and Mrs. Jean Lersch
Ordination Sermon Elder J. Ray Klingensmith
Hymn"O Jesus, I Have Promised"
The Action of the Church Calling for Ordination
Elton Whitted, Moderator
The Action of the District Ministerial Examining Board
Elder Virgil Meyer
Scriptural Charge Elder Shultz
Questions to the Candidate Elder Meyer
Charge to the Candidate Elder Meyer
Ordination Prayer with Laying on of Hands
Elder Klingensmith and Elder Lersch
Setting Apart as Elder Elder Lersch
Declaration of Authority as an Elder
Elder Klingensmith

The Consecration of Mrs. Donald Rinehart as wife of an Elder

Charge to serve as wife of an Elder Elder Shultz
Prayer with Laying on of Hands
Elder Klingensmith and Elder Shultz
Hymn"A Charge to Keep I Have"
Benediction Elder Donald Rinehart
Postlude "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" Bach
Mrs. Jean Lersch, Organist
Lucas Congregational Church Trio
Mrs. Betty Berry, Mrs. Barbara Harvey,
Mrs. Elaine Baughman
Reception followed in the Church Parlor

Donald Rinehart is a member of The First Brethren Church, having transferred his letter from the Tucson Brethren Church. He graduated from Ashland College in 1959, and he and his wife Janet both taught in the Tucson Public School System for two years. At the same time he began his work for the Masters Degree at the University of Arizona, graduating in the summer of 1962. Since returning to Ashland, he and Janet worked one year as youth advisors with the high school youth at First Brethren Church, he served nearly two years as Minister to Youth at the First Evangelical United Brethren Church in Ashland, and for the past year has been serving as pastor at the Lakefork Evangelical United Brethren Church, just south of Jeromesville. Following graduation in June, he will serve as pastor at the Smithville Brethren Church, which is northeast of Wooster.

Mr. Rinehart's wife, Janet, a graduate of Ashland College, has taught in both the Tucson Public Schools and the Ashland City Schools. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Ray Klingensmith. The Rineharts have a twenty-six-month-old daughter named Melissa.

Mr. Rinehart is the youngest of four children born to Glen and the late Lydia Rinehart of Johnsville, Ohio. He has one sister, Marilyn Rhodebeck of Lexington, and two brothers, Carroll of Tucson, Arizona, and Lester of Fredericktown.

Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

DUTCHTOWN, INDIANA

HERE ARE SOME news items from the Dutchtown Church. It has been a long time, but we have been busy! Back in the middle of the winter, we had a lovely Christmas program by our children and young people. Our Sisterhood girls went caroling and enjoyed a lovely supper afterward with Maureen Reiff. The whole church participated in a New Year's Eve service. A very nice program was given by members of the church, followed by a supper, the first in our new basement. This was followed by a film. At midnight all joined hands in a complete circle around the inside of the church and we were led in prayer by our pastor, Rev. Pontius.

Our revival meetings of one week were held the first week in March with Rev. John Brownsberger of the Winding Waters Church at Elkhart as evangelist. There were no conversions but the entire church en-

joyed a spiritual awakening, renewed faith and a wonderful time with the Lord.

One new member has been received by letter and rededication of her life. On Easter Sunday, our day started with a sunrise service at 6:30. A Gospel Team from Ashland was in charge. An Easter breakfast was served to ninety-two people by the Sunshine Class. Sunday school and worship service followed. The Gospel Team conducted the worship service. Rev. Pontius was in charge of a dedication service for new babies. After such a full day, evening services were dismissed.

Our W.M.S. Mother and Daughter Banquet was held at 6:30 on April 26, at the Westminster Hotel at Winona, with sixty-two in attendance. Mrs. Helen Smith of Warsaw was the speaker.

Our new annex, although not completely finished, is getting nearly so. The work still to be done is mostly finishing jobs. At the present time not much is being done as it is a busy time for farmers. Since some of the men of the church are doing the work, it will have to wait now for rainy days or until the crops are in. We will give a more complete report a little later, perhaps accompanied by some pictures. We are quite proud of what we have done, and praise and thank the Lord. We feel that He has truly blessed us in our work. We want to share our new annex with all the Brethren and would ask your prayers for the completion of our project.

Mrs. Robert Webster
Corresponding Secretary

HARDSHELL, KENTUCKY

ON FEBRUARY 7, 1965, the Fugate's Fork Sunday School of Hardshell, Kentucky, went to Lost Creek in memory and honor of the deceased Rev. George E. Drushal and to pay tribute to Mrs. George E. Drushal and daughter Adah, who reside in Portland, Oregon. We were privileged to present a program in the new Drushal Memorial Brethren Church which was written and announced by Mrs. Ethel Miller Noble.

The sermon was preached on Daniel 5, entitled "Sanctified Vessels," by Rev. Harold E. Barnett.

Greetings were given by Mrs. Lettie Hudson, a young mother who is very active and interested in the Sunday school and all its activities.

Mrs. Lettie Hudson: "Thank you Rev. Barnett, Mr. Hostetler, faculty, student body, friends and neighbors, brothers and sisters in the Lord here at Riverside. We wish to thank each of you for making it possible for us to be here.

"We are glad to attend this our first service with you folk in the new Drushal Memorial Church. We feel highly honored for this privilege, and we have been looking forward to this event for some time of coming to see the Drushal Memorial Church. We are sure that when Mrs. Drushal and Adah come to the Dedication in the spring, they will be very pleased to see such a beautiful building in their honor.

"We are looking forward to clasping their hands as much are they are to coming back for this occasion.

"We will now sing one of Rev. Drushal's favorite hymns, all who knew him can recall how he loved to sing."

Mrs. Noble: "The song is 'Come Thou Almighty King.'" (Rev. Barnett accompanied at the piano.)

Mrs. Noble: "Prayer will be led by the most beautiful woman in the world to me, she is my mother, Mrs. Manerva Miller."

Mrs. Miller: "Let us pray, Our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for this day and its many blessings. Help us to make it a day of joyous fellowship with Thee and with others. As Thou hast been our help in years gone by, with humble confidence we talk to Thee, knowing Thou hearest prayers and answers in Thy own time and way.

"We pray that each Christian will become better servants in the work of Thy kingdom.

"May we seek and find in Thee strength for all our needs in life, in facing death as the Rev. Drushal did. We thank you for the Drushals who remain and ask a blessing upon them. We are thankful for many things which they have done in years gone by for us. We ask a special blessing upon this new church. Now as we pause at the threshold of a new year, we are prone to feel afraid—afraid of the challenge of the unknown and unfamiliar. Grant us courage to go forward in faith, knowing we are never too little for Thee to lose sight of us and never too humble to be used in Thy service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

Mrs. Noble: "Thank you Mother. At this time I will read a portion of Scripture found in Revelation 14:13. This reading will surely sound familiar to those who attended the funeral of Rev. Drushal.

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

"Surely if anyone died in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, Rev. Drushal did, and his works are following him. I am surely thankful for it.

"Will the congregation turn in their hymn books

Why not join the
TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

to 'Trust and Obey,' one of Adah's favorite hymns, which she would sing when she came to Fugate's Fork.

"Next will be, 'Establishment of Today's Sunday School,' by Mr. Hostetler."

Mr. Hostetler: "During 1931-1948, the Drushals started walking about two miles in the heat and cold to teach the Word of God in our community. There were about thirty families at that time and our attendance was very large. The schoolhouse was used and many a Sunday the young men would have to stand, leaning against the walls. Activities of interest would be learning Bible verses for gifts and going to camp during the summer.

"That generation has grown up and gone to different states with the majority of them living Christian lives. The schoolhouse was burned but we couldn't be defeated. We started going to different homes as we are now doing with ninety-eight per cent of the homes in our favor.

"Adah was getting ready to leave us. We needed a leader, so help through the Drushals came to our rescue.

"All of these years we had one member who never failed us. We always found the door open at Sunday school, and he is with us today—our oldest citizen, Linville Miller, age 85. We are very proud of him for many reasons: his loyalty to his country as a veteran of the Spanish-American war, faithfulness to the Sunday school and church, a school trustee for years, and a man of honesty—everyone who knows him puts great confidence in him. Best of all he is a Christian. He has great grandchildren who are following right after him. Those with us today are: Billie Jean, Jerry, Adna Mae, Betty Jo, and Bitha Faye Hudson.

"Our Sunday school still has activities year around to the interest of our elderly people as much as it does to the young.

"We want to continue on, as the years that have gone by. Friends come and go, but we want God's work to continue in our community for there are still souls who need to be saved. In eternity, only what's done for Christ will last."

Mrs. Noble: "The children, directed by their teacher, Dessie Bush, will sing these three songs with appropriate motions and with sailboats, Bibles, and candles: 'Peter, James, and John in a Little Sailboat,' 'B-i-b-l-e,' 'This Little Light of Mine.'

"Mrs. Ibby Hudson and Billie Jean will now come forward and make a presentation of the new offering plates. Mrs. Hudson is one of the most humble people I know in our community. We are surely thankful for her. Billie Jean is a niece of Mrs. Hudson, and we admire her because she has an outstanding record of Sunday school attendance. The only time she has missed Sunday school was when she was in the hospital."

Mrs. Ibby Hudson: "We at Fugate's Fork are indeed truly grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Hostetler for what they have done already and are now doing in our community. We thank the Lord for their interest in our young people and in us, it surely makes it easier for us to attend Sunday school. It was through their interest that I became a Christian. I am thankful the Lord saved me when I was living in a world of despair. Mr. and Mrs. Hostetler have done so much for us it would be hard to mention everything.

"At this time we would like to do something very special in honor of Rev. and Mrs. George E. Drushal and family for all they have meant to us.

"I now present these offering plates from Fugate's Fork Sunday School to be used in the Drushal Memorial Church here at Riverside for the help of winning souls to the Lord Jesus Christ."

Rev. Barnett: "Thank you Mrs. and Miss Hudson for the nice offering plates. I would like to say something concerning Mrs. Hudson—she is a member of our Brethren Church here at Lost Creek. I went to Fugate's Fork on an Easter Sunday afternoon and baptized her in a large hole of water there in the community. We enjoy having her come and take fellowship with us and in the Communion Service, too."

Mrs. Noble: "We have two special offerings we would like for Mrs. and Miss Hudson to present, also, while they are still on the platform. One envelope has an offering I will let Mrs. Hudson give for future use on the new church. The other envelope has a collection which was taken during Bible school last summer to help buy a new Christian flag for the new church. Miss Hudson will present this offering.

"Not wanting to be selfish with the new offering plates, I would like two of the young children from Fugate's Fork to come and take our regular Sunday offering in the new offering plates. While Bitha Faye and Dorthy Jean take our collection, will everyone please turn to the hymn, 'Nothing but the Blood of Jesus.' This is another of the Drushals' favorite hymns.

"In concluding our program, I would like to thank Rev. and Mrs. Barnett for everything they have done for us. It would be hard to mention everything they have done for us and would take a tremendous amount of time, also. We are glad we have friends like these who we can call on in time of need for both earthly and spiritual help. We would like him to come forward again, and if he has anything to say, we now turn the remainder of the time over to him. We extend an invitation to any of you good folk to visit with us in our Sunday school at Fugate's Fork any Sunday afternoon."

Rev. Barnett: "Thank you Mrs. Noble. We are deeply grateful for this program. All of you have done a terrific job in presenting it. You have truly honored our God, the Drushals and all of us here today. Your generous expressions of gratitude to the Drushals, the Hostetlers, and to the Barnetts has touched us deeply. May the Lord bless you for your expression of Christian love to us all. We return it with all our hearts. The people of Fugate's Fork and Lost Creek are brothers and sisters in the Lord.

"The four beautiful offering plates will be used here in the new church in worship of God Almighty. The offerings of God's people will be placed in them representing their worship, stewardship, and love. The friends of Fugate's Fork have done more than just give offering plates. The way they have gone about this and the motive behind this giving will long outlast these plates.

"We want the news of this event to spread. We will send a copy of this program to *The Brethren Evangelist,* and a copy will be placed in the cornerstone of the new church on Dedication Day, May 7, 1965."

Closing prayer of Dedication by Rev. Harold E. Barnett, pastor.

World Religious News in Review

COMMUNIST YOUTHS JEER EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIPPERS

MOSCOW (EP)—Russian Orthodox Easter rites here on April 25 were marred when hundreds of Communist youths jeered and whistled as worshippers thronged to the Yelokhovsky Cathedral.

Some of the young people—members of the Komsomol Youth organization—crowded around the church to mock churchgoers. Some played guitars when priests and choir boys ringed the church at midnight in the symbolic search for for the Risen Christ.

"God is a fraud! Go back to the Dark Ages!" one teenager shouted. Chanted another: "We are atheists and proud of it."

Apparently anticipating disturbances more than 100 policemen had been stationed around the cathedral long before the Easter service began. However, they were unable to prevent the crowd of hecklers from surging against the railings. Two youths vaulted over the railings but were quickly ejected by police.

The crowd of hecklers thinned out and finally disappeared shortly after Easter services began.

Volunteer militiamen were stationed outside at least one of the forty other churches in the capital—the only one remaining of the 600 that existed before 1917 Revolution. "We are here to protect the believers against hooligans," a militiaman remarked.

It was estimated that approximately 100,000 Moscow faithful turned out for Easter rites. Most of those who managed to squeeze inside the richly gilded Yelokhovsky Cathedral were elderly women.

Elsewhere within the Soviet orbit, Orthodox Easter services were conducted in relative quiet.

In Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, militiamen and civilian detachments were posted outside the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral where young rowdies had disturbed rites in recent years.

However, apart from a group of youngsters who whistled and booed at worshippers, there were no incidents. Only those holding passes were permitted to approach and enter the cathedral. The congregation included six U. S. embassy staff members and a large group of foreign diplomats.

NAE BACKS RADIO-TV REQUIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS PROGRAMMING

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (EP)—The National Association of Evangelicals had asked the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to continue a requirement that radio and television stations devote some of their public service time to religious programs.

A resolution approved at the association's twenty-third convention here said "voices have been raised in various sectors seeking to discourage the inquiry of the FCC into the amount and nature of the religious programming carried by radio and television stations."



It called on radio and television stations "to afford appropriate and ample opportunity for the broadcasting of the Gospel."

NAE delegates also voted to "encourage our government to expose before world opinion the totalitarian nature and oppression methods of communism to the end that those lands not yet under Communist control may act to prevent the loss of their freedom."

They also adopted a resolution declaring that labor union members should not be compelled to pay any part of their dues to finance political activities. It added that "no opposition should be raised against, and no penalties or disabilities applied to those who choose not to belong to labor unions for reasons of religious convictions."

Delegates re-elected four of the NAE's officers. They are Dr. Rufus Jones of Wheaton, Ill., first vice-president; Dr. Arnold T. Olson of Minneapolis, second vice-president.

The term of Dr. Jared F. Gerig of Ft. Wayne, Ind., president, continues through this year. Dr. Gerig is president of the Fort Wayne Bible College.

The 1966 NAE convention will be held April 19-22 in Denver.

Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton (N. Y.) College, was honored by the Association as its "layman of the year."

A former president of the NAE and a Wesleyan Methodist, Dr. Paine has been associated with Houghton as instructor, dean and president since 1937. He is author of several books.

Dr. Robert A. Cook, president of King's College, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y., who presented a plaque to Dr. Paine, said the "layman of the year" is chosen on the basis of Christian commitment and character, a tangible relationship with the NAE, lay leadership in evangelical activity and thought, strategic support of evangelical work in general, and public recognition in a leadership capacity.

A missionary's prayer: "I desire to have the whole world for my mission field, the whole Bible for my faith."

JIM NEARLY MISSED HEAVEN

by EVELYN C. GUNTER

EVERY TIME I think about Jim I shudder. Jim nearly missed heaven, and I was responsible. It all began when I was a child and Jim was our neighbor. Of course I called him Mr. Jim then. Mother had old-fashioned ideas about manners for her girls. No matter how often we saw Jim in one day, he was to be addressed as "Mr."

Jim never went to church. For the twenty years that we were neighbors, I never once saw him in a suit and tie, dressed for church. Dad's farm joined Jim's on the east. Every morning, when the sun greeted a new day, we saw the friendly smoke curl from our neighbor's chimney and drift over the valley.

Jim was our friendliest neighbor. I can hear him now in memoryland, as his voice called to Dad over the rising sun: "Charlie, how are you today?" It was on a Sunday morning.

Dad never missed church except the Sunday he had pneumonia. His voice resounded over the plain, "Jim, are you going to church today? We're having a revival—good preaching and fellowship."

Jim would yell back, "Can't make it today, Charlie. I'm going fishing."

So Dad would round up his crop of five girls with Momma, and off we'd go to Sunday school and preaching (morning worship). Invariably Dad was called on to lead in prayer. On his knees (the custom of that day) he petitioned heaven for Jim. But Jim never changed his Sunday fishing reel for church and a Sunday school book.

Years passed, and Jim's five left for work and marriage. Dad's five girls also left the farm for college or a home of their own. But memories of Jim lingered on as we found our respective places in life. Would Jim ever be saved?

Dad answered the clarion call for home duty one hot July day—and Mother moved into town. The neighbors that bordered on the south, west, and north had moved or gone on to their reward. Jim alone was left in the valley.

After Dad's funeral, I took the burden for Jim's lost soul. Many nights I would awaken with a heart cry to heaven, "Oh, Father, save Mr. Jim." For ten years I was stirred in the deep for him. Then a lull came—days passed, and I felt no call to prayer.

"Perhaps," I pondered, "Mr. Jim is never going to be saved."

Then came the day I looked over the hometown newspaper and saw that Mr. Jim was listed as a patient in the hospital.

I stood at my kitchen sink and peeled the morning potatoes for lunch. As I peeled, the Holy Spirit whispered into my heart, "Go to Mr. Jim. Have your husband to go. This sickness is unto death."

It was the planting season, and all farmers were busy. "Yes, Lord," I whispered back, "We'll go to Mr. Jim as soon as we get the crop planted. You know the wolf will come to our door and there won't be potatoes to peel." So, I didn't tell my husband of the call.

The next day I stood in the same kitchen and peeled potatoes again. This time I added carrots and onions and made a stew. As I peeled potatoes, I heard the faint whisper of a call again, "Have your husband dress and go to Mr. Jim."

"Yes, Lord," I whispered back. "You know he'll have to dress, put on his Sunday suit and tie—but we'll go when the planting is over."

I heard no more, and forgot about Mr. Jim. For a week and a half, there was no word from the Holy Spirit. Then came Friday night. I was sleeping as Jonah in the bottom of the ship when suddenly I awakened. The Holy Spirit was urgent this time. It seemed more than a whisper; it was a command. "This is the last chance for Jim. Go to him."

Early Saturday morning found my husband on the way to the hospital. He had on his suit and tie, and no one cared about June planting. One thing was in view, and that was Jim's soul.

Ten minutes is a short time for a conversion; but the Holy Spirit had prepared Mr. Jim's heart. He was saved. A brief Scripture, "Ye must be born again," followed by prayer of repentance, and Jim was a new creation.

Physically he had improved while in the hospital. With joy he said he was going home the next day (Sunday). He looked forward to getting back on the farm and going to church.

On Sunday morning at nine o'clock, as Jim turned over to rise from his hospital bed and get dressed for home, he went to sleep. Death came suddenly, instantly. At ten o'clock, the hour the family was to pick him up and drive him home, he was cold in death. He never even got a fair chance to say good-bye to family and friends.

As my husband and I drove slowly down the winding valley road to see Mr. Jim's family, I made a new dedication of my life. Never again would I procrastinate on God's time. No matter how low the meal in the barrel might get, I would always put the Lord's work first.

We stood reverently by the casket. Saved only twenty-four hours—and now into eternity. The joy of his widow knew no bounds as she heard us relate our visit to him and of his conversion. The family had not visited him on Saturday since he was planning to come home on Sunday—and it was forty miles to the hospital.

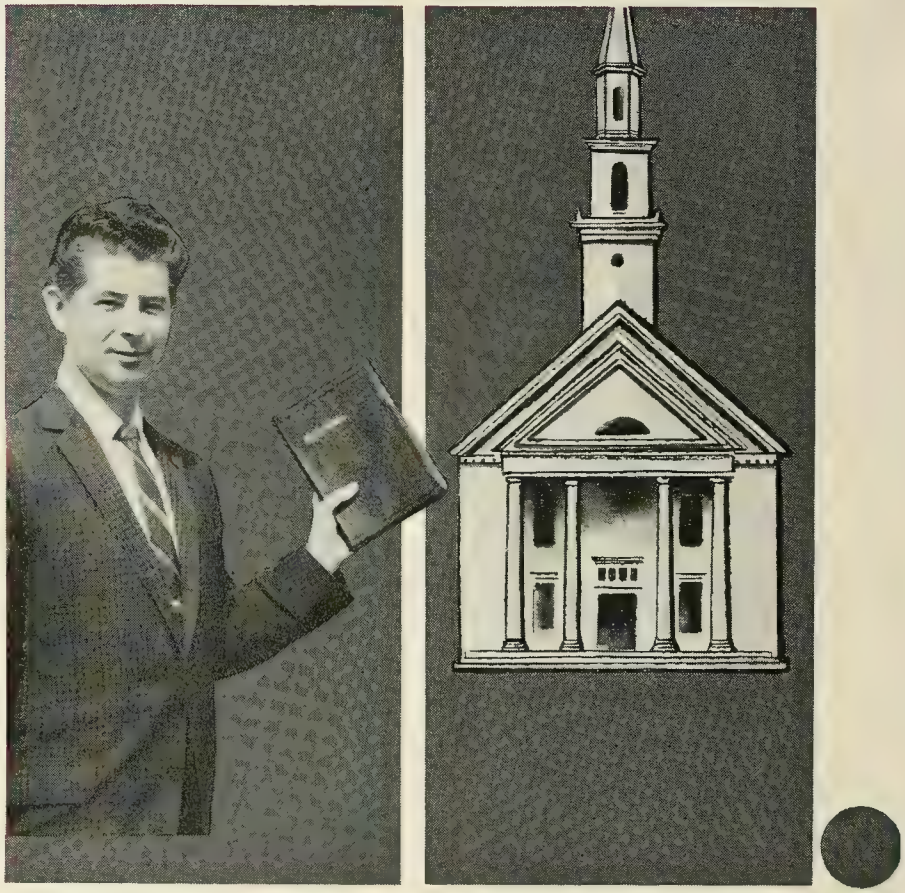
Grief had overtaken his widow because he was not saved—then the enlightening news to her and the children made it more like a camp meeting than a funeral.

But, what if I had not gone? What if—Yes, Mr. Jim nearly missed heaven, and I was responsible.

There has been an abundance of potatoes, carrots, and everything in life since I put the Lord's work above ". . . the wolf at the door." Too, there has been an abundant harvest of souls. Never again have I put the Lord off.

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REV. J. G. DODDS PASSES AWAY



ON TUESDAY EVENING, June 8, 1965, Rev J. G. Dodds, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Massillon, Ohio, passed away at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. He had been ill for the past several weeks. His funeral was conducted at the Gilbert Funeral Home in Ashland, Ohio, on Friday morning, June 11, with Rev. H. H. Rowsey in charge assisted by Rev Virgil Ingraham and Lay Minister Paul McGraw of Massillon.

A more detailed report will appear in *The Brethren Evangelist* in the near future.

The story of this amazing man George Muller is full of paradoxes. In a sense he is inimitable but it is also true, as he himself constantly asserted, that what he did others may do, if they too, look for answers to their prayers.

Nancy Garton in
GEORGE MULLER AND HIS ORPHANS
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the editor's editorial

Dad and the Church

SINCE FATHER'S DAY is so near, your Editor thought the following article would be of interest to you. It certainly has a message which every father should take to heart. This article was found in an older issue of *The United Brethren* and was written by Jesse C. Burt, Jr.

"How can Dad help the church? And how can the church help Dad? These two questions are equally important, and never more so than at the present time. As one minister declared recently to a visitor, 'When Dad is interested in the church, its importance increases a hundredfold in the home.'

"What the minister declared is matched by an opinion expressed by an attractive gray-haired lady who has visited in 'literally hundreds of homes.' She declared with real enthusiasm: 'Regardless of the furnishings of the home, when Dad, as well as Mom, is behind the church, it is a rich home. I would go so far as to say that Dad is the plus factor in the home-church relationship.'

"Even with this on record, it appears to many church workers that in some cases the church is not exactly a live and vital matter to fathers. It may well be, as some fathers protest, this deficiency is not their own doing. Yet the fact is, seasoned workers are saying that Dad is needed to help bring the church into the home, and to help further the values for which the church stands.

"Agree or disagree with the contention that sometimes Dad 'slips up' in the matter of the church, what Dad can do for the church, and what the church can do for him is of paramount importance in this era. Let it never be forgotten that the Christian home often is like an island in an alien and angry sea, swept by waves that generate from the casual living practices that we see everywhere around us.

"Dad can help the church because he does have high leadership in the home, even if he scarcely seems to exercise this prestige of his. A sociologist explained: 'Dad is the male of the family. He supplies the answer from his own experience. He goes out into the world and makes a living. He is looked up to, respected. His opinions, attitudes, and actions often determines those of his children.'

"Also, Dad can help the church by completing the partnership between home and church. Often he can do this more effectively than Mom. But church workers report many instances in which it is Mom, not Dad, who really is alert to the privilege of church. The point is:—She can not do it alone! On the other hand, experience shows many a Dad who is a tireless worker for the church. Indeed, seeing whole families coming to church is a thrilling and moving experience.

"Dad, through his church activities, shows the importance of God and Christ in his daily living. It is by Dad's acceptance of Christ in his own life and by learning about Christ in the church that he shows the spiritual implications of fatherhood. These implications are what a dad needs to ponder and weigh and take into his life.

"If Dad has any doubt about the functions of the church, the reason for its being he should get out his Bible and read the letter to the Colossians, especially the third chapter where Paul reviews the dismal story of the casual Colossians. After Dad thinks about these Colossians, he might note particularly these words of the apostle: *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with grace in your hearts to God* (Col. 3:16).

"The question finally comes down to this one point of emphasis: Dad can set a powerful and persuasive example in his daily Christian living. It is this example, growing out of Dad's realization of the spiritual side of fatherhood, that is far more important than just being the proverbial 'good provider.'

"When Dad in his daily living puts the church and its values into 'top priority' rating, the church achieves a great significance in Dad's home. Example is so strong it is almost beyond belief. All of us have been greatly amused at the way a little boy imitates his father's walk. We can understand this. But we need to realize children also take on the spiritual traits and attitudes of their parents.

"Consequently, when Dad studies his Sunday school lesson, goes to church, studies his Bible, plans and carries out his contribution to the church budget, when he conducts family prayers, when he shows by his daily living he is a spiritually alert father—he furthers enormously the partnership between church and home.

"What is the difference between an 'average' home and one that is a joy to behold? Experience reveals that most often it's a churchgoing Dad who counts!"

SARASOTA, FLA.



JACKSONVILLE—M. Arthur Drumright, Jr., second from left, of Sarasota was elected president of the State Firemen's Association here Saturday. With him are South Trail Chief James Sorenson, left; Sarasota Chief James Cowsert, second from right, and the Rev. J. D. Hamel, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Sarasota and chaplain for the association, was given a life membership. Rev. Hamel is also State Parliamentarian for the Florida Firemen's Association.

"Mother of the Year"
MRS. BILLY BIXLER
nominated by
BARBARA GALERNO
and
MRS. EUGENE ROBBINS



ON MOTHER'S DAY the First Brethren Church of Sarasota, Florida, crowned Mrs. Billy Bixler "Mother of the Year." Judges were Col. Milton Hatch and Col. John Stewart both of whom have achieved brilliant military records in the service of their country.

She was chosen because she is such an inspiration to all in the church and especially to the youth. That she really knows her Lord is shown through her love of husband and son, and her Christian concern for all with whom she comes in contact. A Senior Brethren Youth Sponsor and Senior Sisterhood Patroness—she has become a second mother to the youth. She has never tired of counseling with the young people, taking a personal interest in their problems and guiding them along a Christian path. Her Sunday school grade students know her as a willing and dedicated Sunday school teacher—eager that they know Christ as their personal Savior. She is truly our "Mother of the Year."

DR. CHARLES E. BLAIR
Guest Speaker



National Sunday School Board Public Service

Wednesday — August 18 — 1:30 P. M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Wednesday Evening — 7:45
S. S. INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE

THE ABOVE ITEMS will be awaiting those attending the General Conference sessions this year. Dr. Charles E. Blair, Denver, Colorado, will be conducting and speaking at these two sessions on Wednesday. Dr. Blair is the pastor of a 3,000-member church, considered one of the leading churches of the nation. One-third of its annual budget goes to support the work of missions.

The annual Sunday School workshop has become one of the major highlights of General Conference. Many new and renewed ideas are the results of this session. In addition to his pastoral duties, Pastor Blair is also a member of the Board of the National Sunday School Association. His speaking engagements the past year have taken him to Europe and the Orient as well as to many areas of the United States.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from the Letters of Paul

Memory Scripture for the month—Ephesians 6:1

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 1965

Read Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11

Early One Morning

Betsy awoke early. "Birds. Hear birds sing."

Linda opened her eyes and looked at her sister. "Oh, Betsy, go back to sleep."

"Birds," said Betsy again. "Hear birds sing."

Linda was wide awake now. "Yes, I hear the birds."

She put up the window shade near the bed, and the two girls looked out.

"Birds! See the birds! Hear the birds," said Betsy.

"Yes, but don't talk so loudly," reminded Linda. "They will fly away if we frighten them. Oh, look, Betsy! There is a squirrel in the tree."

"Squirrel talk," whispered Betsy.

"It's a happy world," said Linda.

Mommy came into the room. "I thought I heard you girls. What are you watching?"

"Birds! Squirrels," said Betsy.

"Everything," said Linda. "It's a happy world."

Mommy sat on the edge of the bed. "Yes, I like to think that the birds and animals, flowers, trees and even the rocks sparkling in the sunshine are praising Jesus. The Bible says all things on earth shall confess He is Lord."

"Even before we waken," said Linda, "praises are being sung. Let's join the happy song. Let's sing 'Isn't He Wonderful.' "

Mommy and the two girls sang as they looked out the window.

"How's a fellow supposed to sleep?" asked Gary as he and Daddy came to the doorway.

"You aren't!" laughed Linda. "You are supposed to join the happy song of praise."

"Then start again so we can," said Daddy.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Jesus. Thank You that He came to be my Savior. May I use my voice often to praise Him. In His name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 1965

Read Scripture: Philippians 4:4-8

Choose the Good

"That was a good book," said Gary as he closed the one he had been reading.

Dad smiled. "That's the kind you should read. There are so many good things to read, to see and to hear that we shouldn't waste our time on the bad ones."

"Some of the fellows," said Gary, "spend a lot of money buying comic books. I have better reading for nothing by going to the library."

"Some of the girls I know," said Linda, "watch television all the time. They miss seeing the interesting things right in their own neighborhood. They miss lots of fun with their friends."

"We always have decisions to make," said Dad. "It is important while you are young that you learn to choose the good."

"Good book," said Betsy as she ran to Daddy.

Daddy looked at the book she handed him. It was a book of Bible stories. "Indeed this is a good book," laughed Daddy.

Betsy climbed on his lap. "Read good book."

"Yes, I'll read to you," said Daddy. "You are not too young to learn to choose the good."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to choose that which is right. May my time, my thoughts and my efforts be spent on that which is good. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 1965

Read Scripture: Philippians 4:19-23

God Supplies

"Here's corn from the garden," said Gary. "I cleaned it. Dad thought you wanted it for supper."

"I do," answered Mom. "Thank you for cleaning it."

"Say! you and Linda have been busy!" said Gary. "Those cans of beans look pretty."

"And they will taste good this winter," reminded Linda.

"We don't have as much money to spend as some people," said Mom as she dropped the corn into the boiling water. "But we always have what we need and extra besides."

"That verse Daddy read in the Bible this morning," said Gary, "is right. 'My God shall supply all your needs.' "

"I'm glad," said Linda, "that we know we don't have to have lots of money to be happy. I'm glad we know if we work with God as we should He will care for us."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for supplying all our needs. Show me ways I can share with others and help You care for them, too. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1965

Read Scripture: Colossians 3:15-17

The Start

"Today's the day!" exclaimed Gary as he hurried into the girls' room.

"What?" asked Linda sleepily.

"Today's the day we start on our vacation," answered Gary.

Now Linda was wide awake. "Let's get dressed. You help Dad finish loading the car. I'll help Mom get breakfast."

"Betsy help, too," said the little one sitting up in bed.

The children dressed quickly and went to help their parents.

A short time later the family was seated at the breakfast table.

"The car's loaded and ready to go," said Dad.

"As soon as the breakfast dishes are done we can be on our way," smiled Mom.

"Some of our friends won't get to take a trip this year," said Gary.

"We should thank God that we can," added Dad.

"The Bible reminds us," said Mom, "to give thanks in all things."

Prayer:

Dear God, sometimes I think I don't have much. Help me to look each day for the good things that come from You and to be thankful for them. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1965

Read Scripture: I Thessalonians 1:2-4

Friends

The first stop of the Kellers' vacation was to visit their friends the Rogers.

"Hello," said Mr. Rogers. "How nice to have you visit us!"

The Rogers' children came running to the car. "Hello! We thought you would never get here!"

Mrs. Rogers came out of the house to greet her friends. "We've been looking forward to your visit."

Soon the children were all running and playing.

The four grown-ups sat on lawn chairs talking about the things that had happened since last they were together.

After while the children sat down on the ground near their parents.

"It's good to have friends like you," said Gary.

Kent Rogers nodded. "We don't see you often, but it's good to know you are our friends. We pray for you every day."

"We remember your family in prayer, too," said Linda. "It makes us seem closer."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my friends. Thank You for the ones nearby with whom I work and play everyday. Thank You for the ones farther away. May I be a good friend to all of them and help them anyway I can. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1965

Read Scripture: I Thessalonians 3:11-13

Showing Love

"We have a new family in the neighborhood," Beth Rogers told Linda. "They look differently than we do. They talk a strange language, too."

"Where are they from?" wondered Linda.

"I don't know," answered Beth. "I haven't tried to get acquainted. Some of my friends laugh at them. I know it's not right, but . . ."

Linda nodded. "It's hard to do things our friends don't. I would like to meet this new family. Perhaps they could tell us interesting things about their old home."

"They have a girl about our age," said Beth. "I know she's lonesome. Let's go now to see her. Let's invite her to come over and play with us."

So the two girls went down the street to show Christian love to the new girl in the neighborhood.

Prayer:

Dear God, it's easy to love my family and friends. Sometimes it's hard to remember that those who seem different are Your children, too. Help me to have and to show love for all people. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1965

Read Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:14-23

Follow the Good

The Rogers took the Kellers to the park for a picnic. After dinner they walked around to look at the animals in the zoo.

"Horsie! See the horsie," said Timmy.

"Oh, Timmy, that's not a horse. It's a zebra," Kent told his little brother.

"Kitty! Pretty big kitty," said Betsy.

"Oh, no," said Gary. "That's not a kitty. That's a tiger!"

"Let's buy some food for the deer," said Beth. She put a dime in a machine, pulled down the lever, and out came a small sack marked "Deer Food."

Linda bought some, too.

"I'm going to buy some monkey food," said Gary. He put his dime in the next machine. "I'll tell them Jocko said, 'Hi.'"

"I'll feed the monkeys, too," decided Kent.

"Here are the deer," said Beth. "That one at the back is named Bambi. Come, Bambi."

The deer came to the fence and happily ate the food Beth gave him.

Another deer stood beside Bambi. Linda fed it. When the food was gone the girls started to walk on. The two deer followed them as closely as they could on the other side of the fence.

"Look," laughed Linda.

"They know what we had was good," said Beth. "They are following us to get more."

"I guess," said Linda thoughtfully, "that's what the Bible means when it says, 'Follow that which is good.'"

Beth nodded. "Yes, we should stay close to the good just as the deer are trying to stay close to us."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, that I know what is right and good. Help me to want to follow the good and to turn aside from the bad. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for June 27, 1965

SEEDS OF DISUNITY

Text: I Kings 9:15, 20, 21; 10:21, 22; 11:3, 4

UP TO THE TIME OF SOLOMON, the life of Israel had been one of constant struggle. After forty years of poor desert living, the people entered the promised land. From then on battle followed battle. Sometimes they were the victor and sometimes the vanquished. Now in the day of Solomon most of the battles were over. Peace and wealth had come to the land. Devotion to God had reached its highest peak in Israel's history.

Solomon's Program (9:15)

Solomon built the multimillion-dollar temple. For himself, he built a palace four times the area of the temple. Here the business of the nation would be transacted.

For defense of the nation Solomon built several fortified cities. With these went horses and chariots of war. To do this work Solomon did not enslave any of the children of Israel, but he did enslave non-Israelites living in his domain.

Solomon indulged in world commerce. With the help of Hiram of Tyre, Solomon built and maintained a navy at Ezion-geber.

During his reign Solomon became more and more self-indulgent. His throne was of ivory. The utensils of the palace were of pure gold. His special guards had shields of pure gold. To his household he added seven hundred wives, princesses and three hundred concubines.

The Sin of Self-indulgence and Extravagance

Solomon had multiplied to himself more than an adequate army of horses and horsemen. This was forbidden by the law of God (Deut. 17:16).

The harem of women which Solomon kept reveals a man catering to fleshly desires, defying the laws of God (Deut. 7:1-4).

His extravagant living is without excuse. All of this cost money and someone had to pay. The burden of Solomon's extravagance fell upon the people of Israel and they eventually refused to bear it (I Sam. 8:11, 12).

While it is not likely that any of us will become involved in the way Solomon was, yet in a measure, we can fall victim to the same sins on a lesser scale. We can trust in power instead of the Lord. Many confessing "Christians" do indulge in sexual vices. Wives may not be accumulated in a harem but marriage and divorce is not one wit better.

Perhaps the most generally accepted sin is that of extravagance in living. Not a few Christians earn from $8,000 to $20,000 and more a year. What once they may have considered a luxury has become a shame. Any article of clothing under $20 is too cheap to consider. A new automobile every year or two is good handling of finances. For only $3 more you can ride first class. Precious little ever finds its way into the Lord's storehouse.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

JESUS IN THE MIDST

Behold, One standing in the people's midst!
A figure solitary and sublime;
He utters words of utmost tenderness
That echo down the corridors of time,
And weary millions, list'ning, have been blest—
"Come unto me, . . . and I will give you rest."

—T. O. Chisholm

AT THE AGE OF TWELVE Christ was found by Mary and Joseph in the center of all scholarship and of all truth (Lu. 2:46, 47). He, the center of the Law, had come to "fulfil the law" (Matt. 5:17). He was the One who was not only to keep in every detail all the law's requirements by living a holy and spotless life (I Pet. 1:19), but was as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" to fulfill the Ceremonial Law (Col. 2:14). A holy and just God could not permanently accept the sacrifice of certain animals, as taking the place of an intelligent man, therefore He provided a Perfect Sacrifice, once for all (Heb. 9:11-15). For the penitent ones the price of violation of God's Law was paid (Rom. 3:25, 26). Christ was the center of all prophecy, beginning with the fall of man (Gen. 3:14, 15). He is the center of truth (Jn. 14:6), "the true light" (I Jn. 1:9), the center of the revelation of God, as it is set forth in His name, Immanuel (Matt. 1:23).

Then we see Christ in the midst of sinners—the center of atonement (Jn. 19:17, 18). We see Him in the midst of and identified with the sinners whom He had come to save (Isa. 53:9a). The curse and condemnation of God upon all sin due to sinners fell upon Christ (II Cor. 5:21). He of the central cross, identified with sinners, was very much apart from the two thieves (Jn. 19:19) for He prayed for them and granted pardon to the penitent thief (Lu. 23: 39-43). His cross in the midst of sinners separated the penitent from the impenitent (Lu. 13:3).

Jesus was in the midst of His disciples on the evening of His resurrection day (Lu. 24:36). We see Him in the midst of two walking to Emmaus (v. 15) to rebuke them for their slowness to believe (vs. 25-27). It was while He was in their midst at table that their eyes were opened, and they knew Him (vs. 28-31). His standing in the midst of the ten meant that He is alive, present with His own, and His is the victory (Col. 2:15; Jn. 20:27). It means to us what His appearance meant to them—His victory over death and the power of sin (I Cor. 15:55-58).

Christ has promised to be in the midst of His own—their center and source of true fellowship and effective prayer (Matt. 18:18-20). This sets them apart for all other men (Jn. 15:16). Such are chosen by a master mind for a definite plan and purpose (Jn. 2:24, 25). His presence is the secret of victory (Rom. 3:31). To be gathered in His name means to gather in absolute dependence upon Him and upon His atoning work for access into the presence of God (Heb. 10:19-22). He promised to be in our midst in the places of danger with His overshadowing protection (II Cor. 11:26, 27). In places of seeming defeat, He, who had overcome all, would be there (II Cor. 2:14).

We see Christ in the midst of the seven churches (Rev. 1:13). He is the unmovable and indestructible foundation of His Church, (Matt. 16:16-18), of which He is also the center and the glorious Head (Eph. 1:22; 4:15). Finally, we see Christ in the midst of Heaven's throne—the center of all government (Rev. 5:6). The heavenly chorus bursts forth in adoration and praise (v. 13). Christ is exalted as the result of His redemptive work upon the cross (Phil. 2:9-11).



Brethren Youth Crusaders

TO REMIND YOU . . .

Yes, Brethren Youth wants to take this opportunity to encourage youth delegates to read carefully the pledge they sign which is included on the back of each youth Credential. It reads as follows:

> *"I promise to abide by all of the rules and regulations of this Brethren Youth Conference, and to attend as many of the sessions as possible. I understand that my conduct is a reflection on my local church, and therefore promise to conduct myself as a Christian youth at all times."*

Each delegate should consider this pledge seriously and determine to follow it during the week of Youth Conference, August 16-22, 1965.

The Brethren Youth Credentials have been mailed to pastors or church secretaries, if the pastorate is vacant, and should be properly signed before the youth delegate arrives on the conference grounds. To vote in the youth sessions each youth must have a credential to present at the registration booth along with 75¢ registration fee.

An entirely new and different youth conference is being planned, and we know you will not want to miss any part of it. The 1965 Catacomb Conference will feature Rev. Jerry Flora as the messenger of the Early Church from Acts, Mike Drushal as the song director Bible Quiz on the book of Acts, special workshops on Worship, Program Planning and Soul Winning, picnic, banquet, communion and feature film entitled "Lucia."

"Lucia" which is the new Billy Graham picture will be shown Thursday and Friday evenings at 9:15 p. m of General Conference. Our missionaries in Argentina helped with the film so you will want to be sure to see "Lucia."

We will expect to see YOU at the 1965 Catacomb Conference!

TO REMIND YOU AGAIN . . .

. . . that it is still not too late for you to enter the Peace Poster Contest which is sponsored by the Brethren Peace Committee and National Brethren Youth

The theme for the 1964-65 Poster Contest is "The Price of Peace."

The purpose of this contest is two-fold: (1) To encourage Brethren Youth and adults to give more serious thought to the subject of Peace, and thus receive some vital peace training; (2) To offer any opportunity for artistic expression by our youth and adults.

To be eligible for the Peace Poster Contest you must fit into one of the following two groups:

Division I — Ages 12 to 18
Division II — Ages 19 and older.

Ages are determined as of June 1, 1965. Each participant must also faithfully attend the Brethren Church or Brethren youth group. There will be separate judging for each division.

You have a choice of materials for the posters They may be made of any desired materials (water colors, oil paints, crayons, charcoal, etc.).

The posters must be 18 by 24 inches in size, but may be of any substantial material.

Now, how long do you have to complete the posters? Posters may be completed any time during the year

Application for the PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Which Brethren Church do you attend? _____

Your age (on June 1, 1965) _____

Date of application: _____

Signed: _____

(Complete this application and mail it to:

National Brethren Youth
524 College Avenue
Ashland, Ohio 44805

A packet of Peace Materials will then be sent to you.)

But they must be brought or sent to General Conference and placed in the basement of Memorial Chapel by Wednesday of the conference week, August 16-22, 1965.

Judging will be completed by the following standards:

1. Relationship to theme (30 points)
2. Thoughts expressed (30 points)
3. Originality (20 points)
4. Attractiveness (20 points)

The entrant does not need to be present.

Awards for each division are:

First Place — $25.00
Second Place — $15.00
Third Place — $10.00

The Peace Committee reserves the right to keep the winning posters.

If you have not entered the Peace Poster Contest for 1964-65 and wish to do so, please use the following form for applying:

IDEA BOX



"The Spirit of '76"
Prepared by Mary A. Mick

The official hosts for this party are colonists dressed as characters from the painting, the "Spirit of '76." One must have a drum or some type of utensil for beating.

13 Stars—As the colonists arrive, a small flag with thirteen stars is pinned on their backs, on which has been written an incident or item pertaining to the revolutionary period. If the colonists are not known to each other, their names could be written on this flag also. Some suggestions for incidents and items are: tea, flag, 13 stars, Continental Congress, Stamp Act, Boston Tea Party, Boston Massacre, powder, Bunker Hill, Lexington, Concord, Valley Forge, Declaration of Independence, Yorktown, powder horn, Washington. The colonists circulate among themselves, each asking questions and trying to guess what is written on his own back.

To Arms! To Arms! The colonists now separate into two groups, one half becoming British. Significant events of the revolutionary period are acted out, the regiment guessing the action in the least period of time in each set of two events receiving a point. Some suggestions are: Boston Tea Party, Boston Massacre, Sewing of the flag by Betsy Ross, Hanging of the lantern in the Old North Church, Reading of the Declaration of Independence, Tar and Feathering of a colonist. The drummer of the "Spirit of '76" taps his drum once if the British score a point and twice if the colonists score. He keeps track of the battle scores and determines the final total.

Stand Your Ground—Revolutionary soldiers used powder for their rifles. The two groups now play Soldier, Powder, Rifle, standing back to back. The soldier had power over the powder, the powder over the rifle and the rifle over the soldier. The leader of each regiment decides what his group will represent and goes along the line telling the others. He then remains at the end of the line, and the person who was standing beside him becomes the new leader. After both the colonists and the British know whether they are the soldier, the powder or the rifle, at the count of three from the drummer the regiments face each other. If one is a soldier and another powder, the group enacting the soldier wins; if powder and rifle, powder wins; and if rifle and soldier, rifle wins. If both regiments select the same, neither side gets a point. As for the signs, the soldier makes a salute, powder pretends as if shaking powder from a powder horn, and rifle pretends as if shooting. The drummer taps the respective signals for points for each regiment and adds the battle points to the total. The engagement continues through one "revolution" of the regiment.

Revolutionary Quotations—Familiar sayings are written on a heavy sheet of paper, then cut so that only one word is on each square. One of the group of the "Spirit of '76" throws out the words for the colonists to piece together. As soon as they have decided what the saying is, the British tell the story behind the saying —who said it and why, who wrote the poetry and why, etc. The drummer taps once for every point won by the British and twice for the colonists, keeping the battle score. The British piece together the second quotation, and the colonists give the significance. If either regiment cannot answer, the other has a chance to try. Some suggestions are:

"One if by land, two if by sea"—from "Paul Revere's Ride," by Longfellow.

"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country"—said by Nathan Hale as being hung by the British under Howe.

"Give me liberty, or give me death"—a part of Patrick Henry's speech before the Virginia Convention.

"Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes"—instructions given by Gen. Israel Putnam at Battle of Bunker Hill.

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood"—"Concord Hymn" by Emerson.

"These are the times that try men's souls"—from the first issue of the "Crisis," written by Tom Payne while in the army in 1777 when American cause seemed lost. It brought courage to the colonists.

"Proclaim liberty throughout the land"—inscribed on the liberty bell.

Boston Tea Party—Tea was a controversial issue during the revolution, so iced tea is a fitting refreshment. Add cakes for good measure.

The Surrender—The drummer should by now have the total battles won by both the colonists and the British. A flag should be presented to the winner—one with thirteen stars if colonists win and a union jack if the British win.

Closing—read the Declaration of Independence, pray for government and sing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Answer to last week's
Spotlight on Scripture . . .
REVELATION 21:4

MISSIONARY NEWS

MISSIONARIES AT KRYPTON



A MISSIONARY COUPLE joined Margaret Lowery, May 8th, to assist in the work at the Krypton Bible Center in Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tracy will be living in Howard House which is being renovated and modernized by A. B. Phillips of the Highland, Pennsylvania, Church and Dorman Ronk of Ashland, Ohio, Church at Park Street. These two willing, capable men have done much carpentry, plumbing and electrical work this past month preparing for the Tracy's occupancy. Large contributions from the Roann, Indiana, Church, Nappanee, Indiana, Church and Central District W.M.S. have supported half of this non-budget project. During the construction work, Margaret has been sharing her home with Elda and Joseph Tracy. The Lord's placement of a couple at Krypton will undoubtedly help considerably during Margaret's recuperation from her injuries.

Elda Tracy had been a member of the Corinth Brethren Church since her youth and Joseph joined the Brethren Church at the time of their marriage, previously having been a member of the Bethlehem Methodist Church. He served the Corinth Church as Moderator for five years and superintendent of the Sunday School for 16 years. He also served as church clerk for a number of years and in 1935 was elected a deacon in the church. Mrs. Tracy served the Sunday School several years as Secretary and taught the Young People and the Young Married People's Sunday School classes for 20 years, as well as serving as church pianist for thirty-five years. Elda also organized the Sisterhood and Signal Lights and served as patroness of each for several years.

They moved to Ashland, Ohio, and became members of the Park Street Church in 1958. There Mrs. Tracy served as a superintendent of the Primary Sunday School Department for six years and was a member of the Building Committee. Mr. Tracy served as a member-at-large on the Official Board.

A farewell dinner was held at the church for these two constant and dedicated workers and they enjoyed a month's vacation to Florida, Twelve Mile, Indiana, and other points of interest before their departure to Kentucky.

They are the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Charlene Rowser of New Lebanon, Ohio, and Mrs. Marilyn Crosby of Largo, Florida, and have four grandchildren.

Pray for these two new missionaries as they are being used by the Lord in the work at Krypton.



MARGARET LOWERY
returns to
KENTUCKY

Margaret Lowery returned to Krypton from the St. Joseph Hospital at Lexington, Kentucky, May 27th. She had returned to the hospital this second time to have a broken collar bone set.

The automobile accident of May 2 will leave Margaret convalescing for quite some time. Continue to pray for Margaret in her recuperation, since the work and summer program at Krypton will be a great burden to her heart.

NEW TEN DOLLAR CLUB MEMBERS



Mr. and Mrs. Dale Beal Mansfield, Ohio, Church
Christian Culture Class Smithville, Ohio, Church
Gertie Mae Fuller Hillcrest Church, Dayton, Ohio
Mrs. Blanche Miles Mansfield, Ohio, Church

We cannot all go OUT into space!

SPACE is needed **NOW** at the Levittown, Pennsylvania, Church for the educational program. The membership is preparing for a building program and needs the assistance of the **TEN DOLLAR CLUB** members.

The seventeenth **TEN DOLLAR CLUB** call for **LEVITTOWN** has only netted $8645.

WANTED: Contributions from 670 **TEN DOLLAR CLUB** members from whom we have not heard. Remittances should be made before June 30 to the Missionary Board.

SISTERHOOD

Devotional Program for July

SENIOR

General Theme:

"Building Christian Character"

July Theme: "Obedience"

Call to Worship
Scripture and Prayer
Song Service
Topic and Discussion

JUNIOR

General Theme:

"Appreciation of God's Gifts"

July Theme: "Jesus Christ"

Special Music
Bible Study
Hymn: "Spirit of Sisterhood"
Business
SMM Benediction

FILL OUT THE STATISTICAL BLANK AND MAIL IT NOW!

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN

by MRS. PHIL LERSCH

WHEN MY FAMILY DOCTOR PRESCRIBED an electroencephlographic reading to diagnose the cause of fainting spells, I was scared. What stigmas had always been attached to any brain disorder. Spooky stories about "Ben Casey" and brain tumors intruded my thoughts. Phrases such as "not right" and "abnormal" violated my peace of mind. Trust seemed momentarily defeated by an overactive imagination. But I was rescued from this fearful abyss.

Since our local hospital has no equipment for this kind of testing, I wrote to my brother who is a doctor in a larger city, asking his advice. Brother John then took the lead in planning not only the brain-wave recording, but several other tests to discover what could be causing my loss of consciousness. And what a comfort this was. My brother's concern, explanations and caring for the details of my examinations relieved me, being unused to these procedures.

In the hospital the nurses and aides who attended primarily to my comfort and well-being were another source of consolation. Realizing the strangeness of having one's head wired to a box for an hour and a half, the technician that glued the twenty quarter-sized metal discs to my forehead, scalp and ear lobes, tried her best to put me at ease. She explained minutely all that would occur, reassuring me that I would feel no pain and that she would be close by if I needed her.

The bitter pink liquid she ordered me to drink also helped me to relax. "Now close your eyes and remain as quiet as possible," she directed as she covered my eyes with a cloth and my feet with a blanket. "I'll be right outside the room if you need me. Pretty soon

I'll ask you to inhale deeply and blow the air out forcibly through your mouth. If you should tend to feel dizzy, don't let that bother you. It's normal. If it gets too bad, tell me and we'll quit."

After this instruction she closed the door and left me in the darkened room. Physically well-cared for on the freshly-sheeted, slightly-tilted bed, loved and prayed for by family and friends, what more could I wish for? And yet I had to combat the feeling of loneliness and worry at first as I lay in that darkened compartment. "What if?" kept cropping up in my mind.

But my thinking was guided as I lay there 140 miles away from home undergoing a test I had known nothing about before this introduction to the brain-wave-recording room. "God made me in the first place. He loves me and wants to use me in His service. He will get me through this and work out everything for the best," were thoughts that soothed me.

Previously-stored words of comfort flowed into my mind, crowding out vicious worries. "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN." That was certainly true. Sometimes He has to make us lie down. We get so busy doing things, running to meetings. Maybe He has other designs for us and must compel us to lie down so that we will listen to Him. Pondering this thought, I prayed that God would record in my mind the indelible impression of His will just as surely as my brain waves were marking the record sheet in the next room.

Other verses of reassurance washed away my natural tendency to anxiety. "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" Yes, even though I had to keep my eyes closed, the Lord was my light. Then another section came to mind. The paragraph in Ephesians where Paul prayed that those people would have the "inner illumination of the Spirit." Now that was something to strive for. That light no one could put out.

"The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" The sedative could weigh me down with weakness, but the presence of Christ provided the strength to get through this valley.

Another verse of confidence invaded my thoughts: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty . . . A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee." That "secret place" could be anywhere—at home, in the hospital, anywhere. I can live in that sanctuary always, if I will.

"Thou anointest my head with oil; (here I had to snicker, for I had just been plastered with glue, not anointed with oil) my cup runneth over." My cup of gratitude was surely overflowing as I remembered all of the kindnesses I had received—loving parents who encouraged me, a devoted husband who, in spite of his busy schedule, took over my home duties to enable my coming to the hospital; a doctor-brother who surpassed all bounds in caring for my physical and emotional welfare; a sister-in-law who gladly cared for Susan in my absence; the busy mother of four at home who substituted for me at the organ bench; the lady who, hearing of my illness said, "You take care of yourself. We need you." The list would have grown longer, but that pink cocktail soon overcame me and I dozed.

Then my attendant returned to tell me I had been a good patient and I could once again move around. The recording had lasted an hour, and during that period of unfamiliar surrounding and experience I had known the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Our Bible studies over the past eight months have concerned the *Acts of the Holy Spirit* through the early Christians. This month, however, we have digressed in time and focused our attention upon the *ministry of the Holy Spirit today.*



When Jesus left His disciples, He consoled them with the promise of the coming Comforter, "It is better for you that I go away." Since He had been limited by being only in one place at a time in His human form, He went to heaven so the Holy Spirit could help all Christians at once.

Just reflect upon the promises Jesus made concerning the Holy Spirit's ministry:

1. "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

2. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you . . . Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:26, 27b).

3. "When the Comforter is come, whom I will send you from the Father, he shall testify of me" (John 15:26).

Jesus pledged in these passages that the Holy Spirit would *guide into truth,* help us *remember what Jesus taught,* and *testify about Jesus.*

If we allow Him, the Holy Spirit whom Jesus sent can steer us through any difficulty. Jesus did not guarantee escape from trouble, but He did assure help in crisis. In my recent experience in the EEG room I was definitely aware of the Holy Spirit's ministry. He did guide me into truth; He helped me remember what Jesus taught. He reminded me of my need to develop more fully the sense of His presence so that I can DWELL constantly in the secret place of the most High.

TOPIC:

"OBEDIENCE"

by MRS. RITA NOLTE

OBEDIENCE TO GOD and an humble spirit in worship are more important than religious ceremonies.

No matter which book of the Bible we read, we always find that "disobedience" must be punished. Therefore, we see that "obedience" has been, is, and shall continue to be one of the greatest commands.

In Genesis 22 we read that Abraham was willing to offer up Isaac because he *believed* and *obeyed,* and it was counted to him for righteousness (Romans 4:3). When Moses didn't obey his Lord's command, he could not enter the Promised Land (Deut. 32:48-52). In I Samuel 15:20-22, Saul said unto Samuel that he had obeyed the voice of the Lord and had gone the way which the Lord sent him. Let us also remember that in verse 22, Samuel said, *Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice* . . . These were not words for the people of many years ago only, but for us now, and for many generations to come.

Our mothers corrected us when we were little and guided us to obey them. Not because they wished to show us their authority, instead it was due to the fact that they loved us, and they knew that by doing so, we would grow up into excellent women and carry it on to our children. You can realize, now, how important that was.

How well I do remember seeing my mother wearing a black dress trimmed in purple; a garment representing a certain virgin through whom my mother was supposed to have been cured from a disease. If she hadn't carried on what she had promised to do on getting well, she could have been punished by the virgin for disobeying the church's command. This is an old belief of Roman Catholic people in South America. For different illnesses they have virgins and saints to whom they promise obedience if they help them with whatever the problem may be. The young ladies also have their protector in Saint Anthony; I have "seen him being punished" when he didn't concede a certain girl what she had asked him. As you can see, even they (the saints) *must obey.*

If people can trust and obey the precepts of imaginary gods, (although they are supposed to represent our living God) how much better should we, as Christians, obey the Word of our Lord. We should show the world that our obedience to Him is sincere and deep, and not because we were told and taught to follow tradition.

I am pretty sure that every one of you has had the opportunity to watch a tree grow. We have. It was a rather unhealthy looking "stick" when we received it through the mail. By its appearance we were not sure if it would become a tree as time passed by. We planted it with love and care and looked at it every day, week, month and by doing so, we were careful to feed it. When the tree needed "support," we took care of it in order to help it grow up straight. We also watched when the wind blew and bent the tree from side to side. How it obeyed the rules of nature, knowing that this was the way to get strength to "grow up" into a strong healthy tree, as it is now. How happy and proud we are to see what has been accomplished!

The same care should be applied to a child with the difference that we never cease to teach and encourage the child to:

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil (Proverbs 3:5-7).

By departing from evil, we are obeying our Heavenly Father. In order to be obedient, we ought to know His commands. This is another reason why we *must* read and study our Bibles.

We live by rules in our societies, and it is our duty as Christians to obey the rule our Lord left with us; to love one another. Although our love will never compare with the great love our Heavenly Father had for humanity in that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

From the examples on OBEDIENCE that we may find, we have the perfect one in our Lord, Jesus Christ, who obeyed His Father always, through His life and was obedient unto death, even the death on the cross (Phil. 2:8).

TOPIC:

"JESUS CHRIST"

by MRS. H. F. BERKSHIRE

THE GREATEST and most precious gift God has given to the world is Christ. The Gift is a very special and personal one — the greatest God could give us.

Gifts remind me of Christmas and the Christ child. I would like to retell a story that has a message for us. The story is adapted

from "The Man Who Was Too Busy To Find The Child" by Lucius H. Bugbee.

It was a wintry evening in Bethlehem when a man named Ben David came home from a busy day's work in his orchards. He had sent his laborers home, who had gathered the citrons and lemons which ripen in December, when suddenly he looked up to the sky and noticed the beautiful sunset. He thought to himself, "I do not think or see enough of God's beauty. I'm too busy. I must not lose the things that are most worth while."

He turned quickly and went into his house. There he ate his evening meal which the servants set before him, and then he went out to rest on the front steps. He thought of his good citron crop, also what he wanted the laborers to do the next day. He did not notice the children playing nor the neighbors and friends passing by. Suddenly, however, he was aware of a group of persons stopping in front of his house. He lifted his head and noticed a woman on a donkey and a man approaching him. The man asked if they might find lodging for the night there. He had been to the inn, but it was full. The wife was weary and ill, and they needed refuge.

Now Ben David was not a bad man, but he had lived only for himself. He knew he had extra rooms in his spacious house, but it would involve special attention from him. He was just too busy to call his servants to ready the rooms. Finally, he said that he was sorry but he had no room to spare.

Just then the woman lifted her face and the light of the doorway fell upon it. It was one of purity and pain mingled in a wondrous way. It glowed in the darkness. The little group went on, but the woman's face left a distinct impression on Ben David. However, it was too late to ask them to stay. They were gone.

That night Ben David was disturbed by the memory of that woman's face. He got up and looked out the window. There he saw several shepherds who kept their sheep in the fields below his orchards. One man stopped to tell him what they had seen in the heavens and in the stable that evening. They had found the mother and Child in a manger. Before, they were too stunned to speak of the vision, but now they were returning to the fields and could speak, glorifying God for all the things they had seen and heard.

Ben David stood a long while at the window and remembered the hope of the Messiah. Could this be the long awaited King? In the morning he would go to see the Child.

In the morning, Ben David thought of the night before, but

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he had a harvest of fruit to be picked. That evening he could look for the Child.

Days passed into weeks and the weeks to months, and spring had come. Ben David stepped out of his house and noticed large camels laden with ornaments. Mounted on the camels were stately men with beautiful jeweled robes. Kings they were. Ben David bowed as they neared his house and asked them what mission brought them to this village. One of the kings asked Ben David where the King of the Jews was for they had come to worship him. They had followed the star here. Ben David told them to go yonder. It brought memories back to him. He must go see the Child tomorrow.

Tomorrow never came. Days, weeks, months wore on to years. Now he was an old man and younger men were tending his orchards. Still he was not completely content. People were gathering for the Passover season, and Ben David went with others to Jerusalem to attend the feast. He heard people roar angrily and asked what this meant. One said, "Hast thou not heard of the prophet of Nazareth whom the rulers are crucifying because he stirreth up the people?"

Ben David pushed through the crowd to the cross. And there he stood looking up into the man's face and thinking, "surely this man didn't deserve this cruelty." Then he noticed a woman at the foot of the cross. The man on the cross spoke, "Mother." Ben David looked at her face and saw the same expression he saw thirty years hence at his doorstep. Lifting his face to the Man on the cross, Ben David knew he had found the Child.

But it was too late. His long delay had lost for him the blessing of His companionship. He turned away sadly and was one of those who struck his breast in agony. He knew then that he was a hard, self-centered man, too engrossed in material wealth.

This is a story, but could it happen to me? Today I have school, music lessons, scouts, 4-H, junior choir practice, Sunday school, church, youth meetings and home chores. When is there time to be with Christ? Ben David had missed Him because he was too busy. Am I, too?

God gave us His only begotten Son so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life (John 3:16). I want this gift and want to know Him personally. But how do I get to know Him? The Bible tells me in Romans 3:23, *All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.* I must repent and believe that Christ died for my sins. *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye*

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have eternal life . . . (I John 5:13). Also, *Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God* (I John 4:15), tells me to confess Christ as my Savior. Each day I must pray, study the Word of God, and follow His instructions to witness.

God gave me Christ, He is real because I believe — "For God so loved (your name), that He gave His only begotten Son that if (your name) believes in Him, (your name) should not perish, but (your name) would have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

JUNIOR BIBLE STUDY

GUIDE FOR DAILY LIVING

(Romans 12:17, 18)

by MRS. MILTON BOWMAN

FOR SEVERAL MONTHS we have been studying Paul's advice on how to live a useful and happy life. All of the rules he has given are for us to follow from day to day. Life will have more meaning as we share with one another and are thoughtful, loving and kind to our loved ones and friends. This month we will study two verses from Romans 2:17, 18.

Depart from Evil

In Romans 12:17a we are told to *Repay no one evil for evil* (R.S.V.). Phillips says, *Don't pay back a bad turn by a bad turn, to anyone.* You should never try to get back at someone when he has hurt you. The better way is to *forgive* and *forget.* This is sometimes very hard to do when one has been offended. Can you really forget?

A little girl had been good for a whole week. She asked some favor from her aunt, telling her how good she had been all week. The aunt said, "I know you have been good all week, but you were bad all last week." The little girl exclaimed, "Oh, Auntie, you are not one bit like God. When He forgives, He forgets!" He doesn't keep throwing up our sins at us afterwards. True forgiveness also means forgetting. There will often be times in life when you are mistreated and evil things are said to you or about you. The natural thing is to flare up and become angry or even to say some evil thing back to the person. This is not the Christian way!

David said in Psalm 37:27, *Depart from evil, and do good.* It is really fun to turn the tables, so to speak, on a person. After she has treated you unkind, then see what you can do that is just the opposite. Surprise her with kindness! This was Jesus' way. When the disciples wanted to bring down fire from heaven on the Samaritans because they would not receive them kindly in their city, their Master said, "No." He told them that He came to bring peace and to help people. So they went on to another place where people were happy to see them. We should never return evil for evil.

Always Be Honest

We read in Romans 12:17b, *Let your aims be such as all men count honorable* (N.E.B.). Always be honest and do things in such a way that everyone can see that you aren't trying to cheat. As your friends see you from day to day, your life should be above criticism, so that they cannot find flaws in the things you say and do. Perhaps you might sing the verse:

Oh, be careful little lips what you say,
Oh, be careful little lips what you say,
For the Father up above is looking down in love,
So be careful little lips what you say.

The same is true of your hands, your eyes, your ears and your feet. God is looking down IN LOVE. He is not complaining about us but is anxious for us to show the world what a Christian ought to be. We do this by our words and actions.

Honesty is always the best policy. Years ago, at a slave market in a southern state, a smart, active negro boy was put up for sale. A kind man, who pitied his condition and who did not want him to have a cruel owner, went up to him and asked, "If I buy you, will you be honest?" The boy replied, "Sir, whether you buy me or not, I will be honest." His honesty was a way of life and did not depend upon his feelings. It was a conviction to follow.

Many great men have been known for their truthfulness under all circumstances. George Washington was one. Another was Abraham Lincoln. When young Abe was nine years old and his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, lay dying, she called him to her and said, "Son always be honest: never lie, never cheat, never steal, and someday the world will be glad you have lived." When Abraham Lincoln went from the little log cabin to the big white house, he remembered his mother's words, and he said, "All that I am or ever hope to be I owe to my angel mother." She had taught him clean living and pure thoughts.

Live at Peace

Romans 12:18 says, *As far as your responsibility goes, live at peace with everyone* (Phillips). Don't quarrel with anyone. Be at peace with all people, just as much as you possibly can. These are fine words and good advice for all of us to follow. Your parents have probably told you that it takes two people to make a fight. They have advised you to *not pick up a quarrel.* I wonder if you have followed their teachings? There does not seem to be too much peace in the world—among the nations, in our own country, in the community and

even in many families. Paul tells us that as much as it lies within us we should live at peace with those around us. This is our duty to the world for the sake of Christ.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:9, *Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.* In the Old Testament we read the story of Isaac, the peacemaker. He and his family had much success and prospered in the land of the Philistines. Because God was with Isaac and blessed him, the Philistines were jealous of him and many times tried to cause him trouble. One day Isaac's herdsmen dug a well and found water for his cattle. At once the Philistines claimed the well. Rather than have trouble, Isaac and his servants moved to a new place and dug a new well. Soon the Philistines came along and claimed that well, too. Again Isaac moved and dug a third well. This time the enemy did not bother him, so Isaac thanked God for the peace that he had in that country. The reason Isaac had peace was because he would not be tricked into fighting. After this, God came very near to Isaac and promised him blessings because he was a peacemaker. In time the Philistines became very friendly—respect and admiration took the place of envy and jealousy. Isaac had learned that "A soft answer turneth away wrath or anger."

Many times we are tempted to fight or quarrel with someone. Perhaps we can just pick up a mean word or deed that they did against us. But remember that it takes two to quarrel so why not leave the unkind deed for the other person to think about. When others try to provoke us to anger Jesus tells us not to return harsh words and actions. This just leads on to more trouble and we should work for peace. When we know that we are right with God and He is pleased with our actions, then we have reward enough for living. Let's rise above our troubles and cares and meet life knowing that God is on our side. This little poem has a lesson for us:

Rise Above the Circumstances

Old Jim had been a faithful horse
but he was growing old,
So Uncle Lem made up his mind
the horse should not be sold
But turned out in the pasture land
to roam and feed at will,
Or rest beneath the shady trees
down by the waters still.

Lem loved his faithful servant Jim,
and watched him day by day,
And when he whistled to the
horse, Jim gave an answering
neigh.
One day the horse had disappeared,
so Lem went out to see
What had become of faithful Jim
—where could the creature be?

Lem thought of an abandoned well
which had uncovered been,
He hurried down the path to see;
yes, Jim had fallen in!
If he should try to pull him out a
leg might broken be,
So he would go and get his gun
and end Jim's misery.

Lem brought the gun but couldn't
bear to shoot old faithful Jim,
So brought a shovel and a pick
with which to bury him.
Lem took a shovel full of dirt and
rolled it in the well,
It slid down on the horse's back
and to the bottom fell.

As fast as every load was sent the
horse would stamp it down,
And as they both thus worked
away at last the well was gone!
Out jumped the horse, all whole
and sound, kicked up his heels
and ran.
Let's get from out this simple tale
a moral, if we can.

When people try to crush us down,
and cover us with dirt,
Let's stamp it underneath our
feet, and never let it hurt.
Let's be like Jim and rise above the
troubles that beset,
If we are on the side of right,
we'll gain the victory yet.

I am sure that you can see from the verses this month that God wants us to "Stop returning evil for evil. Always see to it that your affairs are right in the sight of everybody. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live in peace with everybody" (Williams). May God help you to live for Him daily.

Signal Lights Program for July

Prepared by Mrs. Alberta Holsinger

Bible Theme: "STORIES JESUS TOLD"

Project: A TRACTOR FOR EDEN

Call to Worship:

Come, let us worship our King!
Songs of praise we will sing.
Let us learn of His great love
And protecting care from above.
Come, let us worship our King!

Sing:

"The B-I-B-L-E"

"Every Day"

"Jesus Loves Even Me"

Bible Story:

The Unforgiving Servant

One time Peter came to Jesus with a problem. It was a problem you might have if you have a brother or sister who gets into your things,

breaks your toys, tears the heads off your paper dolls, or dumps your things all over the floor. Peter had a problem with his brother Andrew. Of course, they were grown men, but they still made each other angry.

Jesus and His disciples were walking down the road. Peter fell in step beside Jesus and said, "I know I should forgive my brother when he does and says things that make me unhappy. But how often? Seven times?"

Jesus smiled and shook His head. "No, Peter, not seven times, but seventy times seven."

It was a warm day, and when they came to a tree near a well Jesus said, "Come, let us sit in the shade and rest. I have a story I want to tell you."

When everyone was comfortable, Jesus began His story.

A certain king began to check up on his servants one day. He found that one owed him ten thousand pieces of money. He called the servant to him. But the servant had no money to pay the king what he owed. The king commanded that the man, his wife, and his children should be sold as slaves and that all he owned be sold and the money be given to pay the debt.

But the servant fell down on his knees before the king and begged, saying, "My Lord, be patient with me. Give me a little time, and I will pay you all that I owe."

The king was sorry for his servant. He let him go free and even told him that he would not have to pay back any of the money he owed.

That same servant went right out from the king's presence and found one of his fellow servants who owed him just a little money. He grabbed him by the throat and said, "Pay me what you owe me!"

His fellow servant fell down on his knees and begged, "Be patient with me. Give me a little time, and I will pay all that I owe you."

Even though this man was asking him to do the same thing he had just asked of the king, the first servant would not listen to him. He had the man sent to prison until he could pay what he owed.

When the other servants heard what had happened they were sad. They did not think it was right. They told the king what had been done.

Then the king called the servant in and said, "You wicked servant! I forgave you when you could not pay because you asked me. Should you not also have felt sorry for your fellow servant and forgiven him?"

The angry king sent this unforgiving servant to prison to be beaten and to stay until he should pay all that he owed.

Peter thought of how often he did wrong and God forgave him, and he thought, too, of how many times Andrew had forgiven something he had said or done. Then he knew that it is not enough to forgive seven times. He knew that when Jesus said to forgive seventy times seven, He meant we should always be willing to forgive others. It's the only way to be truly happy.

—based on Matthew 18:21-35

Hymn of the Month:

"Father, We Thank Thee"

Father, we thank Thee for the night,
And for the pleasant morning light;
For rest and food and loving care,
And all that makes the world so fair.

Help us to do the things we should,
To be to others kind and good;
In all we do in work or play,
To grow more loving every day.
Amen.

Perhaps some of the Signal Lights already know this prayer hymn and will help the younger ones to learn it. Talk about the things we are thanking God for in the first verse, and the things we are asking Him for in the second verse. Listen to the music again before asking the children to help you sing the hymn.

Business:

1. Roll Call — tell what you did without this month.
2. Election of officers.
3. Birthdays to remember:
 Donna Shank will be nine years old on August 13.
 Claudia Aspinall will be four years old on August 20.

Dedication of Project Offering:

This is the month to send our project offering to the Missionary Board. Be sure to mark your check as the Signal Lights offering from your church and mail it to: **The Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, 530 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio 44805.**

Place the offering for the tractor for Eden Bible School on an open Bible on a low table. You might like to have a small vase of flowers on each side of the Bible.

Have one of the children read this poem:

Gifts

Every good gift comes from God above—
Our food, clothes, home, and the parents we love.
Gladly we share that others may know
Our Father in heaven who loves them so.

Then have a short prayer of dedication such as this:

"Dear God, thank You for the many good things we have—our families and homes, our friends and toys, our churches and schools. Most of all, thank You for Jesus.

"We are glad we can share with our friends in Argentina. May this money help the Eden Bible School. May many teachers and ministers go out from it to tell the boys and girls in Argentina of You.

"In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen."

Handiwork:

Our Motto Books

For each child you will need a half sheet of blue paper and a half sheet of white paper. Have the children

Note to Patronesses:

Please send the following information to **Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger, 2303 Lane Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355,** before **August 1.**

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Number of Signal Lights _____ Average Attendance _____

Where your meetings are held _____ _____ _____

When your meetings are held _____ _____ _____

Did you send a project offering? _____ Do you use the suggested program materials? _____

Suggestions for the Signal Lights program:

fold the papers to make a book. The blue paper will be the cover. Staple them together. On the cover have the children print "Signal Lights Motto." On the first white page they should print "Christ first." "Others second" should be put on the second page and "Self last" on the third page.

Discuss with the children ways in which we follow this motto.

If you wish you may give the children appropriate seals to decorate the pages.

Signal Lights Benediction

The ROOTS of the FEUD GROW DEEPER

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

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WHEN WE VIEW the ramifications of a family quarrel from the side lines, at times there appears nothing so tenacious and corrosive as the hurts, or imaginary hurts, of other years. This is especially true of the Hebrew relationship.

In beginning the story of "The Roots of A Family Feud," trouble was first considered as in the family of Terah. However, when the origins are sought now, in the light of the present Arab-Israeli friction, it is necessary to go back to the great grandson of Shem, who was the grandfather, fourth removed, of Abraham. His name was Eber. Arabs are commonly thought of as only the descendents of Ishmael, but the Ishmaelites are the Bedowin, or nomadic Arabs. All of the descendents of Eber are Hebrews. Some of them became Arabs and some of them Israelites.

Eber had two sons, Peleg and Joktan. Peleg fathered the line which apparently settled around the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, and produced an ethnic group down to Abraham of Ur. The line of Joktan migrated down to the land on the west of the Persian Gulf, and peopled what is now Saudi Arabia. From Joktan descended Sheba, Ophir, Havilah and Jobah, names of people and places appearing often in the Old Testament record. The posterity of Joktan the Hebrew are largely in Saudi Arabia today and thus a part of the Arab world.

It is apropos to the general subject of this discussion, to state that not all so called Arabs of today are Hebrews. There are Hebrew Arabs and Gentile Arabs, all classed together because of the common religion, Mohammedanism or Islam. Although Mohammed, of Mecca and Medina, began his work as a prophet and set up his system of religion by an admixture of Jewish and Christian teaching fused into the heritage of his ancestral cults, the force which built the Moslem world by appealing to the masses was the political aspect. The crescent and the sword went forth to conquer and conquer it did, sweeping not only the Arab world but gathering into its circle lands of the Euphrates, Syria, Palestine, Egypt. The spread went on eastward to Bagdad, westward in north Africa to the Atlantic, leaped across the Straits of Gibraltar threatening all Europe, and was only halted in A.D. 732 by the united forces of the west under Charles Martel at Tours in southern France. The Arabs, in whom this discussion is interested, are the Hebrew Arabs of all the family lines.

What has been said thus far, then, is for the purpose of identifying the elements contributing to the present Arab question, in their origins. This is the gigantic family to which the chosen line of the Covenants belongs. Moreover, this leads us back to the promise of God to Abraham and to his seed forever. Listen to the words of Jehovah—*And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, Jehovah appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be the father of a multitude of nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for the father of a multitude of nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land of thy sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. And God said unto Abraham, And as for thee, thou shalt keep my covenant, thou, and thy seed after thee throughout their generations. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee: every male among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins; and it shall be a token of a covenant betwixt me and you* (Gen. 17:1-11).

Here in the execution of the covenant between God and a member of the Hebraic Family, lies the basis for the feud which has lasted for over 3000 years and will be a bone of contension until a just peace shall be declared by the Prince of Peace and all elements of the family will subscribe to the justice of it.

The irony of this whole situation lies in the fact that none of the kinship, even the chosen Abram and his hereditary line, save Jesus the SEED ROYAL, could see or understand the purposes of God. All outside the covenant blamed, envied and hated the covenanted line, and the royal line itself selfishly gloated in the place of favor.

from the Woman's Outlook

A Letter from - - -

MRS. HAROLD BARNETT

Missionary in Kentucky

Dear Friends everywhere,

How grandly and gloriously God has clothed these rocky hills we love! I wish you could have the privilege, with me, of looking out any window and seeing the green lace of new leaves, deeper green of pine, of the most lavish display of purple red bud and white dogwood I've ever seen. The same colors are repeated in the carpet of grass and purple and white violets. Purple and white are our school colors, and I don't think I'll ever see these again without thinking of this beautiful spring. Over and over the thought comes to my mind—when there is such beauty, how could men and women fight, hate and neglect the Creator and Supreme Artisan. "Only man is vile."

This has been a "superlative" spring—extra cold, extra rain (two tides in one week that almost toppled the bank), extra birds, extra flowers, (and extra mud here,) and extra rush. Everything we are doing are things that we have planned and needed to be done, but we are "pushing" to get so many things done for that wonderful high point of our church, Dedication Day, May 7. That day will be over by the time you read this, but we hope many of you will have been here to share our joy with this dream come true from our Heavenly Father.

We are so mindful of the fact that the lovely Drushal Memorial Brethren Church of Lost Creek is another visible proof of what can be accomplished when many people pray, work, and give together for the glory of the Lord. Even though many things have to be done before the building can be brought to completion, we are using it and want to have a special dedication for its use in the spread of the gospel and program of the church. We have already had a funeral, wedding, conversion, several plays, a choir concert, and, soon, the graduation ceremonies of the promising senior class. Surely God is good! Can we ever praise Him enough and serve Him as fully as we ought. Oh, Lord, give us new visions of Thy work and will for each of our lives. The cares of each day, the busy schedules we keep press in on us all. Give us patience, wisdom and most of all Thy true and living love that we may be used of Thee.

We are so thankful that Adah and Mrs. Drushal will be with us for at least a week over Dedication Day. You will remember that they were here for the groundbreaking, May 4, 1963. They will fly to Wooster, then, travel over four-lane, super highway in Garber's upholstered, fast-moving, well-sprung car. How different the physical aspects of the area are from when Drushals came to pioneer the work in "Bloody Breathitt County" sixty years ago. Their means of travel in the early years was the mule back over paths, and wagon team over rocks and ruts called a wagon road. What if they had never come? Dear God, give us the courage to dare to question, "Lord, what will ye have me to do?"

Sometimes one of you will write and say, "I don't see how you do it all." I don't of course! There is much that needs to be done that must wait until the school year is finished. With my full-time teaching, school lunch management and our six children, the mending piles up. Really, though, cleaning is impossible—correspondence, waiting for answers, stack up hopelessly. Sometimes I feel I am going around in cyclones instead of circles. Even with the school girl's help after school and on Saturday, I just keep up with the sheerest necessities. I am constantly praying and striving to discriminate between the obvious, immediate, and the really important. If I spend time cleaning, something happens, and time I had counted on to finish a report is used in handling an emergency. If I work on reports, company comes in the door of whichever room is the dirtiest. Often I feel I have chosen wrong and wasted precious time. I am always struggling to be better organized and more effective. But, aren't we all. Aren't our days *all* full! Of what? That is the most important question. Is all we do for the glory of God!

Ladies, we are often faced with the fact that physically and financially it looks impossible, but each day we find new strength, new evidence of the need of our labors here, new joys over hard won and often small victories. Why? Because you are praying—you are concerned. We feel it! In strength—when none but God could supply. In needs met that no one knew about—small things; pins, needles, thread, stamps—bigger things; hose, jackets, tea towels, pans, cars, money, food, Easter hats, and cookies that come in the back door even as guests arrive at the front door.

Also, money for a bus ticket home when death comes unexpectedly to one of our dearest loved ones.

I thank each and all for your prayers, cards and letters in the recent death of my father. Each one did help lift and strengthen, and made me realize how precious is the Christian fellowship and responsibility of bearing one another's burdens. I know each of you are bearing with me the burden of the loss of our home church (the County Line Brethren Church). How thankful I am that, though my brother's house was blown away while they huddled in the basement, and several of my relatives had much property damage, none of our family was injured. How keenly we feel for family and friends throughout the area who have lost loved ones and friends. Also, those who were injured and had much property damage.

Others, Lord, yes others,
Let this my motto be.
Lord let me live for others
That I might live for Thee.

Here, there, everywhere we are, at home or abroad, He strengthens, guides and provides wisdom for each of us as we strive to do all unto the glory of God.

Sincerely
In Christ
Doris King Barnett

The Brethren Layman

The Laymen's Meeting

Program for July, 1965

James E. Norris

Topic:

LIFE HAS A PURPOSE

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19
Hymns: "Take My Life And Let It Be"
"Softly And Tenderly"
Introduction:

We cannot decide what we want to do or have or be **until we have some idea of who we are, and to know who we are, we have to have religion.** "Man is born with the same nature which prompts him to some sort of faith and worship" People's Bible Encyclopedia. There is a difference between natural and revealed religion. We, as Christians, believe that God reveals himself through His Holy Word and speaks to man through His spirit.

Topics for Discussion:

1. How do we know life has a purpose?

Because He is the Master Architect, and everything He does is on the basis of infinite intelligence. Read Nehemiah 9:6-8.

2. God has a plan for our lives (Romans 12:1, 2).

These two verses show us how to bring this plan into our lives.

3. We are to do God's will.

God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." That does not mean that we look like Him, but that we are like Him. There is something in us which answers to Him. Man's mind is patterned after the mind of God. And when we think of the recent accomplishments of this age, we can see that God has opened new fields of thought to us. For centuries advance seemed slow, then the Lord saw fit to reveal himself more fully. Each of us should ask these questions. Are we going in the right direction? Does God want us to explore the moon—or is the purpose in life being missed?

4. What was Jesus' purpose in life (John 3:16)?

He was a man of sorrow (Mark 8:10-12).

Do you think the average man is aware of his lost condition?

5. We have to have religion.

The kind of religion you and I have is of utmost importance. At the close of the time of the judges, the religion of the day was, "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25). This seems to be the kind of religion many people have today. The Epistle of James, chapter one, points out many things relating to **man's purpose in life.** Read it and point out several appropriate verses.

Boys' Brotherhood Study Article —

LONGSUFFERING

by REV. RICHARD R. KUNS

IN A WORLD of increasing tension, with "wars and rumors of wars" on every hand, we are told that we must learn to get along with each other or face complete destruction of both ourselves and the world. Yet the sad fact remains that men are very obviously unable to do just that!

Living in this kind of world puts Christian character to a most severe test. If we try to meet these tests in our own power, we will "flunk out" every time. Fortunately, God has provided for this testing through the ministry of the Holy Spirit who dwells within every Christian (cf. I Cor. 3:16; 6:19, 20; Rom. 8:9).

It is part of the ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit to enable you to be fruitful. The particular fruit we are interested in now is longsuffering or patience. Patience, along with two other manifestations of the Spirit—goodness and gentleness, has to do especially with the expression of our faith toward other people.

We can best understand the type of patience the Spirit can produce if we learn of God's patience to man. This is especially evident in His offering us salvation in Jesus Christ.

Many have the idea that God isn't interested in what we do because He does not seem to do very much to us even when we sin. Some take this to mean that we can do as we please for God will not take any drastic action. But Paul says, *Do you presume upon the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience? Do you not know that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance* (Rom. 2:4—RSV).

In other words, God's apparent slowness to punish us when we sin is not due to His laxness, but rather to His patient waiting for us to accept salvation at His hand. This patience does not mean that sin will go unpunished. It does mean, however, that God is willing to put up with a lot of "nonsense" on our part, patiently waiting for us to turn to the source of life (cf. II Peter 3:9).

Paul said that he was a prime example of this patience of the Lord. *The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life* (I Timothy 1:15, 16—RSV; cf. I Peter 3:20; II Peter 3:15).

If God then is willing to be patient with us before we turned to Jesus Christ as personal Savior, we in turn must express similar patience toward others—both within and without the church. For a beautiful illustration of this principle one should read the parable of our Lord in Matthew 18:23-35.

But be reminded again, you can not even begin to hope to be equipped with this "God-like" patience until you have first accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. When this is done, the indwelling Holy Spirit will begin to work through you to produce patience. But He can do this only if you are willing to allow Him to work.

So Paul often tells us to be patient in the living of our faith in the world and toward our fellow Christians.

Some Christians tend to become very impatient when they don't get "results" from their faith and tend to say, "Oh, what's the use." We should never faint in the work of the Lord! *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering* (i.e., patience) *and doctrine* (II Tim. 4:1, 2—AV).

James, the brother of our Lord, sounds a similar plea in a way we can understand. *Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it received the early and late rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord* (James 5:7, 8—RSV).

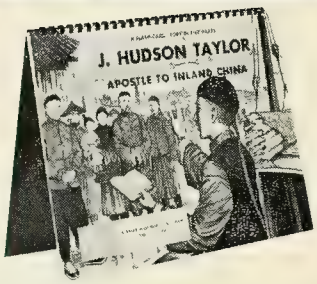
There are many other verses which tell us never to grow impatient in the Lord's work. Never give up! Be everlastingly at it, even though no one seems to care or no one seems to come to the Lord. (Look up and read the following verse for further study: (Col. 1:10, 11; 3:12; Heb. 6:11, 12, 15; James 5:10.)

Christians are also to show patience in their relation with one another in the faith. *I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace* (Eph. 4:1, 2—RSV). Or as Paul states it in I Thess. 5:14, *And we exhort you, brethren, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.*

Thus we see that patience should be a mark of the Christian. This Holy Spirit produced fruit will affect our actions toward all people. Toward the unsaved we will not be quick to judge and condemn, but patiently bear witness to God's saving grace in Jesus Christ. To the Christian brother, we will be patient to those less mature in the faith; toward that one with whom we can not see "eye to eye" we will also be patient.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness and patience... (Colossians 3:12—RSV).

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PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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This program is found on pages 16, 17 and 18 of this magazine.

1965 GENERAL CONFERENCE ROOM AND MEAL ARRANGEMENTS

WE ARE AGAIN including on page 23 of this issue of *The Brethren Evangelist* the notice of room and meal accommodations which are available to all delegates of General Conference. If you wish to stay on Ashland College campus during conference week, please send in your reservations immediately as instructed in the notice.

This will be the last time that this notice will appear in our magazine.

"TRIUNE IMMERSION"

THE WRITER for the doctrinal article this month is Rev. Henry Bates, pastor of the Vinco, Pennsylvania, Brethren Church. Bro. Bates has written on "Triune Immersion, The New Testament Mode of Baptism." Rev. Bates' article is the fifth in a series of articles that will appear in our magazine on the various New Testament doctrines as practiced by our denomination.

We wish to thank Bro. Bates for this very fine article.

Rev. Delbert B. Flora will write on the subject "The Laying on of Hands" for the month of July



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the editor's editorial

Over 160 Years of Service

WITHIN THE PAST two and one-half months, four of our Brethren ministers have been called home to be with the Lord. These men have served the Brethren Church for a total of more than 160 years! This has been a dedicated service. Many times we do not appreciate the work of those who have given most of their lives to Christ and to His Church. Your Editor would like to pay tribute to these four men who have served so faithfully down through the years.

Elder Roger Darling passed away on April 4. In his early years he served in several pastorates of the Brethren Church but in recent years he was engaged in business in California. Your Editor did not have the privilege of knowing this man, however all who knew him speak very highly of his Christian spirit and of his love for the Brethren Church. We do not know exactly how many years this man of God served in our denomination, but we do know that he served faithfully for a long time.

Elder Wm. S. Crick went to be with his Lord on April 20. He was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1916 and served the Brethren Church since that date. Nearly 50 years of service to the Lord and to His Church! Down through the years Bro. Crick had nine pastorates and served fifteen Brethren Churches. Besides these pastorates and various offices in the various Districts, Bro. Crick was the national statistician of the Brethren Conference for over fifteen years. Your Editor received much encouragement from Elder Crick from time to time as the various phases of the work of the Brethren Church was discussed. He was always ready with a smile to give assistance to those who needed it. Certainly Bro. Crick will be missed from our midst in the Brethren Church.

Elder C. C. Grisso departed from this earth to the glories of heaven on May 1. This man of God had preached in the Brethren Church for over sixty years! He had retired from the ministry for the last several years. We do not have an accurate record of his pastorates, however most of his ministry was served in Indiana. Bro. Grisso devoted much of his time and effort to conducting evangelistic services which he enjoyed doing so very much. During his ministry he conducted over one hundred evangelistic services in the Brethren Church. He conducted two such campaigns in your Editor's home church at Fort Scott, Kansas. Bro. Grisso was a man devoted to the preaching of the Word of God in its true form. The services of this man of God will be remembered for many years to come.

Bro. Grisso served in several capacities in the Indiana District. He was a member of the National Missionary Board of the Brethren Church for many years.

Elder J. G. Dodds passed away on June 8 following several weeks of illness. Rev. Dodds had spent some fifty-five years in the Christian Ministry having served as pastor in at least ten churches. Besides his pastorates, he conducted several evangelistic services down through the years. Bro. Dodds had been a member of the Brethren Publications Board for many years having served as secretary of the board for over twelve years. He established the Firestone Park Brethren Church in Akron, Ohio, and was serving as pastor of our new congregation in Massillon, Ohio, at the time of his death. In fact, the new church building is in the final stages of completion at this time.

Bro. Dodds, as well as the other men listed above, loved Christ and the Brethren Church and each spent his life in service to both.

It is a sad thing, but it is the human way of life, that we do not really appreciate the work of an individual until after that individual is gone, then we begin to think of all that has been done. We owe much to these men for these men, along with many others, preserved the Brethren Church during dark days of turmoil. If it had not been for these men and others like them, men who were willing to stand up for that which they believed, the Brethren Church might not be in existence today.

Let's praise God for His anointed! S.G.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from the Letters of Paul

Memory Scripture for the month—Ephesians 6:1

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

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SUNDAY, JULY 4, 1965

Read Scripture: II Thessalonians 2:15-17

Traditions

"I'm going to put up the flag," said Kent. "Want to help me?"

"Yes," answered Gary. "I like to put up the flag. It reminds me of the many good things for which our country stands."

Kent nodded. "Our people have more freedom than any other people in the world."

"It's a tradition in our country," said Gary. "The first settlers came here so they might have freedom. Everything in our country has been based on freedom."

Mr. Rogers was sitting by the open window. He heard the boys talking on the porch. "We are going to use one of our greatest freedoms today. Do you know what it is?"

"Going to church," answered both boys.

"Yes," said Mr. Rogers. "This is the freedom for which most of the early settlers came—to worship God. The Bible tells us to keep the traditions we have been taught."

"I'm glad we can worship God," declared Gary. "People in many countries cannot. I'll do my part to help our country remember and keep these traditions."

"Me, too," echoed Kent.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for our country and the freedom we have. Help me to do my part to continue these traditions. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 5, 1965

Read Scripture: II Thessalonians 3:13-16

Goodbye

"I'm sorry you have to leave this morning," said Beth.

"It's been fun visiting you," Linda told her friend.

"Do you suppose you could stay longer?" wondered Kent.

Gary shook his head. "No, we have to leave today. We want to make some more stops."

"I hope you'll come again soon," said Kent.

"Thank you, Linda, for going with me to meet our new neighbors," said Beth.

"I'm glad I was here to go with you," smiled Linda. "I hope your other friends will be kind to them, too."

"I'll try to help them," said Beth. "I want them to learn the joy of following Jesus, too."

"Good for you!" Gary said. "As Paul told his friends, don't be weary of well-doing."

"Time to go, children," called Dad.

The Kellers got in the car. Dad started the motor. "Goodbye. Thanks for everything," they shouted to their friends. "Goodbye, God be with you."

"Goodbye," answered the Rogers. "Come again. Goodbye. God be with you."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my friends. Show me ways I can help them to know You better. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 1965

Read Scripture: I Timothy 2:1-5

What Can I Do?

"This is a good camping area," said Gary as he helped Dad pitch their tent.

"Yes," nodded Dad. "There are many fine camping areas in our national parks."

"We have a good country," declared Gary.

"Indeed we have," agreed Dad. "And it's up to each one of us to keep it good."

"What can I do?" wondered Gary. "I can't be president or a senator or anything like that for a long time."

"You can obey the laws," reminded Dad. "You can learn all you can about our government. Then when you are older you can help make the laws. Most important of all you can pray for our leaders. They have a big job. They need God's help."

"I'll pray for them everyday," said Gary. "If I'm ever president I'll want the people to pray for me."

Prayer:

Dear God, the leaders of our country have many important decisions to make everyday. Guide them that they may choose what is right and good. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1965

Read Scripture: I Timothy 4:12-16

Be An Example

Gary was following Dad through a trail in the woods.

"Such big trees!" said Gary as he stopped to touch one beside the path. "Just think! God caused these trees to grow."

Dad nodded. They walked on. Soon they stood in a clearing at the top of a high hill.

"How far we can see!" exclaimed Gary.

"See that little town over there?" asked Dad. "That's the one we came through yesterday."

"I never saw so many pretty things at once!" declared Gary. "The sky, the clouds, the hills, the river, the flowers. God truly is great!"

"Yes," agreed Dad. "It's good for you to think about these things while you are young. As you remember God's greatness you will try harder to do the things you know He wants you to do. Then you will be a good example to others, and you will be getting ready for the work God has for you to do when you are older."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for this beautiful world. Help me to remember how great You are. Help me to be a good example to others. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1965

Read Scripture: II Timothy 1:8-14

A New Friend

"Hi," said the boy from the next tent. "My name's John. What's yours?"

"I'm Gary."

"What are you doing?" wondered John.

"Reading the Bible," answered Gary. "I read some in it every day."

"You do!" said John in surprise. "Why?"

"It's God's Word," explained Gary. "I read it so I can learn more about Him."

"Do you really believe that?" asked John.

"Of course," Gary told him. "Camping here in the forest has made me feel even closer to God. I can see Him all about me."

"I wish I knew God as well as you do," said John.

"I'll help you to learn to know Him," replied Gary. "Let's start out by taking a walk."

And off the two boys went following one of the forest trails.

Prayer:

I'm glad I know You, dear God. Help me to never be ashamed to tell others I'm one of Your followers. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1965

Read Scripture: II Timothy 2:15, 16

A Good Workman

"What are you doing, Son?" asked Dad.

"I'm making a list of the reasons I know God is true," answered Gary. "John, the boy from the next tent, doesn't know God. I'm trying to help him learn."

"To teach someone else you have to be very sure yourself," said Dad.

"I know," replied Gary. "That's why I'm making this list. I'm also studying the Bible more carefully."

"Good for you!" smiled Dad. "You are a workman who will please God. The forest ranger is taking a group down the trail into the canyon. Would you like to go?"

"Oh, yes!" exclaimed Gary. "May I invite John, too? Perhaps I can help him to learn more of God."

"Yes," replied Dad. "Invite your new friend to go with us. Linda is going also."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to learn the things I need to know to tell others of You. Help me to be a good workman. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1965

Read Scripture: II Timothy 3:16, 17

Goodbye to John

"Boy! that trip into the canyon yesterday was fun," said John.

"I liked riding that funny little donkey," laughed Gary.

"I thought my donkey would stumble and fall," said Linda. "But he didn't. He seemed to know exactly where to step."

"The trail was steep in places," added John. "But those little animals got us down and back safely."

"Is your Dad taking down your tent?" asked Gary.

"Yes," nodded John. "I came over to say goodbye."

"It's been fun knowing you," Gary told the boy. "Here, I'll write down my address. When you get home, write to me. Will you?"

"Sure will, Gary," smiled John. "I'm glad I met you. I'm going to try to read the Bible every day like you do."

"Good!" declared Gary. "That's the best way to learn of God. You know all the Bible was written at God's direction—inspiration it is called."

"Come, John," called his Father. "Help me load the car."

"Coming, Dad," answered John.

"I'll help," said Gary. "We can visit while we work."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the Bible. I know it's teachings are true. Help me to remember to read from it every day and to obey it. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

More ROOTS SPROUT

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

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NOW NOTE, further events in the Covenant line and another occasion for a rift in the family.

In behalf of Sarah's barren estate, God intervened and gave her and Abraham a son according to promise. And they called his name Isaac. He was the first born in the royal line of the covenant, the only son of Abraham and Sarah, the custodian of the seed, in which all of the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

It is always inspiring to note the working of God's hand in the affairs of men. Abraham was led to send his steward back to the old home town to select a wife for Isaac. Hear Abraham's instructions in Gen. 24:4, *Thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac.* When the maiden was selected, Rebekah, Abraham's double grandniece, she gave her consent, and both her father Bethuel and her brother Laban said, Gen. 24:50, *The thing proceedeth from Jehovah: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as Jehovah hath spoken.* And the records say, Gen. 24:67, *And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah and she became his wife.* It appears needful to note some of these details in this long story of the chosen family, to keep in mind the hand of God moving unerringly in the affairs of men to carry out His plan for the Ages.

As in the case of Abraham and Sarah, there was only one birth in the family of Isaac and Rebekah, but that birth is noteworthy in the tangled skein of the family feud. The God answered prayer of Isaac, in behalf of Rebekah's barrenness, sent twins, fraternal

twins, twins of conflict even before they were born. This the sacred record states (Gen. 25:21-26), *And Isaac entreated Jehovah for his wife, because she was barren: and Jehovah was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, wherefore do I live? And she went to inquire of Jehovah. And Jehovah said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, And two peoples shall be separated from thy bowels: And the one people shall be stronger than the other people; And the elder shall serve the younger. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. And the first came forth red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. And after that came forth his brother, and his hand had hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.*

Why did God send twin brothers to further complicate the family ties? He must have had a reason. At least it was fulfilling His promise to Abraham of a multitude of nations in his posterity. Moreover, it is not the prerogative of the student to question God's motives. This much is vouchsafed to us, that only one of them could hold the birthright; that it was given to the elder to give way to the younger, because he was less fitted for the responsibility by heredity. Esau the first-born was rejected before he was born, and Jacob assigned to the place by the decree of God and the blessing of Isaac. That Esau despised his birthright and renounced it for a mess of pottage; and Jacob conspired to secure the patrimony, are only incidental and revealing of the character of both men.

It must be remembered that the birthright in the chosen line was a momentous possession. It included precedence and authority after the father's death; the right of the family priesthood; the legacy of the covenant blessing; special Divine favor; the ownership of Canaan for his posterity; and the honor of conveying a blessing, through future seed, to all the families of the earth. To Esau's eyes, the temporal advantages were distant and shadowy; to the spiritual portent he was blind and insensible.

Jacob continued on, through many vicissitudes, to fulfill his destiny in the holy heritage. The promise to Abraham and Isaac was renewed to him at Bethel as Jehovah stood at the top of the ladder of his vision, and said (Gen. 28:13), *I am Jehovah, the God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac; the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth . . . and in thee and in thy seed all the families of the earth be blessed.* Awakened and amazed, Jacob declared, *How dreadful is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven* (v. 16). Jacob's later victory in the wrestling at Peniel, found him a changed man and God gave him a changed name, saying, *Thy name shall be called no more Jacob* (supplanter) *but Israel: for thou hast striven with God and with men, and hast prevailed.* How Jacob passed on the legacy of the birthright to a son will be examined at another time.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

PATIENCE

We cannot read God's timing-piece,
Or understand just why
He waits to grant me some cherished wish,
And heedless to our cry.
Allows the hands of faith to knock
Upon a brazen door,
While feeble lips repeat a prayer,
In patience, o'er and o'er;
We cannot yet be quite aware
Of all that lies before.
I cannot change God's calendar,
But, oh, I thank Him still,
That all my life is ordered thus,
According to His will.

—Dorotha Strayer

WE GET IMPATIENT when things do not happen the way we desire, or when our service for the Lord does not meet with success (Jer. 12:1). But we must look up to, and wait upon our ascended Lord for all we need and rest in His sufficiency (Ps. 34:5). Hosea helps us to understand the patience that is a necessity for the child of God (6:1, 2). After repentance we are to follow on to know our God, and to learn to wait patiently upon Him as He rightfully demands (v. 3). "His going forth is prepared as the morning" —gently, silently, barely perceptibly (v. 3).

We need patience so that after we have done the will of God in asking, we might receive the fulfillment in His own time and way (Heb. 10:35, 36). God's intervention is sure (v. 37). The day will come only to those who "live by faith" (vs. 38, 39). Though we want to occupy all the land immediately, God knows that it is only "little by little" that we are ready to possess (Exod. 23:29, 30). Territory that is not truly occupied for God becomes the possession of the enemy (Matt. 12:43-45). We are to add patience to our prayers and return confidently to the place of intercession and witness (Gal. 6:9). Recognition and respect that we would like for earth to grant us is only temporary; that which heaven bestows is eternal (I Pet. 5:4). Scorn and persecution may humble us, but God will vindicate in due time (v. 6). We are not to chafe

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"FULFILLING THE TIME"

when the breaks seem to go to someone else (Ps. 37:7). Patience perfected toward God will be justified in the end (v. 9). Patience toward God will stimulate patience toward man (Jas. 1:4).

How beautiful God's world, how base His creatures!
One marvels at His patience and His love:
These puny mortals, warped in mind and in spirit,
Build firmly on the earth, ne'er look above,
But plot and scheme for fame and fine possessions,
Forgetting the Creator of their all;
Neglecting to prepare for His Tomorrow,
When they must stand in judgment at His call.

Yet here and there among these careless earthlings
Are those whose lives bear witness to their God;
Who humbly wait on Him for daily guidance,
Who walk the path of life the Saviour trod.
It is because of these the Father spareth
The wayward ones, that ere it be too late,
They may repent of sin, receive His Son,
And not be left in darkness to their fate.

Infinite Patience — Margaret S. Fellows

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for July 4, 1965
THE FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH
Text: I Corinthians 3:3b-11; II Corinthians 5:11-20

THE CENTRAL AIM of this lesson is to show that "true growth in the Church of Christ is not a mere matter of adding members to a church roll, but consists of members being added to the body of Christ, men and women experiencing regeneration, and because they are reconciled to God living transformed lives" (Peloubet's).

In first Cor. 3:1ff, Paul is addressing Christian believers who are still permitting fleshly desires to hold sway in their lives. They are "little children" who are born into the kingdom but have much to learn. Their problem of divisions is a problem of the soul. In their THOUGHTS they are envying. In their words they are contentious of striving. In their DEEDS they are divided.

The blessing of God comes into the Church and lives of people by means of His workers. What great accomplishments are derived are not for the glorifying of the minister but to God who gave them.

I Cor. 3:5-10 We learn that the offices or callings among God's people are not competitive but co-operative. In his own right within the Kingdom the janitor is as worthy of praise as the preacher and the Sunday School teacher as the missionary.

We all belong to God and He will call us and appoint us our tasks and in the end reward us as He determines fit. This relationship to God was accomplished through the redeeming love of Jesus Christ. Being new persons in Christ we learn to evaluate others who are in Christ in a new way. It is the inborn desire to the believer to live by the word and spirit of the Gospel.



DR. RALPH EARLE



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A prolific writer, he is known nationally for "The Gospel According to Mark," which appeared recently as the first volume in a new evangelical commentary. He wrote "The Quest of the Spirit," and five Christian service training course books for the denomination, and edited the college textbook, "Exploring the New Testament."

He was in charge of tours to the Holy Land in the Christmas seasons of 1949 and 1950, and in the summer of 1953 was lecturer on a flying seminar abroad, visiting 15 countries.

A native of Massachusetts, he graduated from Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Mass., where he taught for 12 years. He holds three graduate degrees including a Doctor of Theology degree from Boston University and Gordon Divinity School. He took further graduate work at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and at Harvard University.

Ordained in 1934, he pastored at Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and Everett, Mass. From time to time he serves as evangelist for church revivals and city-wide gospel campaigns. Each summer he preaches at camp meetings.

Brethren Youth Crusaders

MEYERSDALE MEMBERS



Meyersdale Juniors

Pictured here are the Junior and Senior youth groups of Meyersdale, Pa. A few of our members were absent when the pictures were taken.

Both groups are working hard on the study of the book of Acts and we presented a public service on Youth Sunday.

—Jo Ann Martin



Meyersdale Seniors

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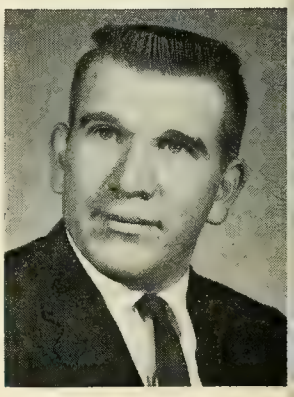
Addition to Quiz Rules

A second alternate may be selected to fill the position of any regular member or first alternate who cannot attend the National Bible Quiz elimination. No changes can be made in winning district teams after district elimination and the names of the four persons composing the district winning team plus the second alternate shall be submitted to the National Acting Youth Director before the national elimination and only four of those five can participate in the national eliminations.

Send the names of team members winning in the districts to:

National Brethren Youth
524 College Avenue
Ashland, Ohio 44805

PROJECT PATTER



Rev. M. W. Dodds

The work of constructing a church continues to move forward at Derby. To date, the excavation, the pouring of the concrete foundation, and the placing of steel beams to support the sanctuary floor have been completed.

The youth continue to be active in the work of the church. They conducted the morning worship service on Youth Sunday, May 16, participating in the various parts of the service. Plans are being made to attend the District Youth Retreat and Bible Quiz at Camp Wyandotte on June 25 and 26.

Two of the youth, Gwen Grieve and David Bishard, recently graduated from the Senior Class of Mulvane High School. David has been employed by the building superintendent of the Derby Church for construction work.

We covet your prayers for Derby Brethren. Pray that God will raise additional leaders as the work grows and expands. The actual cost of the church building is expected to exceed the estimated cost by at least $6,000. Pray that the Lord will enable the Derby Brethren to meet the additional cost.

—Rev. M. W. Dodds

SMITHVILLE ARE HOSTS

On April 25, 1965 we hosted the Northeastern Ohio Sr. Brethren Youth Rally here at Smithville. The meeting was opened by singing which Mike Drushal led. The group was welcomed by John Steiner, Scripture was read by Julia Berger and Terry McConahay led in prayer.

The Junior High Division of the Bible Quiz in Acts was held with Rev. George Solomon, advisor, as quizmaster. The Canton B. Y. C.'ers took the honors.

Duane Conroy, president of the district, then called the business meeting to order and following the business the Sr. High Division of the quiz was held. Canton also won this contest.

Supper was served in the lower auditorium of the church. A quartet from Smithville High School sang several songs and a film entitled "Inhale the Incense" was then shown. The banner was won by Ashland Park Street.

A day of Christian fun and fellowship was then brought to a close.

—Barb Blough, secretary

PLEASANT VIEW PANORAMA

We have been going strong up our way. In January we were host to the Pennsylvania youth for our bi-monthly rally. In spite of inclement weather, there were about 100 in attendance. The rally was topped off with a meal of sloppy Joes, potato salad and all the trimmings. Mr. John Fletcher, a teacher from the Kiski Area, closed the day with an inspiring message to teenagers on living a life for Christ.

One Saturday night before Easter we got together and made candy—the main source of our fund raising.

On another Saturday night the youth vs. the adults of the church enjoyed a bowling contest. The youth were defeated but all had a good time.

In March we traveled to Johnstown II for a youth rally and enjoyed fellowshiping with our friends.

April 23 found us traveling to Brush Valley for a party and fellowship. We have had many get-togethers with their group.

May 11th we started our campaign for a mile of pennies. Most groups try for the goal of 5280 pennies but our vice president, Rick Hesketh, divided the width of a penny into the number of inches in a mile and that is how many pennies we are going to try for. After just two Sundays we were doing fine.

May 16 we had our youth public service under the direction of our new Youth Superintendent, Clarence (Fuzzy) Hesketh, and his assistant, Bill Hesketh. The youth were in charge of the whole service and all the Christians in the Junior and Senior youth groups told what the Lord had done for them.

—Pam Godwin, secretary

ARDMORE ACTIVITY

On Sunday, April 25, the youth of the Sr. Brethren Youth went to the N. Indiana District Brethren Youth rally held at the Goshen Brethren Church. The Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi quiz teams from Ardmore participated in the eliminations for the state quiz. Both the Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi quiz teams won.

On Saturday, May 15, the Junior rally was held at Shipshewana and the Ardmore Jr. Quiz team won.

The three quiz teams consist of:

Junior
Wendy Kring, captain
Janie Colvin
Sandy Miller
Marlene Surguy

Jr. Hi
Jamie Smead, captain
Debby Smead
Joyce Cole
Barbara Basham

Sr. Hi
Stephen Cole, captain
Mary Carpenter
Charles Vandermark
Larry Carstens

—Stephen Cole reporting



"fill the DERBY hat"

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NATIONAL YOUTH PROJECT

GOAL: $10,000

MISSIONARY NEWS

Testimony to

C. A. V. E. A. GOSPEL BROADCASTING

LETTERS in answer to the Gospel Broadcasts originating in the studios in our headquarters in Buenos Aires are being received from Spain, Cuba. all of South and Central America and many from Puerto Rico, and even some from Miami, Florida.

The following excerpts from letters were translated by our latest missionary on the Argentine Field, Fran Curtis.

"I am a teacher in an area located at an altitude of 4000 meters in the mountains of Tucuman. The people here know little of medical aid and even less about spiritual aid that is necessary for saving the soul.

"All are Catholics, but only because their fathers and grandfathers before them were, and thus it has been passed down from generation to generation. I'm the only teacher in the area and have to act as a model father, doctor and priest. But I don't mind because it is part of my work. I try as best I can to guide them spiritually.

"I'm confused about the Christian religion. When I was a student I was very lax in my Catholic religion, but now that I find myself working among these humble people I understand how marvelous is the Christian faith where one finds peace and joy.

"Some nights ago I listened to the Station 'Radio El Mundo' to 'Platicas Cristianas' and I admit that it disturbed me, moreover I saw my opportunity to solve my problem in my own life. I believe I have found the way to strengthen my faith more. I ask for your prayers as I search for this new road. Also I wish to have the book 'La Palabra' (New Testament in Spanish) that will help guide me in this new venture.

"Thanking you for all I have received from you, I salute you."

"Perhaps this will surprise you, but I'm a Catholic priest and I would like for you to send me the book you advertised called *The Word* (New Testament). I would be very grateful if you could accommodate me. May the Lord bless you in spreading the Word of God to save men."

LAST CALL FOR

LEVITTOWN, PA., TEN DOLLAR CLUB CONTRIBUTIONS

The COUNTY LINE CHURCH TORNADO DISASTER

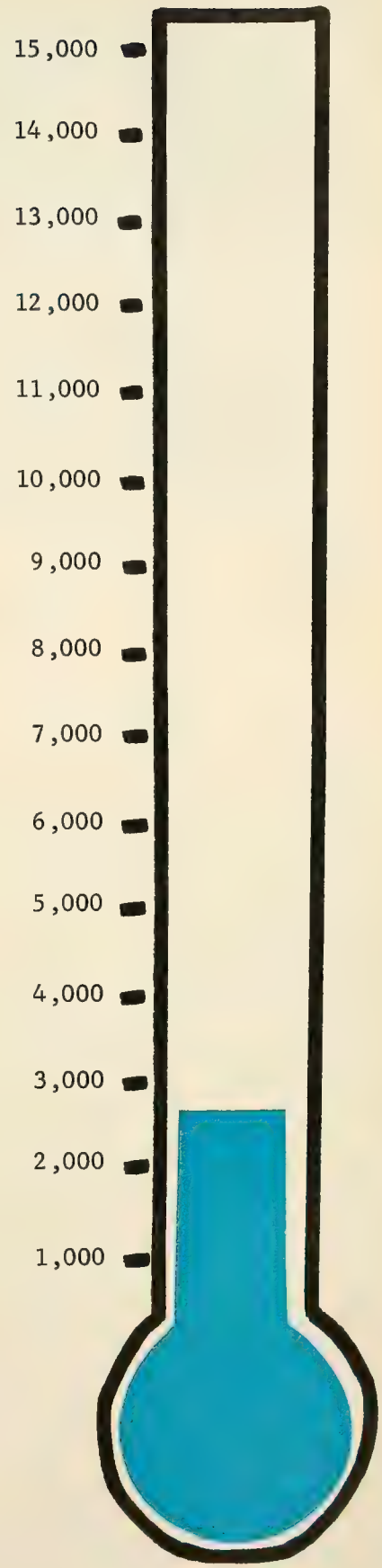
MANY LETTERS and cards of deep concern have reached the Missionary Board telling of the damages wrought by the tornado which swept through areas in Indiana on Palm Sunday evening. Letters such as these are always very thoughtful and informative and appreciated. However, it wasn't until the brotherhood responded to the call for assisting the County Line Church and the prayerful letters concerned with ministering to a real human need started pouring in, that we truly realized man's great love for his friends in Christ.

Contributions for the Tornado Disaster Aid have been shared from small incomes, widows with no regular incomes, children of Bible School and from those in all areas of the Brethren Church. The letters offer encouragement and praise, such as, "May the Lord bless them and make them a great influence for Him in that community," "enclosed is our love offering to aid your worthy cause. May the Lord bless you in this terrible disaster," "we admire their faith and loyalty," "may God grant them a new church and souls to be saved," and "may the church stand as a tower of spiritual strength."

How great has been the concern and love for others from the County Line Church despite this interlude of disaster to their building and equipment! Their continuous program and love gifts extended throughout the denomination carrying on the regular program demonstrates their steadfastness and is a witness to their faith. Since the time of the tornado, the County Line Church has doubled their contributions to the mission program as compared to the same period last year.

At the present time, contributions total $2,749.80 with $1,542.20 coming directly from individuals and the following gifts from churches and organizations.

Mansfield, Ohio, Church	$300.00
Loree, Indiana, Sunday School	159.25
Mexico, Indiana, Church	205.00
McLouth, Kansas, Church	25.00
Oak Hill, West Virginia, Sunday School	45.00
Valley Brethren Church, Pennsylvania	250.00
White Dale Brethren Church, West Virginia	27.55
Carleton, Nebraska—W.M.S.	10.00
Hillcrest Brethren Church, Ohio Lo-Brea-Lea Class	100.00
Johnstown First Brethren—W.M.S.	25.00
Masontown, Pennsylvania—W.M.S.	10.00
Papago Park Church, Arizona W.M.S.	5.00
Brethren Youth	10.00
Sarasota, Florida, Church Senior Sisterhood	25.00
Warsaw, Indiana, Fidelity Class	10.00





Peter and the other disciples what was necessary for salvation as they cried out, *Men and brethren, what shall we do?* Notice now the reply of these followers of the Lord who were the first preachers and missionaries of the Christian church—words spoken under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit—*Repent, and be baptized.* Turn then to the account of the Philippian jailer as it is given to us in Acts 16:30. Following the earthquake and the opening of the cell doors, the jailer asked Paul and Silas, *What must I do to be saved?* We read then that the two missionaries *spake unto him the word of the Lord . . . and* (he) *was baptized, he and all his, straightway.* Why was this man baptized? Apparently included in those things which the disciples "spoke unto him (from) the Word of the Lord" was the matter of baptism, and he was ready to take all of the steps necessary for salvation. If baptism was not necessary would these missionaries have stressed it as much as they apparently did in this sacred discussion? Again in the book of Acts, the eighth chapter, Luke tells us that Philip, directed by the Holy Spirit, went out into the

"TRIUNE IMMERSION"

The New Testament Mode of Baptism

BEFORE ENTERING into a consideration of the matter of the mode of baptism, perhaps it would be well first of all to ask ourselves the question, "How important or essential is water baptism in the Christian experience?" There are in our day many groups or sects which maintain that baptism is not necessary to salvation, and other groups which teach that the various references to baptism in the New Testament are speaking of Spirit baptism. A number of months ago this writer was speaking with a Christian lady who belonged to an "Independent" church which stressed Spirit baptism and completely ignored the teachings of the Word of God regarding water baptism. No amount of pointing out the various references to water baptism in the Scriptures seemed to make any impression upon her. Some time later, in speaking to another Christian lady, who belonged to one of the branches of the Brethren fraternity, I mentioned this former conversation and the first lady's conviction that the only baptism that was necessary was Spirit baptism and her feeling that water baptism does not have a place in the dispensation of Grace. Without a moment's hesitation this lady replied, "I agree with her; I think we emphasize water baptism more than the Scriptures intend for us to." In a day when men and women are sometimes prone to set aside, or hold lightly, certain historic beliefs and interpretations, it behooves us to take a careful and prayerful look at what the Scripture has to say concerning these basic New Testament teachings.

In Acts 2:37, 38, we find many of those who heard Peter's great sermon on the Day of Pentecost asking desert and joined himself to the man from Ethiopia. The thirty-fifth verse reports that the evangelist *opened his mouth . . . and preached unto him Jesus.* The two men came upon a pool of water and immediately the Ethiopian requested baptism. How did he know about this rite? Again it would seem that the "preaching unto him Jesus" included a strong emphasis upon the matter of baptism. Why this emphasis to a new hearer of the Word if baptism is not necessary or important? The writer of the epistle to the Hebrews, in the sixth chapter of that epistle, lists the principles or foundations or doctrines of the Lord—things to be remembered and taught by the church. Incuded in this list is the doctrine of repentance, of faith, of the laying on of hands, of the resurrection, of judgment, and also of baptism. Would this rite have been included with these other foundation stones of the Christian faith if it was not necessary or essential?

A word now concerning the second of these teachings, namely, that only Spirit baptism is referred to in the Scripture as being essential or necessary. Again, looking at Peter's words in Acts 2:38-41, we read, *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.* Notice—"be baptized, . . . and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." This verse would certainly suggest that baptism and the receiving of the Holy Spirit are two separate actions. In the last words which the Master spoke to the disciples, the words we commonly refer to as the Great Commission,

the Lord instructed His disciples to go "into all the world and preach . . . baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Was Jesus here speaking about Spirit baptism? If we answer "Yes," then we are faced with a difficult question—Is it in man's power to bestow the Holy Spirit into or upon another man? We believe not! God alone bestows this gift and power upon and in the believer. If this is true then the words of the Lord in the Great Commission must refer to the actual, outward act of water baptism. Again, if we turn to the words of our Lord as He discussed the new birth with Nicodemus we discover that He says, *Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God* (John 3:5). That this passage refers to baptism is generally admitted by all scholars. If this is the case then we must admit that Jesus, himself, said that there are two baptisms and that both are necessary for entrance into the kingdom of God—not just Spirit baptism.

One other passage from the Scriptures to which we would call attention as we think on this matter of water baptism is that portion of God's Word recorded in I John 5:8, *There are three that bear witness on earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood* . . . Now the Scripture, itself, tells us that ALL Scripture is given for instruction, etc. Would the Inspirer of the Scriptures have given this thought to John, to be included in the sacred Word, if He did not intend for Christian people to believe in, participate in, and be blessed by both water and the Spirit baptism. We believe not!

Who Is To Be Baptized?

Leaving now the matter of the importance of, and the necessity of, baptism in God's plan of salvation and sanctification, we turn our thoughts to another important question—"To whom is baptism to be administered?" The Word is unmistakably plain on this point and teaches without a shadow of a doubt that baptism is for repentant believers! Again we would call attention to Peter's words in Acts 2:38 as he replies to the question, *What must we do* (to be saved)? Peter names two steps which the inquirer must take, *Repent, and be baptized.* Notice that this passage does not say, nor does any other passage in the Scripture, "Be baptized and repent." The act of repentance is always to preceed the act of baptism. In a day when "church membership" or "joining the church" receives much emphasis, and in a day when baptism has become a "sign" that a person has joined the church, there is always the grave danger of reversing this spiritual order of things. A worker in another denomination once observed to this writer that conditions had reached the place in his denomination where "We baptize people and take them into the church and hope that someday they will be converted." Could it be that we have perhaps made baptism a symbol or expression of church membership or union with the church militant rather than a symbol or expression of our personal acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior and our union with the church eternal. Let there be no misunderstanding at this point—baptism is for those who in faith believing have recognized their lost condition; have recognized their need for a Savior; have recognized that Jesus Christ is that needed Savior; have repented of their sins and have accepted Him as their own Savior and Lord! To receive baptism under any other conditions is to disobey the Scripture, itself, and is to make baptism practically meaningless. A re-emphasizing of this order of things would, undoubtedly, help to eliminate the unpleasant task of frequent roll-revisions and the classifying of many folk as "inactive members."

This very definite teaching of the New Testament that baptism is to be preceeded by repentance, of course, rules out so-called "infant baptism." Repentance presupposes the individual's recognition of his sinful condition and implies his desire to turn from sin to righteousness. An infant of two weeks, or two months, or two years of age has not reached the place in life where he is capable of recognizing this condition or his need for the new birth—therefore, he is not ready for baptism which is to be preceeded by repentance. Infant baptism leads to wrong ideas of conversion. Many people, when asked if they are Christians, say, "I guess so—they tell me I was baptized when I was a child." They know nothing of personal repentance nor have they experienced a change of heart, but, looking into the ritual of the church, they read that they have "been baptized, washed and sanctified by the Holy Ghost." They, thus, come to feel secure in their condition. The only authority for any baptism by the Bible is to those who fulfill the conditions, and there is no Bible condition that any infant can fulfill. Hence a child is not a proper subject for baptism, and to be valid it must be rebaptized when it realizes its condition, repents, and believes. The practice of infant "baptism" is handed down by tradition from the Roman Catholic Church and sprang from their erroneous doctrine of infant damnation.

How Should Baptism Be Administered?

Having briefly touched upon the questions of "Why water baptism?" and "Who is to be baptized?" we come now to the third important question, "How?" Again the Scriptures are unmistakably plain to those who are willing to "take and read." Our English word, "baptize," is a word of comparatively late usage in our language, and is actually a transliterated Greek word

by REV. HENRY BATES

Pastor, Vinco Brethren Church, Pennsylvania

rather than one of English origin. In the Greek New Testament the word "baptizo" (in various forms) appears, and when the translators rendered the New Testament into English, they took this Greek word, Anglicized it, and carried it over into the English language as "baptize." Now a very quick search of any Greek lexicon (dictionary) will plainly show that the meaning of this word is "to dip," "to immerse," or "to push under." Hence when our Lord gave the great commission, which in turn is the Christian's call to evangelism, He instructed His followers to go out into the world to preach to men and women, to teach them, and to immerse or submerge them. Likewise when those early seekers inquired concerning the way of salvation, they were told by the disciples to "repent and be immersed." As one studies the various records in the New Testament which speak of definite acts of baptism, he will notice that in each instance all evidence points to an act of immersion. We read, for instance, that John the Baptist carried on his ministry at Aenon because "there was much water there." This abundance of water would hardly have been a requisite for baptism if any other mode of "baptism" had been employed. When the Lord was baptized the gospel writer very explicitly tells us that Jesus came "up out of the water"—a step He could hardly have taken if He had not first of all gone down into the water. Then in the account of the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch, we read that when this high official and Philip came to a body of water, and the seeker requested baptism, that "they went down, both of them, into the water."

Believer's baptism is a symbol of regeneration. It represents the passing of the believer from the old life of sin into the new life of Christ—from the world to the Kingdom. This change involves the putting down, or submerging of self—even as our Lord, himself, said in His words, "If a man will come after me let him deny himself." This involves the putting of God's will, God's plans, God's desires before our own will, our own plans, our own desires. Probably one of the most difficult things for any person to do is to deny self—to submerge or put down self. This might explain why Jesus, in stating the three steps necessary for coming to Him, put this one first, for once a man is able to deny self, then it is much easier for him to "take up his cross" and "follow me." When the repentant sinner steps into the baptismal waters, he is symbolizing among other things, his desire and his determination to put down self—and what more meaningful symbol of this desire or determination could one find than that of immersing the whole body in water. But baptism is also a symbol of the "burial of the old man of sin" and the resurrection of the new man in Christ Jesus. As the believer enters into the baptismal waters, as his body is totally submerged or immersed in the water, he is, in effect, going into the watery grave—for he is literally being buried. Then as he comes forth from the water, he is stepping out of that grave—he is resurrected. The "old man" remains buried while the "new man" comes forth to live a new life in and for Christ.

One other important significance of baptism as we know it, is its symbolism of the baptism of the Holy Spirit which is promised to all believers. A study of Acts 2:1, 2 shows us that while the disciples tarried and prayed in the Upper Room the promise of the baptism in the Holy Spirit was fulfilled. Notice the words, *It* (the Holy Spirit) *filled all the house where they were sitting.* It filled the house! Now the room they were in undoubtedly had four walls and a floor and a roof. In this room they sat and the Spirit filled the room. What happened to the occupants of that room then? They were IMMERSED in the Spirit. The Spirit was poured out and filled the whole room, completely surrounding and covering the disciples. On that day there was not a "bit" of the Spirit sprinkled on the disciples or a little poured over them in the room, but they were literally immersed in the Holy Spirit. How much of the real meaning of the rite of baptism is lost when Christians fail to take literally the words of the Scripture, "BE IMMERSED."

In the preceeding section we have been attempting to point out the certainty of the teachings of the New Testament relative to immersion, and, also, have sought to offer several suggestions concerning the inherent symbolism of this rite. The word baptize means to "dip" or to "immerse." It is also of interest to note that word, as it is used in the New Testament always implies a repetitious act—not just one dip or one submersion, but several. As to the number of times the repentant believer is to be dipped or immersed, Jesus made it very clear when He said, "baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Each member of the Trinity has a very definite part in the conversion and new birth of the individual. The Father accepts the faith of the penitent; the Son is the propitiation for his sins; and the Holy Spirit renews the heart. Thus, when the rite of triune immersion is observed and practiced, we are recognizing the importance of each member of the Godhead in our becoming heirs and joint-heirs. The triple or triune dipping likewise represents to the believer the three stages in the new birth: (1) The death of the old man, (2) The burial of the "old man of sin," and (3) The resurrection of the new man in Christ Jesus.

Does it make any difference what we believe or practice concerning the rite of baptism? Should we be so "particular?" Yes, it does make a difference—the difference between doing what the Scripture plainly sets before us and doing what men have introduced into the church; the difference between travelling a rough, uncertain pathway and travelling a plainly marked, certain pathway laid out for us by the One who is the Way. If believing and observing the teachings of the New Testament makes a people "too particular" then, perhaps, we are "too particular," but let us pray to God that the Brethren will continue to maintain their hold on these plain teachings of God's Word.

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SISTERHOOD

The SMM Mailbag . . .

from . . .

NAPPANEE, INDIANA
JUNIOR

The Junior Sisterhood girls of the First Brethren Church in Nappanee, Indiana, met in the church basement on March 9 after school for bandage rolling. At the supper hour we were joined by a large group of the girls' fathers and men from the Laymen's organization for a potluck supper provided by the girls. After supper the Junior and Senior Sisterhood groups took part in presenting a program to the men.

We have had several parties this year. We had a hayride to the home of one of our members in the country and had refreshments and played games. We have also had a meeting with the W. M. S. women.

Last of all we went to Flora, Indiana, to the Brethren Home and presented a play with Scripture reading and piano solos.

Wendy Wegmiller, Secretary

from . . .

WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO
JUNIOR

On Mother's Day, May 9, of this year the Jr. Sisterhood of West Alexandria, Ohio, presented their public service program with emphasis on World Missions. Following is our program:

Organ Prelude Jeane Johnson
Call to Worship: Matt. 28:19-20 Jenny Klinger
Hymn: "Till the Whole World Knows"
Prayer Gracie Davis
Welcome Rita Newman
Introduction of Officers Mrs. Barbara Hawley
President Brenda Hawley
Secretary Robin Moodie
Treasurer Claudia Hawley
Aim of Sisterhood Brenda Hawley
Scripture: Romans 12 All Jr. S. M. M.
Missionary Report Claudia Hawley
Hymn: "Send the Light"
Prescription for the World:
Nurse Robin Moodie
Doctor Cathy Bowser
Mr. Asia Linda Dale
Mr. Africa Linda Haines
Mr. South America Claudia Hawley
Mr. United States Jenny Klinger
Mr. World Gracie Davis
Candelight Ceremony
Torchbearers:
Brenda Hawley
Robin Moodie
Claudia Hawley
Linda Haines
Charge to Sisterhood Girls Mrs. Barbara Hawley
Hymn: "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"
All Jr. S. M. M.
Hymn: "Spirit of Sisterhood" All Jr. S. M. M.
Sisterhood Covenant All Jr. S. M. M.
Prayer of Consecration Rev. Herbert Johnson
Postlude Mrs. Jeane Johnson
Mrs. Barbara Hawley, Patroness

from . . .

PLEASANT HILL, OHIO
SENIOR

March 23 of this year at seven-thirty at the First Brethren Church in Pleasant Hill, Ohio, marked the date and place of our monthly Senior Sisterhood meeting. This wasn't just another meeting; it was planned special, for we were honored to have as our guests the laymen of our church.

Group singing led by Alice Oburn set the pace for an inspiring program. Scripture and prayer were given and followed with special music prepared by Marla Uhrig and Shirley and Nancy Kinnison. Our Bible Study was presented by Alice Oburn. After the program, our president, Kathy Randall, led us in a short business meeting and we closed with the Sisterhood song and benediction. Games served as mixers and were enjoyed by all who attended.

Refreshments were served to our guests and members and brought our evening to a close.

Nancy Kinnison, Reporter

Reminder - -

to all S. M. M. Societies:

Fill out and send **Statistical Blanks** to your district secretary by **JULY 15!**

Send **Thank Offering** to Financial Secretary,
Miss Diane Gardner
806 E. Walnut
Nappanee, Indiana
by JULY 15!

The SEVENTY-FIFTH PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE of the BRETHREN CHURCH

Berlin Brethren Church
620 Main St.
Berlin, Pennsylvania 15530

JULY 19 to 22, 1965

Conference Theme:
"Fulfilling the Time" Ephesians 5:15-20

All Sessions on E. D. S. T.

PROGRAM

Monday Evening — July 19

7:45 Song Service
Devotions
Conference Offering
Music Berlin Brethren
8:15 Vice Moderator's Address Rev. Carl Phillips
"All Ye Are Brethren"
9:00 Youth Activities

Tuesday Morning — July 20

8:30 Simultaneous Sessions
Ministerium Balcony
W. M. S. Sanctuary
Laymen Sewing Room
Brethren Youth Borough Building
9:30 Devotions
Address of Welcome Paul Cober,
Moderator, Berlin Church
Response for Ministerial Delegates
Response for Lay Delegates George Fisher
10:00 Moderator's Address Rev. Robert Keplinger
"Fulfilling The Time"
Special Music Pastors
Report of Credential Committee
Election of Committee on Committees
11:15 District Mission Board:
Report and Business John Golby
11:35 Publication Board Report Rev. Henry Bates
District Representative
12:00 Noon Adjournment

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30 Song Service
Devotions
1:50 National Mission Board George A. Leidy
District Representative
2:10 Tour of Historical Spots and Historical Address
Tour
Music Masontown Brethren
Lecture Rev. D. C. White
"Brethren Beginnings in Germany;
and the Progressive Brethren"

Tuesday Evening

7:45 Combined Worship Service
Brethren Youth in charge

Wednesday Morning — July 21

8:30 Simultaneous Sessions
9:30 Song Service
Devotions Carolyn Miller
S. M. M. Representative
Business Session
Minutes of Secretary
Report of Credential Committee
Report of Committee on Committees and Election
Report of Statistician
Report of Ministerial Examining Board
Report of Camp Board of Trustees
Report of Executive Committee on Moderator's Address
Report of other Committees
New Business
11:15 Song Service
Music
Lecture Rev. Robert Hoffman
"Biblical Backgrounds of the Brethren"
12:00 Noon Adjournment

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30 Song Service
Devotions
1:45 District Sunday School Board Report and Business
2:00 Report of Central Council John Porte
2:30 National Sunday School Board Report
Rev. Ralph Mills
2:45 Constitutional Revision Committee Final Report
5:30 W. M. S. Banquet

Conference Organization

Moderator	Robert Keplinger
Vice Moderator	Carl Phillips
Secretary	James Naff
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. Richard Howard
Treasurer	Leroy Boyer
Statistician	Mrs. Robert Hoffman
Conference Lecturers	Rev. D. C. White
	Rev. Robert Hoffman
	Rev. James Naff
Director of Music	Miss Thelma Saylor

Wednesday Evening

7:45 Combined Worship Service W. M. S. in charge
Prelude
Hymn
Devotions Mrs. Jerald Radcliff
President, Pennsylvania W.M.S.
Special Music
Play Berlin Society
"Three Slides To An Chan"
Offering
Hymn
Benediction

Thursday Morning — July 22

8:30 Simultaneous Sessions
9:30 Song Service
Devotions David Radcliff
Brotherhood
Business Session
Minutes of Secretary
Report of Committees
Credential
Auditing
Others
Conference Treasurer's Report
Election of 1965-66 Conference Officers
Selection of time and place of 1966 Conference
Unfinished Business
Installation of Conference Officers
Final Reading of Minutes
11:15 Song Service
Music Highland Brethren Church
Bible Lecture Rev. James Naff
"No Way To Go But Up"
12:00 Noon Adjournment

Thursday Afternoon

1:30 District Laymen's Session
Song Service Floyd Benshoff
Devotions Clarence Howard
Laymen's Work James I. Mackall
Special Music Quartet
Radcliff, Naff, Mackall, Benshoff
Speaker Chester D. McFarland
Printer and Publisher in Somerset, Pa.
Hymn
Benediction
2:25 Ashland College and Seminary Report
Rev. Virgil Meyer
Director of Church Relations,
Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio
2:45 Ashland College Trustees Report
Floyd Benshoff
3:00 Caravan to new Campsite—A picnic supper will be available at the campsite for a nominal fee.

Thursday Evening

7:00 Combined Worship Service ..Communion Service
Rev. Ralph Mills, Berlin, Pa., in charge

AUXILIARIES

Woman's Missionary Society

THEME: "Making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19).

Tuesday Morning — 8:30

Prelude Miss Thelma Saylor, organist
Song Service
Devotions Mrs. George Leidy, Vinco Church
Speaker Mrs. Delbert Flora, Ashland, Ohio
Special Music
Business Mrs. Jerald Radcliff, President
Benediction

Wednesday Morning — 8:30

Prelude
Song Service
Devotions Mrs. Leroy Boyer, Johnstown II
Speaker Mrs. Delbert Flora
Special Music Johnstown III
Business: Election of Officers
Roll Call of Societies
Project Offering
Benediction

Wednesday Evening — 5:30

W. M. S. Banquet

Thursday Morning — 8:30

Prelude
Song Service
Devotions
Speaker Mrs. Delbert Flora
Business— Goals
Benediction

Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

Tuesday

Songs Berlin Senior
Devotions Berlin Senior
Special Music Berlin Senior
Speaker
Business

Wednesday

Songs Johnstown II
Devotions Johnstown II
Special Music Johnstown II
Speaker
Business

Thursday

Songs Masontown Junior
Devotions Masontown Junior
Special Music Masontown Junior
Speaker
Business

Laymen's Organization

Tuesday Morning — 8:30

Call to Worship
Hymn
Devotions Paul Swenk
Special Music Lem Berkey
Speaker George I. Fisher
Business
Hymn
Benediction

Wednesday Morning — 8:30

Call to Worship
Hymn
Devotions Orville Boyer
Special Music Jerald Radcliff
Speaker John Golby
Business
Hymn
Benediction

Thursday Morning — 8:30

Call to Worship
Hymn
Devotions George A. Leidy
Special Music The Bates Girls
Business
Hymn
Benediction

Boys' and Young Men's Brotherhood

Tuesday —Ralph Phillips

Song Service Craig Horner
Devotions (circle of prayer) Gary Mills
Special Music — Sax Solo Don Leckey
Speaker William Walk
Hymn
Benediction

Wednesday — Harry Jones

Song Service Craig Horner
Devotions (circle of prayer) Ron Kaufman
Special Music — Piano Solo Charles Howard
Speaker William Hesketh
Business Session
Benediction

Thursday — Ralph Phillips

Song Service Craig Horner
Devotions David Radcliff
Special Music Berlin Group
Speaker Dennis Boyer
Hymn
Benediction

The Ordination of ALVIN M. SHIFFLETT

THE MT. OLIVE BRETHREN CHURCH, Pineville, in Rockingham County, Virginia, was the scene of the Ordination of Alvin Monroe Shifflett to Eldership as a minister of the Gospel in the Brethren Church and of the Consecration of Mrs. Shifflett (Evangeline Good Shifflett) as the wife of an Elder. The service took place at 11 a.m. on May 23. A large audience of friends and well-wishers witnessed the profoundly significant and impressive rite. Rev. Prof. Charles Munson preached the Ordination message and Rev. George Solomon gave the Charge to the Elder and to his wife. Many expressed appreciation for the inspiring and solemn beauty of the service.

Brother Alvin had come forward to dedicate his life at the close of a series of revival services conducted at Mt. Olive by Brother George Solomon almost four years ago. Since that time the Shiffletts have been engaged in preparation for the ministry at Ashland Theological Seminary. He holds the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Bridgewater College and will be graduated from the Seminary with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

As pastor it was most gratifying to have participated in this service and to enjoy the fellowship of the day. The Mt. Olive Brethren are most grateful for the honor and privilege of having this memorable service and for the young people who made it possible. We are also grateful for the distinguished guests Brethren Munson and Solomon who conducted it to the glory of God. We trust many youth were inspired and challenged by the service. Surely all the people were given a better understanding of the work of the ministry of the Gospel. Our prayers go with the Shiffletts as they begin their new work at Johnstown Second Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., after Alvin is graduated from the Seminary. May the Lord bless and direct all those who were privileged to have a part in this impressive service of worship.

Rev. John F. Locke, Pastor

Ordination Service LARRY BOLINGER

North Manchester, Ind.

May 16, 1965

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, May 16, 1965, Mr. Larry Bolinger was ordained to the Christian Ministry in the First Brethren Church, North Manchester, Indiana. The order of service was as follows:

Organ Prelude
Call to Worship and Invocation
Hymn "I Love To Tell The Story"
Vocal Solo "Make Me A Blessing" Frank Conrad
Action of the Church Calling for Ordination
Charles Ambridge, Vice Moderator
Action of the District Ministerial Examining Board
Elder Woodrow Immel
Scripture Reading
Ordination Sermon Elder Virgil Ingraham
Vocal Trio "So Send I You"
Mrs. Donald Schutz, Mrs. Woodrow Immel,
Miss Carol Carter
Scriptural Charge Elder Immel
Questions to the Candidate Elder Virgil Meyer
Charge to the Candidate Elder Ingraham

Ordination Prayer with Laying on of Hands
Elder Ingraham and Elder Immel
Setting Apart as an Elder Elder Meyer
Declaration of Authority as an Elder Elder Immel

The Consecration of Mrs. Larry Bolinger as wife of an Elder

Charge to serve as wife of an Elder Elder Meyer
Prayer with Laying on of Hands
Elder Meyer and Elder Ingraham
Vocal Solo“Lord’s Prayer” Mrs. Donald Schutz
Hymn“A Charge to Keep I Have”
Benediction Elder Larry Bolinger
Organ Postlude

Reception followed in the lower Auditorium

Larry Bolinger was born July 19, 1935, at Kewanna, Indiana. He graduated from Chester Township High School, North Manchester, Indiana, in 1953. He attended Manchester College two years where he met and married Rose Bilderback in July 1955.

Larry served three years in the armed forces with the U. S. Air Force. He served a year and a half overseas in England. He was released from active duty in 1958, and immediately entered Ashland College where he graduated in 1960. He is in his final year at Ashland Theological Seminary, and will graduate in June.

He was baptized in 1942, and is a member of the First Brethren Church, North Manchester. He has served two separate student pastorates for over five years.

Larry and Rose have three children, David age eight, Susan age five and Jon age 20 months. Both have received training at the Summer Institute of Linguistics at the University of North Dakota. They presently are approved candidates of the Brethren Mission Board for service in Nigeria, Africa.

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

HOW MANY MINUTES FOR GOD?

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time (Colossians 4:5).

DO YOU KNOW how many minutes there are in a year? Computation will inform you that there are 525,600 minutes in one year. That is a lot of minutes—how many of them do we spend for God?

Did you ever stop to think how much can be accomplished in one minute? We can send a card of cheer to someone who is ill, discouraged, sorrowful. In less than one minute, we can speak a kind word to some lonely, disheartened person. In one minute, one can make a telephone call to some shut-in to let him know that someone cares. In one minute, we can say a good word for someone whose good name is being attacked. In one minute, one can offer a prayer for himself or someone in trouble. Oh, there are countless things one can do in one minute, and all helpful.

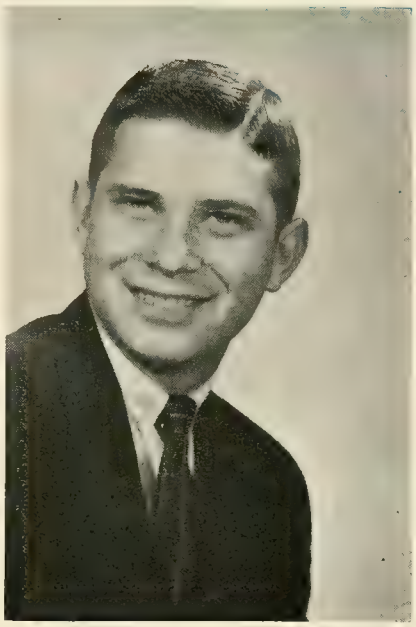
Each one of us has 525,600 of these minutes each year at our disposal. Might we not better consider if what we do with God’s gift of time is pleasing unto Him. What do we do with TIME?

ARDEN GILMER

Salutatorian

Class of 1965

ASHLAND COLLEGE



ARDEN E. GILMER, son of Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Gilmer, Roann, Indiana, has been named the Salutatorian of the Class of 1965 at Ashland College. He had an academic average of 3.699 out of a possible 4.000, and there is only one student in his graduating class who had a higher average.

He has been a member of the Gospel Team, a student assistant to Professor Reichard in the History Department, and Director of Youth Work at the First Methodist Church in Ashland.

Arden has set an extremely fine example as a person and a student during the past four years at Ashland College. In the fall he will be entering Ashland Theological Seminary to pursue his studies for the ministry.

All of us should be extremely proud of the excellent records made by Brethren students at Ashland College. In reviewing the records of the last six years, it is noted that a Brethren student was either second highest or highest in each year. In 1960 Beverly Summy, Acting Youth Director, was salutatorian; in 1961 Betty Meyers of Berlin, Pennsylvania was salutatorian; in 1962 Nancy Clark Kopp of Canton, Ohio was valedictorian; in 1963 Sandra Borton of North Georgetown, Ohio was valedictorian; in 1964 Terry Morgan of Ashland, now a student in the Seminary, was valedictorian; and in 1965 Arden Gilmer was salutatorian.

The Brethren Layman

BOYS' BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM FOR JULY by Rex McConahay

CHARACTERISTICS AND OFFICES OF CHRIST

EACH ONE OF US must answer the question, "What am I going to do with Christ?" This lesson describes Christ and some of His characteristics and names, both human and divine, so we may learn more about Him and His will for our lives.

I. Human characteristics

A. He is the Son of Man
Matthew 1:23
Matthew 16:13
Psalm 8:4, 5
Revelation 14:14

B. He is the High Priest
Hebrews 3:1
Hebrews 4:14

C. He is the Leader or Chief Captain
Isaiah 55:4
Micah 5:2
Hebrews 2:10

D. He is the Messiah, Christ, King of Israel
Matthew 2:4
Matthew 16:16
Luke 23:2
John 1:49

E. He showed emotion
1. Anger—John 2:13-17
2. Sorrow—John 11:33-36

F. He suffered pain
Luke 22:44
Matthew 17:46-48

G. He was tempted
Matthew 4:1-11

II. Divine Characteristics

A. He lived a perfect life
I Peter 2:21-24
I John 3:5
John 19:4

B. He is the Son of God
I Chronicles 17:13
Luke 1:35
Matthew 3:17
John 3:16, 17
John 20:31
Mark 1:1

C. He is the Word of the Lord
Psalm 33:6
Isaiah 40:8
John 1:1-5
Revelation 19:13

D. He is the Lamb of God
Isaiah 53:7
John 1:29
I Peter 1:19

E. He is the God of Israel
Matthew 15:31
Matthew 22:32
Psalm 41:13

F. He is the Lord of Hosts
Psalm 24:10
Philippians 2:9-11

G. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords
Psalm 89:27
Revelation 19:16

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

SPRING RALLY PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT

ON FRIDAY EVENING, May 28, the Brethren laymen of the Pennsylvania District met in their 1965 Spring Rally in the beautiful auditorium of the Pleasant View, Vandergrift church. Fifty-five men answered the call. Paul Swenk of the host church called the meeting to order and presided over the devotional service of the evening. He led the group in several songs with Joe Magoe at the piano. Brief devotions were conducted by Leroy and Orville Boyer. The Vinco Male Quartet composed of Lester Leidy, Lavelle Horner, James and Jacob Mackall, rendered a beautiful number. Floyd Benshoff played a trombone solo followed by another number by the quartet. The speaker of the evening was introduced by John Lynch, who presented a layman from the Deer Creek U. P. Church, Mr. Jack Gilson. Mr. Gilson, not the flamboyant, flashy type of speaker, gave a quiet, warm witness to the power of the Spirit within him, and a cool appraisal of his own denomination's apparent drift into the valley of modernism. He had a dark

forecast for his own, or any denomination that seeks to change the basics that are based on the Word. He recommended an increase in our reading and studying of the Bible.

James I. Mackall, president, was in charge of the business session of the evening. The usual formalities were cared for and the treasurer, Clarence Howard, showed a balance of $132.22. It was pointed out that our financial goal until October Fall Rally is $700. Merits and demerits of the "mite box" idea were discussed. The challenge of the Second Brethren, Johnstown men was read. It seems the men of this church agree to raise $100 for the aforesaid district project if the remaining twenty-one churches of our district raise the other $600. District Conference sessions at Berlin, Pa., July 19-22 were announced. Work days at the new camp site were discussed and announced by Leroy Boyer. Rev. James Naff commended the laymen for the program for the Boys' Brotherhood. Rev. Tom Kidder, new pastor of the Brush Valley church was introduced. An offering was lifted, and the meeting was closed with prayer by Floyd Benshoff.

A fine "ten o'clock snack," hot meat loaf sandwiches and all the accessories, was provided for us by the host men in the basement of the new parsonage of pastor Rev. Richard Godwin.

Floyd Benshoff, secretary

The DEAN of the SEMINARY writes - - -

Dear Mr. Benshoff:

I am writing you as an officer in the Brethren Laymen's Organization to express the Seminary's deep appreciation for the national project of books for the Seminary library. May I assure you, again, that this gift is used to the glory of God in the training of the Christian ministers in the Brethren Church, pastors, and missionaries. Both students and faculty are grateful for the materials which are provided out of the funds of the national Laymen's project.

The big news this year is the building of the new Seminary library. I just came from the building, itself, and I am happy to report that they are ahead of schedule. They certainly will have it completed by September 1, God willing. This new building will provide capacity for 50,000 volumes, forty private study areas for students, six typing rooms, an archives room to care for historic papers of the Brethren Church, three new class rooms, a parking area for thirty cars, and the renovation of the present building. We are confident that this new building will be excellent in both facility and quality. Our Seminary program has been hampered to this point because of the lack of facilities. Now we can go full speed ahead in our teaching program.

This year we have expended approximately $5,000 for library materials, apart from any library staff salaries. This $5,000 is made up from the library's $2,500, $1,500 from student fees, $500 from the institution and $400 special gift. Although this seems like a lot of money, it is still insufficient to buy all the books that we need. We now have approximately 10,000 volumes, and we need 30,000 volumes in the next three years to be fully accredited. Thus, you can understand the vital need for the continuance of this project.

In His name we thank you again, as men of God, for this essential project. The Brethren Church and the Seminary have a sacred relationship in the preaching of the Gospel. With warmest Christian regards, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
J. R. Shultz, Dean
Ashland Theological Seminary

Ye Ed adds:

Thank you, Mr. Shultz, for the kind words. We trust these funds will be administered wisely. And to my fellow laymen, the project referred to above is the $30,000 commitment we made some few years ago to supply books to the Seminary library. We hope the officers in every local Laymen's group is taking seriously the call which will be made Thursday morning in the name of a "Feast of Ingathering" at the 8 o'clock Laymen's session of General Conference. We expect and hope that this year's portion of the above project will be raised at that time, but it takes lots of preparation before hand.

Why not join the TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

from the Woman's Outlook

SPIRITUAL PLANTING

by MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

ONE EVENING IN MAY when Russell was planting corn, I took his supper to the field. I decided I could help him, so I stayed and had the fertilizer sacks opened and kept the jeep near where the planter would stop which was every fourth round.

It was a beautiful evening. I really enjoyed sitting in the jeep and just being close to nature. The oats fields were green and the trees in the woods near by had taken on their dress of green. As I looked at the woods I remembered when just five years ago a freak wind storm dipped down and really made a mess out of the woods. Now, no one would guess that it once looked so rugged. It took cutting, sawing and pruning. Really, it took an experienced man with a chain saw, and then, with Mother Nature nourishing the woods, it looks so inviting again.

This reminded me of our lives. Storms and destruction such as tragedy of death, illness and disappointments strike us. Many times we need the help of an experienced Christian worker along with the love of God that we may blossom out in even greater faith and service.

As I was waiting for Russell to finish, I thought of how farming has changed. The field was plowed, disked and cultipacked, then Anhydrous Ammonia Nitrate was applied to the ground. Then the ground was disked and cultipacked again, and, finally, the corn planted. There were fertilizer and bug killer attachments on the corn planter. Then before the corn comes through the ground, the fields are sprayed with Atrazine.

All these sprays and gases can be harmful to the health of the farmer. When Russell was getting the Ammonia Nitrate applicator ready to return to the Fertilizer Co., the valves accidentally were opened. He yelled for me to keep the doors closed, and by the time he got into the basement, got a wet towel over his face and got it turned off, the fumes had killed all the shrubbery and grass between the house and the barn. I wondered how anything so damaging could increase the yield of corn fifty to seventy-five percent.

Again I thought of our spiritual lives. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a spiritual spray that would cause our lives to yield greater faith and service to Him? Then only if there was a spray that would kill bad habits, jealousy and indifference. But we do have these very two things in the work of the Holy Spirit. In Galatians 3:22, 23 we read about the fruit of the Spirit. As we study this fruit we find it has three segments, of which the first affects our relationship with Christ. We are promised love, joy and peace as we trust in Him. The next segment affects our relationship with our fellow men such as longsuffering, gentleness, goodness and faithfulness. The last segment is temperance which affects each of us physically as well as spiritually as we are temperate in all things. I can understand why Jesus taught by parables. Many earthly stories, with the right application, can have a heavenly meaning.

As I waited for Russell, I did miss our dog. He is getting too old to go to the field. Even though he is too old for active duty, I am sure he has many wonderful memories of rides in the jeep and faithfully following the tractor back and forth across the fields. So as we grow too old for active Christian service, I pray we will have memories of a dedicated service to our Master.

World Religious News in Review

C & MA CONVENTION BUSINESS TAKES HARD LOOK AT STATUS QUO

MINNEAPOLIS (EP)—Some 1,471 delegates of the Sixty-eighth General Council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance were warned here that they can expect a sharp decline in the number of active missionaries unless more candidates can be found. . . .

Adopted a statement of faith describing the Bible as "inerrant as originally given . . ."

Heard their foreign secretary Louis L. King charge that the growing belief in Protestantism that all men will be saved will adversely affect missionary work . . .

And witnessed a "world missions in review" program at the Minneapolis Armory where a total of 5,000 people gathered to see 130 mis-

sionaries from twenty-four countries take part in a procession as they wore costumes of the countries where they serve.

The Council also elected Dr. V. Raymond Edman, chancellor and former president of Wheaton College, Illinois to a three-year term as editor of *The Alliance Witness* magazine. Edman will succeed Dr. Nathan Bailey who has been filling temporarily a dual role as president of *The Alliance* and editor of *The Witness*. Dr. Edman was an Alliance missionary in South America before embarking on his educational career.

The Council re-elected heads of three other Alliance departments: Dr. Gilbert H. Johnson was renamed education secretary; the Rev. L. W. Pippert, home secretary, and the Rev. Louis L. King, foreign secretary. All are from New York.

CANADIAN CHURCH PRESS CHARGES GOVERNMENT BIAS IN ADVERTISING

OTTAWA, ONT. (EP)—Canadian government agencies were charged here with practicing "discrimination" against church-related periodicals in advertising contracts.

The criticism came in a statement adopted by members of the Canadian Church Press at their annual meeting. The CCP embraces fifteen publications with an aggregate circulation of 700,000. Canadian government agencies contract with various advertising agencies to promote such things as annuities, savings bonds, tourist travel, military recruitment, and fisheries. At the present time only a token amount of such advertising appears in church-related publications.

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NOTES and COMMENTS

THE SALUTATORIAN ADDRESS
1965 Graduating Class of Ashland College

MR. ARDEN GILMER was the Salutatorian of the 1965 graduating class of Ashland College. Arden is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Herber Gilmer of Roann, Indiana. He is married and has one son.

The address which he delivered at the Ashland College Chapel Service on Wednesday, June 2 is found on page 21 of this issue of the magazine. Be sure to read this address for it gives us an insight of what a fine Christian young man Arden is.

Arden will be entering the Ashland Theological Seminary this coming September to train himself for the Brethren Ministry.

The Brethren Church should be very proud of this young man and we wish to congratulate him on this achievement.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

YOU WILL find on page 12 of this issue of *The Brethren Evangelist* the program of the Southeastern District Conference which will be held in the First Brethren Church in Oak Hill West Virginia. The dates of this conference are July 13 and 14.

This is the last of our summer district conferences for this year. The Central District Conference will be held in Waterloo, Iowa, in September; and the Mid-West District Conference will be held in Morrill, Kansas, in October.

DOUBLE PORTION

YOU WILL NOTE that there are two weeks of "Children's Devotions" in this issue of our magazine. The reason for this is that there will be no issue printed on July 24 since this is vacation time for the shop and for the Editorial Offices.

The dates of this vacation are July 12-25 at which time the Editor's office will be closed and also the entire print shop.



the editor's editorial

A Nation Prays

THE FOLLOWING item appeared in our news service from the Evangelical Press Association which your Editor thought would be of interest to the readers of this magazine.

"President Johnson: 'Our Prayers have been Answered'

"Most surely, as the powerful Titan II lifted Gemini 4 off the launching pad at 10:26 A. M., June 3, the prayers of many people went up with U. S. Air Force Majors Edward White and James McDivitt.

"At least we know the President of the United States prayed for the venture.

" 'Our prayers have been answered,' he said as the countdown was finished and the capsule flung into orbit.

"We're left to wonder for what President Johnson had prayed. Had he asked God to put the U. S. a space leap ahead of the close-orbiting Soviets? If so, was this to prove God by placing Him on the side of the finest rocketry?

"If the President meant he had prayed for the safety of the two American 'spies' he had sent into space, how had his prayers been answered at blast-off when the worst dangers still lay ahead?

"Or had he prayed for the preparatory stages of the Gemini mission to add another feather to his administrative cap?

"Anyhow, he prayed. And a nation prayed with him.

"At the Seabrook Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, the Rev. Conrad W. Winborn, Jr. told the congregation that 'James McDivitt and our own Ed White are constantly in our prayers.' Listening were Mrs. White and the couple's children, Eddie, 11, and Bonnie Lynn, 9.

"Mrs. McDivitt and her two youngest children, Patrick, 4, and Ann Lynn, 6, attended Mass at St. Paul's Catholic Church of nearby Clear Lake. Msgr. George Bodin of Lafayette, La., who celebrated the Mass, prayed for the safe return of the astronauts, saying 'they represent those who serve, however common the task, with dedication.'

"Pat McDivitt attended Mass every day since her husband began his space flight. But this was not unusual. She goes to church every day of the year.

"John Glenn prayed to the God he knew personally and worshipped Him as he sped out there in space. But from blast-off to splash down, no word of supplication in our hearing came from the most recent space twins as they gambolled about in space.

"Let us hope that intercession has not ended, now that space probes are becoming commonplace and knowledge is increasing. 'Our prayers have been answered' indeed for this Lilliputian leap into space. But there will be more flights and greater orbits and moons to go before we sleep."

This news item was written by Norman B. Rohrer, the new director of the E.P.A. News Service.

It is interesting to note that even after all of the furor of two years ago when prayer in the public school became illegal by action of the Supreme Court, that there are still men in high places that believe in prayer. And, they exercise this belief. No doubt there were many Americans who continued in prayer for this flight during the entire four days.

It is certainly encouraging to know that our President realizes the power of prayer, and no doubt many of the other officials of our land recognize this power. If only all Christians in America today would devote more time to intercessory prayer for our leaders. Too often we think of them as politicians, crooked politicians, that is, and do not consider them worthy of our prayers. Our Scripture teaches us that we are to support our leaders, those in authority, and there is no better way than through intercessory prayer. They should be first on our lists! Our praying should not be limited to space flights, but should be continuously for our nation at all times.

Let's remember to pray for our leaders! S.G.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from the Gospel of St. John

Memory Scripture for the month — John 15:14

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

July 11 - 24

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 1965

Read Scripture: John 1:1-5

Time To Worship

"Everybody in?" asked Dad.

"Yes," answered the children.

"Then we're on our way," said Dad as he started the car.

"I'm sorry to leave," said Linda. She looked back at the place where they had camped.

"It was fun," said Gary.

"Yes," agreed Mom. "But I'll be glad to get home. I'll be glad to fix meals in my kitchen. I'll be glad for the bathtub for dirty children."

"Who's dirty?" asked Gary.

"None of you now, I hope," laughed Mom.

"You better not be," added Dad. "You know where our first stop is, don't you?"

"Church!" answered Linda.

"Yes," nodded Dad. "We'll stop in this first town and go to church."

"I'm glad we can worship God wherever we are," said Gary.

"It's good to know," added Mom, "that God's light shines in all parts of our country. Not all people worship Him, but His light is there."

"Church!" shouted Betsy when Daddy stopped the car. "Go to church!"

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my church. Help me to remember it is important to attend all the services. Help me to remember it is important to take time to worship wherever I may be. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 12, 1965

Read Scripture: John 1:6-12

For All People

"What's this?" asked Gary.

"It's an Indian mission," answered Dad. "We're on an Indian Reservation."

"Can we go in?" asked Linda. "Do they have church here?"

"Yes, to both of your questions," said Dad.

The family got out of the car. They went up the walk to the church. An Indian woman was sitting inside. "Come in," she smiled. "We like to have people visit our church."

She took them through the church. She told them many interesting stories about the building and the early missionaries. When they came back to the entrance she said, "We are glad Jesus came to be a Savior for all people."

"So are we!" declared Dad. "Thank you for showing us around."

"Oh, yes, thank you," added Gary and Linda.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank You for coming to be my Savior. Thank You for coming to be the Savior for all people. Help me to remember that all those who love You are God's children. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1965

Read Scripture: John 3:1-8

A Birthday

The Kellers had camped all night on the Indian reservation. This morning they watched a blanket weaver and a pottery maker at work.

Mom bought a brightly colored vase from the pottery maker. Linda bought a doll blanket at the weaver's shop.

"I'd like a real Indian arrow head," said Gary.

An Indian boy heard him. "Come to my father's shop," he said. "You will find many there from which to choose."

"Good!" said Gary. "I'll go with you. What's your name?"

"My Indian name is Running Deer," replied the boy. "Today's my birthday."

"Happy birthday," said Gary. "How old are you?"

"One," answered Running Deer.

"You're joking," laughed Gary. "You're older than one."

"This is my Christian birthday," explained Running Deer. "It was one year ago today I accepted Jesus as my Savior."

"He's my Savior, too," smiled Gary. "Happy, happy birthday!"

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Jesus, my Savior. Help me to find ways to tell others about Him so they may have two birthdays, also. In His name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1965

Read Scripture: John 3:14-17

Saved

"Betsy, stay back!" shouted Gary.

He ran to his little sister. He took her by the hand. He led her away from the edge of the road back to the picnic table.

"You stay with us," he told her. "The road is for cars and trucks not little girls."

"You're a watchful brother," smiled Mom.

"What you just did reminded me of Jesus," said Dad.

"How's that?" wondered Gary.

"The Bible," explained Dad, "tells us Jesus came not to scold us, but to save us."

"I see what you mean," said Linda. "Gary didn't scold Betsy. He brought her back from the dangers of the road. He showed her the safe place to be."

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for coming to be my Savior. Help me to follow You each day. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1965
Read Scripture: John 3:34-36

Home

"Hi, Steve!" called Gary. "We're home."

Gary's best friend ran to him. "Boy, is it ever good to see you! When did you get home?"

"About seven o'clock last night," answered Gary.

"Did you have a good time? What did you do?" asked Steve.

"We visited the Rogers," replied Gary. "Then we camped in the national forest for a week. We stopped at an Indian Reservation this week."

"That sounds like lots of fun," said Steve. "What was the best part of your trip?"

"It was all so much fun," said Gary, "it would be hard to choose the best. I think something I learned is the most important."

"What's that?" wondered Steve.

"Everywhere we went," Gary said, "we met Christians. God sent Jesus to be a Savior for everyone. No matter who they are or where they live if they love Jesus they have eternal life."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to remember Your love is for everyone. Show me ways to tell others of Jesus and eternal life. In His name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1965
Read Scripture: John 4:7-14

Thirsty

"I'm thirsty," said Gary as he came into the kitchen. He turned on the faucet and drew a glass of water. "We've been playing tag."

"Queenie's thirsty, too," said Mom. "Look at her drink the water in her dish."

"Yes," laughed Gary. "She's been running with me."

"I suppose," Mom said, "you'll go out and play some more."

Gary nodded.

"You'll get thirsty again," reminded Mom.

"Sure. Doesn't everybody?" asked Gary.

Mom smiled. "Yes, thirsty for water."

"But not thirsty for God's love when you know Jesus," laughed Gary. "At first I didn't know what you meant. Then I remembered the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the good cool water I drink everyday. Thank You for Jesus Who shows me Your love. In His name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1965
Read Scripture: John 4:19-24

Worship

"Come to breakfast," called Mom.

"I have the Bible, Dad," said Gary.

When the family was at the table, Daddy opened the Bible. "Do you know why we have devotions every morning?" he asked.

"To worship God," said Gary.

"Yes," nodded Dad.

"Church," said Betsy. "Worship God at church."

"That's right," laughed Daddy. "We do worship God at church. But once a week isn't enough. If we truly love Him we will think of Him often."

"Church!" said Betsy again. "Worship God at church."

"Tomorrow we will go to church," said Mommy. "Now we will worship Him here at home."

"Yes," added Gary. "We worship God wherever we are."

Prayer:

Dear God, I love You and want to worship You often. Help me to remember that I can worship You wherever I am. Help me to remember to think of You and Your goodness everyday. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 1965
Read Scripture: John 4:31-38

Harvest Time

The Kellers were driving to grandpa's farm after church.

"Most of the wheat has been harvested," said Mom.

"There's a field that hasn't," said Gary.

"That farmer will probably do it this week," replied Dad.

"Jesus didn't mean the wheat fields," said Linda, "when He told the disciples the harvest was ready. What did He mean?"

"He meant the people were ready to hear about God," answered Dad. "He was saying those of us who love God should be telling others."

"If we wait too long," added Mom, "they will be lost—just as the farmer will lose his wheat crop if he doesn't harvest it."

Prayer:

Dear God, I want others to learn of You. Help me to say and do the things I should so others will come to know You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 19, 1965
Read Scripture: John 5:1-9

Sick Betsy

"What's wrong with Betsy?" asked Linda.

Her sister was sleeping on the davenport.

"She has a fever and isn't feeling well," answered Mom. "It's hard to know what is wrong when a little one is sick."

"Did you call the doctor?" wondered Linda.

"Yes," nodded Mom. "He said to give her aspirin and to let him know how she is in the morning."

"I don't like for Betsy to be sick," Linda said. "Can't Dr. Green make her better right now?"

"No," laughed Mom. "If he could he would be even busier than he is now. There's only One who can heal immediately."

"I know," said Linda. "It's Jesus. I know, too, that He doesn't usually heal that quickly. He works through the doctors. I'll ask Him to help Betsy."

"That's the thing to do," agreed Mom. "He can help Dr. Green to know what medicine would be best for her."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the doctors and nurses. Help them to know what to do for each one who is sick. Help those who are sick in the way You know is best. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1965
Read Scripture: John 5:19-24

Dad Told Me

"Hurry, Linda," called Gary.

Linda came running into the house. "What are you so excited about?"

"We're going to the planetarium," Gary told her.

"I've always wanted to go there," said Linda. "But how do you know we're going?"

"Dad told me," answered Gary.

"Then we're really going," declared Linda. "Let's hurry and get ready!"

The children knew they were going because Dad told them they were. When our parents tell us something we know it is true and we obey.

It is the same way with our Heavenly Father. He has told us Jesus is our Savior. He has said if we believe this we will have eternal life.

Do you believe?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my Bible. I'm glad it tells me of You. Help me to listen and believe. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1965
Read Scripture: John 6:5-14

A Picnic

"We visited the planetarium last night," Linda told Judy.

"Was it fun?" her friend wanted to know.

"Oh, yes," answered Linda. "I didn't know there were so many interesting things to learn about the stars."

"We went to the lake," said Judy. "We went swimming and then had a corn roast."

"That sounds good," Linda said.

"It was!" declared Judy. "We ate every bit of it!"

"Oh," laughed Linda, "you didn't have a picnic like Jesus. He had more food left when everyone was through eating than when they started."

"No, we didn't have one like that," said Judy. "Ours just fed our hungry family. Jesus fed the hungry people and proved He is God's Son."

"Yes," nodded Linda. "Only God's Son could have a picnic like that."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I'm glad the Bible tells of the many wonderful things You did while on earth. Help me to remember these stories and to tell them to others. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1965
Read Scripture: John 6:26-29

A Family

Gary and Linda put the rabbits on the ground to eat grass.

"It's hard to believe these are the same rabbits we took to the farm before our vacation," said Linda.

"Yes," agreed Gary. "They really have grown."

"They still love Queenie," laughed Linda. "See, they're running to her now."

"She loves them, too," added Gary.

"And I think Mittens believes they are her brothers and sisters," said Linda. "Here she comes to join the family fun!"

"They are a family," said Gary, because they love one another. They have accepted Queenie as their mother. They obey her and she loves and protects them."

"It's the same way in God's family," reminded Linda. "When we believe He is our heavenly Father, we love and obey Him."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I can be a part of Your family. Thank You for loving me and watching over me. Help me to do the things I should this day. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1965
Read Scripture: John 6:35-40

Queenie's New Baby

Queenie was resting on the grass under the big tree. A tiny squirrel ran close to her and chattered. Queenie opened her eyes and wagged her tail. The little squirrel ran to Queenie and cuddled close to her side. Queenie began licking it with her tongue.

"Oh, no!" laughed Gary. "Queenie has another baby!"

"What a funny dog!" exclaimed Linda. "Besides her own puppies she has cared for a kitten, three rabbits, and now this squirrel!"

"She reminds me of a Bible verse," said Dad.

"Which one?" wondered Gary.

"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out," answered Dad.

"That's Queenie alright," said Linda. "She will take care of any little animal that needs a mother."

"It's Jesus, of course, that's speaking in that verse," reminded Dad. "He is telling us that anyone who comes to Him, He will accept."

"He won't send anyone away," added Gary.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I'm glad You are my Savior. I want to do what I can to help others to learn of You. Amen.

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1965
Read Scripture: John 8:28-32

Disciples

The young rabbits were playing around the hedge by the walk. Queenie barked calling them to her. They hopped quickly towards her.

"See the rabbits come when Queenie calls them?" asked Linda.

"Yes," nodded Gary. "They are not too big to obey her."

"That's the way we should be," said Dad. "Sometimes people think they don't need God anymore. Then they don't listen for His voice or obey Him."

"I want to always hear His voice," declared Gary. "I want to know He is near."

"Jesus told us people who continue to follow Him are His disciples," said Dad.

"I'm His disciple, too," added Linda.

Are you?

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for showing me how to live. I want to be Your disciple and stay close to You everyday. Amen.

ESAU the MAN

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

XXXVII

IN SEARCHING for the elements of the family trouble which have plagued the world even until today, some thought must be given to the character and posterity of Esau also.

In the character and conduct of Esau may be read the kind of people or tribal distinctions of his posterity. This is especially true in the light of the origins of his wives and the blended blood streams of his children.

Heredity plays astonishing games in the selection of the genes which accompany every procreation. Biologists tell us that each individual born into the world carries in his constitution forty-eight genes, twenty-four from each parent. These genes possess the traits, gathered from thousands of antecedent possibilities of converging ancestry. The dominant traits make up the character of each individual, at least from the hereditary standpoint. The influence of environment will not be discussed here. That the choice of the controlling characteristics, from the great storehouse of the past, is in the hand of God and not mere chance, seems substantiated by the answer of God to Rebekah's inquiry. When the unborn twins struggled within her, she asked, *If it be so, why am I thus?* Hear the reply, *Two nations are in thy womb, And two peoples shall be separated from thy bowels: And the one people shall be stronger than the other people; And the elder shall serve the younger* (Gen. 25:23).

Esau was born first. Was Jacob to have been the first born? Esau was the stronger. In the labor, his superior ruggedness brought him to delivery before the weaker twin, Jacob; yet the fact could not thwart the plans of God when He selected the genes of both of the boys. Jacob had the preparation before birth to be the deposit of the chosen seed, while Esau was given the sturdiness of character and physique to prevail in the desert life of Seir.

Esau was an outdoors man. He loved the chase and the hunt, and his famous venison stew endeared him to his father, Isaac. He was a rough and ready redhead. He was a man who lived for the satisfaction of the appetites. A gross materialist, he could not appreciate the spiritual values accompanying the birthright and the promises. A man of the flesh, he cared nothing about keeping the family blood pure, but fraternized with the natives of the land and took to wife two daughters of the Hittites; Judith, the daughter of Beeri and Basemath, the daughter of Elon. These to be the mothers of a part of his sons.

How true the poet who said, *Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest of these it might have been.* When Esau saw that his parents were grieved because of his choice of wives, and had sent Jacob away to the family circle in Padan-Aram for marriage, he sought to make amends by taking as his third wife his cousin, Mahalath, daughter of Ishmael. Later it is stated that there were children born to Esau by Adah and Oholibamah who were apparently Horites of the land of Seir. Thus the family of Esau with these unions produced a strange mixture and doubtless a further blending with the Horites, whom he conquered in Seir, resulted in the tribal distinction of the Edomites.

In Deuteronomy it is said, *The Horites also dwelt in Seir aforetime, but the children of Esau succeeded them; and they destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead.*

It must not be forgotten that throughout all of the vicissitudes of Esau and the Edomites, God had a hand. When, in due course of time, the children of Israel were on the way from Egypt via Mount Sinai and the desert, God spoke unto Moses, saying, *Ye have compassed this mountain* (Seir) *long enough; turn you northward. And command thou the people, saying, Ye are to pass through the borders of your brethren the children of Esau, that dwell in Seir; and they will be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore; contend not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as for the sole of the foot to tread on; because I have given Mount Seir unto Esau for a possession* (Deut. 2:4, 5).

When God decreed that Rebekah should bear twins, Esau had a place in His plans as well as Jacob. As long as Isaac lived there was interchange between Esau and Jacob, but the death of Isaac introduced a new order. Genesis 35:29 tersely states, *And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, old and full of days: and Esau and Jacob his sons buried him.* When the father was gone it appears that the brothers were through with each other. It is quite probable that Esau turned to his cold blooded purpose, expressed when his father had declared as final, his blessing of Jacob (Gen. 27:37, 41) *And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.* When the mourning season was accomplished, the biblical record does not state what occurred, but there is a story in the "Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs," the purported testament of Judah, the fourth son of Jacob. It reads as follows, *Eighteen years we abode at peace, our father and we, with his brother Esau, and his sons with us, after that we came from Mesopotamia, from Laban. And when eighteen years were fulfilled, in the fortieth year of my life, Esau, the brother of my father, came upon us with much people and strong; and he fell by the bow of Jacob, and was taken up dead in Mount Seir: even as he went above Iramna was he slain. And we pursued after the sons of Esau. Now they had a city with walls of iron and gates of brass; and we could not enter into it, and we encamped around, and besieged them. And when they opened not to us after twenty days, I set up a ladder in the sight of all, and with my shield upon my head I climbed up, assailed with stones of three talents weight; and*

I climbed up, and slew four who were mighty among them. And the next day Reuben and Gad entered in and slew sixty others. Then they asked from us terms of peace; and being aware of our father's purpose, we received them as tributaries. And they gave us two hundred cors of wheat, five hundred baths of oil, fifteen hundred measures of wine, until we went down into Egypt.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

PILGRIMS

We are but pilgrims on this earth,
Bound for our heav'nly Home
And when we reach that Gloryland
No more we'll need to roam.

This world so fraught with trials and care
Is not our resting place;
One day we'll hear His "Enter thou"
In Heaven to dwell by grace.

To all the riches of His Home,
With Christ we are made heir;
In its eternal, heav'nly joy
He's granted us a share.

We are but pilgrims in this world,
We have not long to stay;
Yes, praise the Lord, though pilgrims here,
We're on the homeward way.

—Louise F. Klink

WHEN ANYONE ENTERS the Christian life through the new birth, it is as though he were embarking on a voyage toward heaven (Heb. 12:1, 2, 22-24). He may have to pass through many storms, and the waves of temptation and trial will buffet him; but in the end, in spite of shipwreck, all may land in safety (Acts 27:44). An outline of the Christian's voyage follows:

Travelers, make sure of your places on board, for there is only one vessel that will ever reach that beautiful land (Jn. 14:6; Acts 4:12).
Name of the ship: Ship of the Gospel (Rom. 1:16).
Embarkation port: City of destruction (II Peter 3:10).
End of the voyage: Immanuel's land (Heb. 11:6).
Time of departure: Today (Heb. 3:7, 8).
Fare: Without money and without price (Isa. 53:1).
Captain's name: Jesus Christ (Heb. 2:10).
Crew: Workers together (II Cor. 6:1).
Passengers: Sinners saved by grace (Rom. 5:1, 2).
Sea to be crossed: Time (Rev. 6:10).
Lighthouse: The Holy Scriptures (Ps. 119:105).
Compass: The Truth (Jn. 8:32).
Sails: Faith and love (II Thess. 1:3).
Wind: The Holy Spirit (Jn. 6:63).
Provisions: Grace (Isa. 55:2).
Anchor: Hope (Heb. 6:19).
All are invited (Jn. 6:37).
Take your place on the Gospel ship to Glory without delay (II Cor. 6:2).
Let the "faith of our fathers" be living still (Heb. 11:13-16).
Benediction: Jude 1:24, 25.

Lord Jesus, as we journey Home
O'er desert sands of time,
Help us to share Thy wondrous grace
With souls who are not Thine.
Forbid, dear Lord, that we should fail
To tell them of Thy love,
And show them how to find the way
That leads to Heaven above.
Thou hast so freely given us
The riches of Thy grace,
May we in turn let others know
That God can sin erase.
Our journey here will soon be o'er;
Our course is nearly run;
How happy then should be our lot
If souls for Thee we've won.

—Pearl Eckberg

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for July 11, 1965

OUR CONTINUING RESPONSE

Text: Philippians 3:7-16; Romans 8:26-28

THE DAY THAT a person is saved by the grace of God is the day that he BEGINS to live. The response to the altar call and going through the waters of baptism is no more a sign of Christian maturity than the cry of a newborn infant in the hospital nursery is evidence that human beings are born in full maturity of life. Our fellowship of love with Jesus Christ is something that continues and develops over the years.

Righteousness is by Faith in Christ—Phil. 3:7-9

Paul at one time had counted the keeping of the Jewish law the way in which one would be counted righteous (3:7). But Paul found only wretchedness in his soul under the law (Romans 7:24).

What Paul could not find in the law, he found in Jesus Christ (Phil. 3:8, 9). While he found the law of the Lord enlightening, he found it necessary to discard it and attainments under it so far as righteousness was concerned. By faith we touch Christ and receive His declared righteousness.

Gains Made by Faith—Phil. 3:10-16

a. Paul came to know Jesus as his Savior.
b. Paul came to know Christ's power of the resurrection. The day of the resurrection meant for Paul eternal and perfect fellowship with Jesus—his highest goal in life.
c. He came to know fellowship with Jesus in the area of mutual suffering with and for Jesus.

These objects in life come with continuing fellowship with the Source of Life. Once fellowship and the faith relation is broken, the goal is lost.

Our Help by Faith—Romans 8:26-28

The sons of God are led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14). By the help of the Spirit, we are enabled to continue in righteousness. The work that God does for us in life is not done once and for always but is continuing day by day throughout life.

REV. CLYDE W. TAYLOR



REV. CLYDE W. TAYLOR, General Director and Director of Public Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals, and Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, has served evangelicals in Washington, D. C., since October, 1944. The Washington office was established to assist foreign mission agencies during World War II, and since has become a focal point of missionary service and information.

Before coming to Washington, Dr. Taylor was pastor of one of the larger Baptist churches of metropolitan Boston and taught at Gordon College of Theology and Missions. Prior to this pastorate, he served three terms as a missionary in South America with the Christian and Missionary Alliance, first among the Inca and savage Campa Indians of Peru, and later, with Mrs. Taylor, ten years in an unevangelized area of Colombia. The ill health of Mrs. Taylor finally necessitated the suspension of their work in Colombia.

Through the efforts of Dr. Taylor, an office has been established which serves the interest of more than 100 evangelical foreign mission boards. By maintaining liaison with the U. S. and foreign governments, this office has become an effective voice in behalf of evangelicals in this country as well as those in missionary service overseas. In addition to the members of the National Association of Evangelicals and the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, many other evangelicals are served.

Dr. Taylor, now well known in evangelical circles everywhere, has traveled extensively both in this country and abroad. These journeys in the interest of world missions have taken him to 92 countries visiting mission fields, serving boards, and co-ordinating mission activities. This gives Dr. Taylor firsthand information concerning world conditions everywhere.

In addition, the Washington office, through its *Missionary News Service,* is a vital source of current world missionary news.

Due to his world-wide contacts and his strategic position in Washington, D. C., Dr. Taylor is one of our nation's best informed men on matters of interest to evangelicals.

Spiritual Meditations

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WOULD YOU HAVE STOOD UPON THE PLATE?

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing (Psalm 100:2).

THREE GIFTS there are that God bestows upon human beings. These gifts are time, talent and treasure. And for the earnest Christian, no day should be allowed to pass without God being thanked for these gifts. How much time do we spend each day in service for Christ and in His service?

A little girl, six years old, learned in Sunday school that true Christians sacrifice all that they have to Christ. Wishing to give circumstantial and visible proof of her personal dedication of herself and possessions to the Lord, she put a big plate on the floor, and on it she placed her best loved treasures. Her assembled treasures were as follows: her best loved doll, her picture book, and her money box. After brief meditation and heart-searching, she stepped upon the plate herself, and said, "Here you have me, dear Lord, with all I possess." (And a little child shall lead them.)

When we surrender our talents to the Lord, we get His blessing. The degree of our consecration determines the joy we experience; unselfish giving brings the greatest reward. Blessed are those who say daily, in their own hearts, "Everything for Jesus," and then live as they profess.

"All for Jesus, All for Jesus,
All my beings ransomed powers.
All for Jesus, All for Jesus,
All my days and all my hours."

MISSIONARY NEWS

BISCHOFS' RETURN

THE BISCHOFS returned to their field of service in September 1961, with Bobbie a two-year-old and Barbara just five years of age. The years in Nigeria have brought Bobbie to the age of preparation for Kindergarten and Barbara has already experienced three full years of schooling at the Hillcrest School for missionary children in Jos. Therefore, this furlough might be a little different from the others for the Bischofs, since Bobby and Barbara will be attending school in Ashland, Ohio.

The Missionary Home at 1014 Grant Street will be occupied by the Bischofs and it is only a short block to the school where the children are enrolled. It will be the first that Barbara has ever been able to live at home while attending school and this will bring many happy experiences to herself and her parents. In fact, Barbara hasn't even been at home for her past three birthdays. The Bischofs will surely be enjoying *togetherness* this furlough.

They will not be doing as much deputation as in past years and will be having a much-needed rest. Bob will be available to visit some of the churches and occasionally Bea will be free to accompany him when the children's school schedule will allow.

We list herewith the Bischof's return flight schedule, knowing that Brethren are always on the move and might be in the area to greet them. Also, we know you will want to remember them in prayers during their travels.

Thursday, July 15—Leaving Jos at 8:55—Kaduna 12:00
Arrive Lagos at 13:40
Leave Lagos at 21:15 by
Pan American Flight 151

Friday, July 16—Arrive New York at 07:05
Leave New York at 09:00
TWA 197
Arrive Pittsburgh, Pa., at 10:22

The missionaries on the field give so much of themselves all of the time and find little time for fellowship with other missionaries and next to no time at all for refreshment and fulfillment through listening to other religious leaders. Bischofs will be in Ashland shortly before General Conference and we know they are looking forward to the fellowship and the fine inspirational leaders and speakers.

Now that some of our missionaries are to be home with us, it seems timely to share once again a portion of Reverend Phil Lersch's sermon "Stay-Behind Missionaries" which appeared in the March 7, 1964, issue of *The Brethren Evangelist.*

"We must not only pay the way of the missionaries but, more important, the churches at home must be the spiritual force behind them, just as the church at Antioch was the power and the force and the spiritual thrust that sent forth the first missionaries, Barnabas and Saul. This is also our responsibility as stay-behind missionaries.

"We pride ourselves in living in a progressive nation, in being a progressive people. Yet in some things we are so backward. We rather expect the missionaries on furlough to give us a new charge about the importance of missions. But the Bible says we are to be the power and support to give the missionaries encouragement. The church in Antioch was the power that sent forth Barnabas and Saul. Often we expect the missionaries, not only to serve on the field, but to come home and stir up our enthusiasm, so that we have an interest in them and the Lord's work when they go back.

"If a missionary came home on furlough dejected, discouraged, tired, how much inspiration would he receive from us to go back and win the unsaved to Christ? If he came back to the refueling station, how much fuel would he get to go out again and continue to hold high the banner of the Gospel? . . ."

Are you prepared for the home coming of the Bischofs? It is not too soon to review your "fuel supply."

THE NEW LIFE FOR ALL CAMPAIGN

Nigeria: The New Life for All Campaign in Zaria and Plateau Provinces has been a tremendous success. The city crusades in Kafanchan, Bukuru, Jos, Zaria and Kanduna have resulted in thousands of decisions. The next move is in Bauchi and Niger Provinces—more than three million people and over 5,400 square miles of territory. The Sudan Interior Mission asks prayer for all other provinces that are anxious to begin soon.

World Wide Missionary Crusader

NIGERIAN PASTORS' RETREAT

by Robert Bischof

EARLY IN MAY, Pastor Daniel and I went to a Pastors' Retreat for all of the ministers and pastors of the church. It was held at the Kulp Bible School. We had an enjoyable time and received much food for our souls. Here, because of transportation difficulties, the pastors and ministers do not have opportunity often of meeting together. During the week there were Bible Studies. Opportunities for discussion of the work of the minister, as well as opportunity to discuss problems of the church was most important. Some of the problems discussed were the same as you have at home such as: drinking, smoking, inactive members, as well as loss of members, because they do not attend church and thus do not get a chance for spiritual renewal. Then there is also the great problem of the home. The ever present problem of many of the men going off to the big cities for work and leaving responsibility and needy wives and children behind.

Many times they do not then send money to help the wife support the children. There is one woman here at Mbororo whose husband left about three years ago. In that time he hasn't written to them and has only sent about six dollars. So the woman has a hard time getting food, clothing and paying fees for the children. You see the man in the pagan society does not assume much responsibility for the care of the children. The mother usually has to find money for clothing for them and medicine for them when they are sick. Recently a woman, the wife of a Christian man, came to the church committee complaining that in three years her husband hadn't even bought her a piece of cloth. So there is much teaching needed to instruct how people should live in the homes as Christians. So recently we have had Christian Home Week when lessons were given on the Christian Home. The people seem to appreciate them very much.

SUSAN BYLER'S Address Change

Susan Byler's address has changed for the summer months. She is employed as a telephone operator at the North End Hotel, Ocean Grove, New Jersey. If any of you are in the vicinity, we know Susan would be anxious to see you. Kindly take time to write to her.

MANY HELPING HANDS

THREE VOLUNTEERS came forward when there was an appeal from the Missionary Board for someone to transport the household furnishings of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tracy from Smithville and Ashland, Ohio, to Krypton where they have just moved into the newly refurbished Howard House.

James Sluss, Kenneth Green and Marlin Garber started the heavy task Friday, June 11, with Dorman Ronk and Delbert Mellinger providing assistance in getting a truck and helping in loading it. In addition to Tracy's possessions, we were able to transport all the donations to Krypton that had accumulated in the basement of the Missionary Offices since Pastors' Conference in May. The boxes had been sorted and put in order by women of the Park St. Church; namely, Mesdames R. A. Hazen, A. L. DeLozier, Charles Munson, John Porte, Edwin Boardman and Hilda Carpenter. It was thrilling to see the new homemade quilts, lovely starched and ironed clothing items and so many generous supplies donated from people all over the brotherhood.

The moving trio left bright and early Saturday morning and just at the edge of Columbus, Ohio, the brakes of the truck went out. The alert thinking and capable handling of the truck by Ken Green, coupled with the Lord's protective care, spared the men from injuries and the truck from any damage. How good it is that we can entrust ourselves completely to Him.

Marlin Garber is spending a week at Krypton to labor in various tasks about the houses and grounds. This past month A. B. Phillips and Dorman Ronk did a splendid job of remodeling and modernizing the Howard House putting in many hours of planning and diligent work. The service of these men is greatly appreciated as are the many volunteer efforts and donations of so many others in the preparation of Howard House.

The returning team of Sluss and Green was full of smiles and Mother Lowery's cinnamon rolls. They said that Margaret is progressing well and she planned to go to the camp at Lost Creek the 14th of June to do what she could for the administration and campers. Still, she is burdened with soreness and discomforts and will appreciate your prayers for her complete, rapid recovery.

Why not join the
TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

Program of the

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

First Brethren Church

Oak Hill, West Virginia

July 13th and 14th, 1965

PROGRAM

Tuesday — July 13

10:00 Song Service Led by Rev. Richard Kuns
Words of Welcome Mr. Layton Pegram
Devotions Mr. Paul Fox
Special Music Oak Hill Church
10:30 Vice Moderator's Sermon Rev. Wilbur Thomas
"Fulfilling The Time"
11:00 Business Session
Report of Credential Committee
Election of District Conference Officers
Election of Committee on Committees
Appointment of Time and Place Committee
12:00 Noon Fellowship Lunch
1:30 Song Service Led by Rev. Richard Kuns
Devotions Mrs. Ella Mae Weatherholtz
1:45 Business Session
Report of Credential Committee
Report of Statistician
Report of Ministerial Examining Board
Report of District Board of Evangelists
Report of Board of Christian Education
Report of District Trustees of Ashland College
Report of District Mission Board Chairman
Report of District Mission Board Treasurer
Report of District Representative to the General Conference Executive Committee
3:00 Auxiliary Sessions
Woman's Missionary Society
Sisterhood of Mary and Martha
Laymen's Organization
Boys' Brotherhood
Ministerial Association
5:30 Evening Dinner Hour
Brethren Youth Banquet
7:30 Song Service Led by Rev. Richard Kuns
Devotions Hagerstown Church
Special Music"The Three L's"
Conference Offering Offertory
Moderator's Message Rev. Jerry Flora
"For Such A Time As This"
Benediction Announcements

Wednesday — July 14

8:30 Song Service Led by Rev. Richard Kuns
Devotions Rev. Hays Logan
8:45 Reports of Denominational Interests
Misionary Board Rev. Virgil Ingraham
College and Seminary Dr. J. R. Shultz
Central Council Mr. John Porte
Brethren Youth Miss Beverly Summy
Sunday School Board Rev. Richard Kuns
Publishing Company Rev. Spencer Gentle
Benevolent Board
10:00 Business Session
Report of Credential Committee
Report of Committee on Committees
Report of District Executive Committee
Report of Time and Place Committee
11:00 Auxiliary Sessions
Woman's Missionary Society
Sisterhood of Mary and Martha
Laymen's Organization
Boys' Brotherhood
Ministerial Association
12:00 Noon Fellowship Lunch
1:30 Song Service Led by Rev. Richard Kuns
Devotions Dr. John Locke
Special Music Washington Church
1:45 Final Business Session
Report of Credential Committee
Unfinished Business
Treasurer's Report
Reading of Minutes
Installation of Conference Officers
3:00 Auxiliary Sessions
Woman's Missionary Society
Sisterhood of Mary and Martha
Laymen's Organization

Conference Organization

Moderator	Jerry Flora
Vice Moderator	Wilbur Thomas
Secretary	Jim Rowsey
Assistant Secretary	Lois Hutzell
Treasurer	Stanley Horan
Statistician	Richard Kuns
Conference Song Leader	Richard Kuns
Conference Organist	W. St. Clair Benshoff
Conference Pianist	Mrs. W. St. Clair Benshoff

Boys' Brotherhood
Ministerial Association
5:30 Evening Dinner Hour
W. M. S. and Sisterhood Banquet
7:30 Song Service Led by Rev. Richard Kuns
Devotions Mr. Fred Finks
Special Music Camp Pinnacles Chorus
Conference Offering Offertory
Brethren Youth Quiz Finals
Benediction

AUXILIARIES

Woman's Missionary Society

Theme: "Fulfilling the Time" Ephesians 5:15-20
Organist: Mrs. Jerry Flora

Tuesday Afternoon — 3:00
Prelude Mrs. Jerry Flora
Words of Welcome Mrs. Charles Estep
Song Service Mrs. June Allen
Devotions Mrs. Hays K. Logan
Special Music Mrs. John Mills
Mrs. June Allen
Business Session
Speaker Rev. M. Virgil Ingraham
W. M. S. Benediction

Wednesday Morning — 11:00
Prelude Mrs. Jerry Flora
Song Service Mrs. John Mills
Devotions Mrs. Jerry Flora
Special Music Mrs. Richard Kuns
Business Session
W. M. S. Benediction

Wednesday Afternoon — 3:00
Prelude Mrs. Jerry Flora
Song Service Mrs. W. S. Benshoff
Devotions Mrs. Harold Barnett
Offering
Special Music Dr. and Mrs. Harold Barnett
Speaker Rev. M. Virgil Ingraham
Installation of Officers Moderator

Wednesday Afternoon — 5:30
W. M. S. and S. M. M. Banquet
Bethlehem Sr. and Jr. W.M.S. in charge

Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

Tuesday Afternoon — 3:00
Devotions and music Hagerstown S.M.M.
Business
Speaker Miss Margaret Lowery

Wednesday Morning — 11:00
Devotions and music Bethlehem S.M.M.
Business
Speaker Rev. Virgil Ingraham

Wednesday Afternoon — 3:00
Devotions and music Maurertown S.M.M.
Business
Speaker Mrs. Richard Kuns
Project Offering
Installation of Officers

Ministerium

Tuesday Afternoon — 3:00
Speaker Dr. J. R. Shultz
"Seminary Training in the Modern World"

Wednesday Morning — 11:00
Speaker Dr. J. R. Shultz
"Ashland Seminary and the
Future of the Brethren Church"

Wednesday Afternoon — 3:00
Discussion and Business Session

Boys' and Young Men's Brotherhood

Tuesday Afternoon — 3:00
Speaker Trooper Gyke of West Virginia State Police

Wednesday Morning — 11:00
"Panel Discussion"

Wednesday Afternoon — 3:00
Filmstrip"Smoking and Drinking"

Brethren Youth

Tuesday — July 13
10:00 Opening of Conference and Vice Moderator's Sermon
11:00 Preliminary Bible Quiz Elimination
Miss Beverly Summy, Quizmaster
12:00 Noon Fellowship meal
1:30 District Youth President's Message
2:00 Business Session
2:30 Inspiration Message Dr. Joe Jarrett
3:00 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Sessions
4:00 Recreation and Freetime
5:30 Brethren Youth Banquet
Project Offering
Speaker Rev. St. Clair Benshoff
7:30 Moderator's Message Rev. Jerry Flora
9:00 Fellowship and Fun

Wednesday — July 14
8:30 Reports of Denominational Interest
9:45 Junior Preliminary Bible Quiz Eliminations
Senior Semi-Final Bible Quiz
Miss Beverly Summy, Quizmaster
11:00 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Sessions
12:00 Noon Fellowship Lunch
1:30 Talent Contest
3:00 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Sessions
4:00 Recreation and Freetime
5:30 Evening Dinner Hour
Sisterhood Banquet
7:30 Devotions Freddy Finks
Finals of the Brethren Youth Bible Quiz
Miss Beverly Summy, Quizmaster

Brethren Youth Crusaders

DERBY GROUNDBREAKING

Greetings from the Derby Brethren Church! There are definite signs of progress in our church program. Two girls were received into membership by baptism on April 15.

Groundbreaking services were conducted on April 4. Rev. Kenneth Howard, a member of the National Youth Board and District Moderator, was the principal speaker. The first part of the service was conducted in the parsonage recreation room with 63 in attendance. Folding chairs were in use from the front to the rear walls and both side aisles. It looked like rain all day but the deluge delayed until after the conclusion of the service.

On Easter there were 69 in attendance. The worship service was not quite so crowded as the nursery, kindergarten church and children's church were being conducted at the same time. 32 (the largest number since the pastor arrived on the field) took communion on Easter Sunday evening.

The Boys' Brotherhood enjoyed an over-night campout and fishing trip on April 16 and 17. 41 fish were caught (not all large enough to keep)! The pastor enjoyed the trip and actually caught some fish.

Following is the Litany of Groundbreaking used at Derby on April 4th:

"That a church may rise here in which the ancient gospel of her Lord shall be proclaimed,

We break this ground today.

That a church may rise here where children, youth and adults shall learn to love God and grow in the beauty of Christian grace and character,

We break this ground today.

That a church may rise here where through the years countless youth shall come to worship, pause to pray and rise to serve our Lord Jesus Christ,

We break this ground today.

That a church may rise here where the Word of God shall be so read and taught that it shall become the living word,

We break this ground today.

That a church may rise here where moments of meditation and hours of worship shall be touched with life-giving reality,

We break this ground today.

That a church may rise here where those who seek first the Kingdom of God shall dedicate themselves to the unfinished task of evangelizing the whole of life,

We break this ground today.

That a church may rise here where the unsearchable riches of Christ shall bear fruit in making our lives constant, our homes Christ-like and our families creative centers of Christian influence,

We break this ground today.

That we with joy may learn of His love and come to teach others of His great saving power, to the glory of God, in the love of Christ our Saviour and by the grace of the Holy Spirit,

We break this ground today."

The cross bar of the cross was then broken in the ground with the church leaders officiating. The congregation sang "Bless Be the Tie" as they plowed the upright length of the cross.

(The Acting Youth Director apologizes to Derby for this report being late but we are extremely pleased to hear of the progress at Derby.)

REPORT . . . MILFORD JRS.

Shortly after National Conference last year, the Milford Brethren Youth groups were reorganized according to grades and age. Our Junior group includes 4th, 5th and 6th grade youth. Out of a possible 16 youth available from this group we have had an average attendance of eight.

Early in the fall of 1964 we enjoyed a party at Connie Geiger's home with a softball game and the group sang songs around a bonfire where refreshments were served. Later the group enjoyed a nice hayride with a wagon full of youngsters which took them several miles into the level farming area west of Milford, returning to the home of Grant and Donna Geiger for another party of games and refreshments in their new garage.

A Christmas party was held in the church basement this year with the Junior leader, Kathy Leeman, and Mrs. Gail Geiger in charge of games and refreshments. Another event with which the Juniors helped was the church birthday party in February where they did the decorating and served refreshments to the church group.

In March we went to the Bremen Roller Rink for a lot of fun on wheels. We still plan to have a try at bowling as some would rather bowl than skate. Most of the Juniors are real good sports and willing to learn any sport or game.

In our Scripture Press course of study we have learned much about God's creation of the earth, the firmament, the vegetation and animal life. Much about important characters of the Bible as Abraham, Rebecca, Isaac, Jacob and the whole story of Joseph from boyhood to ruler from prison to palace were enjoyed.

The Juniors have had many opportunities to participate in devotions and prayer. They are able to ex-

press themselves sincerely and with confidence to God when giving thanks for the blessings of life and seeking His guidance. We hope to do our part in meeting our goals for this year's youth program as three Juniors are entered in the Bible Quiz contest. We attended a Youth Rally at Camp Shipshewana and were defeated by the Ardmore Juniors in the Bible Quiz contest.

—Jane Mathews

REPORT . . . ROANN

The Roann BYC has managed to keep busy with school and church both "tugging at their sleeves" at the same time.

The goal set by our own group to turn in to the National Project has just about been reached. We have had one donut sale. A bake sale is being planned for the near future.

Once again we are using the point system. We give so many points for attending a church activity. At the end of the year the top three people leading in each of our two groups win a prize.

On January 24 we held the S. Indiana District Youth Rally for Denver. (You will remember that Denver had a fire.) On March 27 the BYC enjoyed a hockey game at Ft. Wayne. Other activities have included going to Loree and to Wabash and joining in their meetings.

Our public service was held on May 16. The program was as follows:

Prelude Roberta Haupert
Responsive Reading Ted Brower
Morning Prayer John Brunn
Offertory Sharon Cripe
Offertory Prayer Kathy Miller
(Ushers: Mills sisters, Mary Boyer, Sharon Steele)
BYC report (for the year) Sharon Cripe
Youth Directed by Jim Gilmer
Speakers: 1. David Keppel
2. Jane Cripe
3. Roger Haupert
4. Richard Adams
Benediction Linda Draper
(hymns were led by Jim Gilmer)

Our quiz teams were represented at the Tiosa Youth Rally. Even though Wabash came through on top, the quiz teams agree that they have profited by taking part. We pray that God's blessings will fall on each quiz team that is still competing.

—Sharon Cripe

REPORT . . . NAPPANEE JR. HI

The officers of the Nappanee Jr. Hi Brethren Youth are:

President Cathlan Best
V. President Dennis Arnott
Secretary Paula Stump
Treasurer Gary Hosteter

In order to earn money our group had a "corn-picking party" this past fall. We went to fields belonging to farmers who go to our church. We picked the corn that had been left on the ground.

Our group is divided into three planning groups. Each group has charge of one meeting a month. The remaining week we have a guest speaker, party or something else special.

—Paula Stump

REPORT . . . SARASOTA

Sarasota's BYC'ers recently enjoyed a picnic at the Myakka River State Park. This is Florida's largest state park having 28,875 acres. Hikes, softball, volley ball, kick ball and badminton were enjoyed by the 57 members and "guest" drivers.

We have held services once a month for the people in a local nursing home. These people appreciate so very much the time given by young people for these services.

Two movies were sponsored by the three BYC groups and shown on Sunday evenings. Offerings were received and will be added to the Project fund.



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NATIONAL YOUTH PROJECT

GOAL: $10,000

The Brethren Layman

Views and Comments

Floyd S. Benshoff

Independence Day, 1965

TOO MUCH LIBERTY?

Only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another (Gal. 5:13b).

IT IS NOT unusual to read a quote from another pen in an editor's editorial, but to use a quote from a quote is not common. It is not unusual to read a letter or article in criticism of an editor's viewpoint, but to receive or read a letter or article of commendation for a stand taken in writing, is rare. I'm going to do a little of both of these "uncommons."

Back in March, when the winds were blowing from the north and snow clogged the driveway every morning, I found myself reading the esteemed editor of this magazine on the subject of "Sin." Like Coolidge, he seemed to be against it, and being a bit more talkative, he elaborated on it by quoting from Mr. Sherwood E. Wirt, editor of **Decision** magazine as follows: "The moral foundations set forth in Scripture and upheld by the church—and indeed by all cultured people—are being denounced by modern day critics in tones increasingly shrill. 'What business does the church have prescribing what is right and wrong?' they ask, and even some religious leaders are echoing the question.

"Further, many churchmen are suddenly discovering that the distinctions and differences in the various branches of the church, some of which were established by our fathers under tremendous conviction and in the face of persecution, are totally unnecessary."

In the next issue of **The Brethren Evangelist**, our editor, Brother Spencer Gentle asked: "What can the Christian do in the face of all this? The new trend in theology today does not give us much room to do anything about it. If we dare condemn the sin that is around us, we are pegged as being 'self-righteous,' and the condemning of sin is worse than the sin itself, they say, so we are prone to keep still." (Excerpts from "the editor's editorial" of **The Brethren Evangelist** of March 13 and March 20, 1965.)

As the noise of another July 4 dies in our ears, we duly thank God for the liberty we enjoy in our fair land. While countless millions are under the heel of the oppressor, we still live and move with comparative freedom. But who would be so brash as to contend that we haven't used some of it for "an occasion to the flesh." Many Americans have accepted the elements of liberty without any thoughts given to the responsibilities that always accompany them. Many of our countrymen are following the paths of luxury, indulgence and idleness, giving no thought to the virtues of life such as honesty, integrity, self-control and consideration of others.

Would you bear with me as we try to transfer this train of thought to our church life of today. There are heavy signs in our local church circles and in our church college regulations that tend to take a very tolerant view of things thought of in yester-year as sin. In many circles, the word "no" is outlawed when dealing with children and young people; "you might cause a personality complex of some kind." Many parents, indeed, have abandoned the responsibility of the rearing of their offspring to the public school and the corner street light. This tendency to wink at mis-

demeanors and laugh off as pranks, the side-steps of our children, can be their downfall. I say OUR children, for all these things spoken of do not concern only those on the other side of the tracks.

Appreciation and indulgence are two different words, but you and I don't have to look far to see parents and grandparents who are "spoiling the kids rotten" in their efforts to please them and to deliver them from the "things I had to go through." Did not some of our revered men of old fail at this point? I'm thinking of Samuel who had a horrible bunch of boys; even David, the greatest of kings, did a poor job of upbringing with, especially Absalom, who finally sought to overthrow his own father's kingdom. He was permitted to reject authority and get away with it, probably at an early age.

The Apostle Paul gloried in his liberty in Christ; he prized himself in his blood-bought freedom, but warned himself and others of the danger of using liberty as "an occasion to the flesh."

Christian parents can strike a telling blow for their own and their nation's welfare if they will see to it that their mature religious rules are followed by their children, instead of adhering to a wishy-washy, "let Junior do as he pleases" attitude. Juvenile delinquency stems from the home and early training. Weird haircuts and clothes fashions that belong to another planet would make a hurried exit if even our so-called Christian parentage would start taking some stand as regards their own children.

Dr. C. F. Yoder once wrote, "The first duty of the Christian is to live the Christian life." Liberty in Christ is wonderful. Disobedience of Christian precepts in the name of that liberty is sin. Let's recognize it.

F.S.B.

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

GARBER MEMORIAL
Ashland, Ohio

HERE'S ANOTHER news letter to let you know what has been going on at the Garber Brethren Church, in the laymen's organization. Well, the fellows have really been busy. At our March meeting the men decided to do a little work. This work involved the painting of the entire basement, including the ceilings, walls and floors. The deadline we set for ourselves was May 1, because the women had asked us to have it done before their Mother-Daughter Banquet. We finished and then took on the task of serving the ladies their banquet. This was a repeat performance, dating back several years. The women serve our Father-Son event regularly and we are glad to do something in return.

We are now considering taking on the task of painting the exterior of the church. We have set our goal for National Laymen contribution in August as $100 and we are nearing it.

We have twelve men with paid up dues and usually have eight to ten at our monthly meetings. We are small in number but a good spirit prevails, and we usually accomplish our set projects. We desire very much to build an addition to our present church, but have not, up to this time, seen it move ahead. In the meantime we'll try to keep what we have neat and clean. We trust the Lord will continue to bless our church and that some day we may see the opportunity to enlarge.

Donald Marker, secretary-treasurer

JOHNSTOWN, PA.

THE MEN of the Third Brethren Church continue to keep busy in the Lord's vineyard. On Sunday evening, May 30, our laymen's public service was held. Even though it was a holiday weekend, we had a good audience and fine laymen participation. Mr. Theodore Fairchild, assistant to the general manager of Johnstown plant, Bethlehem Steel Company, and a fine Christian gentleman, was our speaker. John Golby led the meeting, and Clyde Grumbling took several minutes on "A Layman Speaks." A male octet, Theodore Jones, Rev. Jerald Radcliff, Merle Stutzman, Norman Grumbling, Floyd Benshoff, Raymond Grumbling, Aldridge Tilley and Glenn Benshoff, sang several numbers. Edwin Grumbling presented a tenor solo. David Dysert played a piano solo and accompanied the congregational singing with Mrs. John Golby (thank you Rita) at the organ.

On Monday evening, May 31, the regular monthly "Men's Night" was held with the laymen in charge. We were led in the devotional service by the girls of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, who presented a nice program and later served us a lunch. Among items of business, we decided to support, for another six-month period, the radio program, "Foundation For Faith." This is a co-operative effort with the men of our Second Brethren Church of Johnstown and the Vinco Brethren men. We are looking toward full representation of men from our group at both district and general conferences.

Walter Ream, secretary



from the Woman's Outlook

Your National President Speaks . . .

DISTRICT PROJECTS

MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

I thought it would be interesting to devote some time and space to the work of our districts. It is amazing and also thrilling to learn what the districts do along with the national work. The district presidents have supplied me with the following information which I am sure will be of interest to all of you.

INDIANA DISTRICT

Mrs. Adeline Miller, of the Goshen Society, is president of the Indiana District. This year the Indiana Societies will be completing a two-year project of furnishing a room in the new dormitory at Shipshewana. Besides the cost of the furniture, each society will also give a bedspread, rug, pin-up lamp and a waste basket. With a portion of the money left the Indiana District W.M.S. by the late Mrs. Wirick, new furniture was purchased for the lounge.

Name plates have been placed on each door naming the society that furnished the room. The Indiana District has a dormitory for which they can be justly proud. It is not fine, but it is comfortable. When the Indiana Brethren go to conference, they are assured not only of spiritual blessings but also physical rest.

The Indiana Societies take an offering to the Fall Rally for pre-seminary students at Ashland College.

OHIO DISTRICT

Mrs. George Solomon, wife of the pastor of the Louisville church, is the president of the Ohio District. Their project is an offering to be given to the Massillon church. The first object of the S.S.C.E. was to obtain money for defraying expenses of an evangelist to organize new churches and to assist needy ones. Down through the years we have maintained this interest in new churches. Almost all of our societies are members of the Ten Dollar Club. So it is only natural that the Ohio W.M.S. members be interested in and want to help support the building of the new church at Massillon.

W. M. S. PRESIDENT FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Mrs. Solomon also told me about attending the W. M.S. Public Service at Canton. I am so pleased that she told me so we can share this interesting news with you. At this Public Service, the senior society honored Mrs. Esther Krall, who has been their president for twenty-five years. During these years she missed only three meetings. Her daughter is very active in the junior society. Mrs. Solomon went on to say if we had all members who could be so faithful in attending and serving their W.M.S., what a growing society we could have.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Mrs. P. G. Wenger, of the Bethlehem church, is the Southeastern District president. Mrs. Wenger sent me a copy of their goals, and goal number two reads, "An offering brought to the rally and conference for the district project." This project is to purchase a piano for the Chandon Brethren Church. Amount received in excess of that needed for the piano to be used in the establishment of the Chandon church at Herndon. Again we find W.M.S. women interested in a new church in their district.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

The president of the Central District is Mrs. C. Y Gilmer, wife of the pastor of the Lanark church. Mrs Gilmer thought she would be late in getting this information to me as they had been on vacation. They went on to Pennsylvania from the Pastors' Conference to visit relatives and also attend the World's Fair When I read about their project, I thought of how timely it is and how the Lord plans in advance of the needs that will arise. Their project is a financial gift toward renovating the Howard House at Krypton

This is where the Tracys will live. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy of Ashland, parents of Mrs. Charlene Rowser, are already in Krypton helping with the work there.

The last issue of *The Brethren Evangelist* this month, will complete the information from the remaining districts. If your society has special news, do not hesitate to send it to me.

HOW MUCH?

How much are you thankful? I'm thankful a penny.
I will not give more, if I have to give any;
They're all the time begging for folks 'cross the sea.
Where I never have been, and I don't want to be.
They gave me this box, and I must put in some,
But I'll keep all the rest for the "Heathen at home."

How much are you thankful? I'm thankful a dime;
I think that's good enough to give all at one time;
It's a good cause, of course, and the need's very great,
But I've other expenses that simply can't wait;
I must have new ribbons and gloves, that is clear;
I guess that the heathen can wait one more year.

How much are you thankful? I'm thankful a dollar;
'Twould be more, but I'm only a mission school scholar;
It was hard saving this, from the little I had,
But nothing I've ever done ever made me so glad;
For I know that the Bible means blessings to me,
And I want to help send it far over the sea.

How much are you thankful? I'm thankful a prayer;
I didn't have money to send over there,
But I've asked every day that the news might be sent
With teachers and preachers to tell what it meant;
And I know I was heard by the Father above,
Who grants what we ask for in faith and in love.

How much are you thankful? I'm thankful a life;
I've heard about lands full of sorrow and strife,
Of minds deep in darkness, and hearts full of woe—
And I've heard the command of my Lord, who says
"GO"
For his goodness and mercy and promise divine,
A life is small payment! O Master, take mine!

Lutheran Woman's Work

BEAUTIFUL WOMANHOOD

by WALTER E. ISENHOUR

PERHAPS almost all women love beauty. They admire beautiful flowers and spend much time to grow them. Women love beautiful homes, nice and up-to-date furnishings, and work to keep things clean, or pay somebody else to do the work. There is no harm in this as long as the affections are not set on the temporal things of life and God left out. In fact, the affections of any and every heart should first be set on God and heavenly things. "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2).

No doubt God loves beauty, for He has made so many beautiful things for our eyes to behold. This is true in the realm of nature—the hills and mountains, valleys and plains, streams, rivers and oceans, the sun, moon, stars and planetary system. God made things beautiful, but the devil and sin, in a measure, has blighted even the things of nature. We see beautiful things fade away.

Perhaps there is no beauty that is more excellent and worthwhile than that of noble womanhood. I think when the devil sought to tempt and deceive Eve in the Garden of Eden, he was driving at her womanhood, her character, her virtue, and more especially her soul. Thus, in wrecking her on a physical, moral, and spiritual basis he blighted her beauty, to a great extent, and that has come across the centuries of time to the present day and age of the world.

However, God still has beautiful women who are His pearls. Not all of them are blighted, wrecked, and ruined by sin, for they refuse to yield themselves to the devil. This is likewise true of men. We still have some beautiful, wonderful manhood in the world. Thank God.

Beautiful womanhood—that's my subject for this message. The most charming beauty of a woman is her unspotted, undefiled womanhood. This is not made possible by the diamonds and pearls she wears on her person, nor by the gawdy way she dresses, even though she might buy the finest cloth that could be made by the mills and factories of the earth and sewed by the best and most skillful seamstresses. This doesn't make beautiful, noble womanhood. Such might and does attract the attention of men, and the admiration of many; but God does not set His approval merely upon this. No doubt He frowns upon it. There must be a much deeper beauty that God approves.

Back of beautiful womanhood is the pure love and grace of God shed abroad in her heart and soul. She is clean physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually. She has virtue—moral and spiritual excellence—that only God can give and that the devil can't take away as long as she lives prayerfully, humbly, godly, meekly, and holy. Her character and virtue, godliness and holiness of heart, soul and life is not for sale at any price, and the devil and the world knows it. Her beautiful womanhood far excels that of gold, diamonds, pearls, and costly, attractive array.

Natural beauty doesn't always mean beautiful womanhood. One may have a beautiful face, and she may dress in the latest styles and fashions, and adorn herself with jewelry, and have the beauticians fix her hair in the latest styles, and yet have a character that is ugly, or even disgraceful. She may be without any saving grace, without any real virtue, and be counted by the adulterous type of men and fornicators. Her life may be shameful and disgraceful, if only it were revealed to the world, and sooner or later the

world finds it out. Unless she deeply repents and gets to God she will, eventually, go down "unwept, unhonored, and unsung." How pathetic! It is almost enough to make the angels weep.

To the opposite, one may not have a very beautiful face, so far as natural beauty goes, but she may have a very beautiful, shining, charming character, and her womanhood may be without spot or wrinkle, and the best people of the land and world will highly respect and honor her. Her womanhood not only lives to bless mankind while she lives, but it will live on and on to bless the world when she is gone. Her sons and daughters will rise up and call her blessed, and others who knew her. History and literature may preserve her name, revealing her acts and deeds, and the great and wonderful things she accomplished, that future generations may know about and be blessed. That is what a beautiful womanhood accomplishes Her heights in life, morally and spiritually, will be looked upon with apprehension and may be admired long after her departure. She reveals to her people and country that she has been with Jesus, and that she was true and faithful until death. Praise the Lord

It is true that not all good, saintly women become famous. Not every one makes an author, a teacher, or fills some prominent, outstanding place in life, but every one accomplishes something worthwhile. They love all people as well as God and go about doing good—administering to the sick and dying, helping those who may be in deep poverty and great want or doing good otherwise. They fill their place in church give liberally of their earthly substance for the cause of God, some of whom go to different parts of the world as missionaries to win souls to Christ.

SISTERHOOD

VACATION . . .
What Does It Mean To You?

by MRS. HAROLD OBURN

AS A SCHOOL TEACHER, I experience many of the feelings you Sisterhood girls do when school is out for the summer. This is vacation time for us. It will mean a time for picnics, swimming, sight-seeing, camping, reading, no homework, hiking, boating, relaxation, and an opportunity to do many things that we do not have time for during the school months.

I hope none of us will forget that it should mean a time for us to spend more time in meditation, prayer, Bible study and in service to Him who is our Maker and Keeper. Let us remember that God never takes a vacation. He is constantly guiding and keeping us, and granting our needs.

My idea of vacation is a time for relaxation from the busy schedule that we have all fall, winter, and spring, a time for quietness, rest, and peace. There is only one place to find all these and that is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

He offers His quietness to us if we will harken to Him. Proverbs 1:33 tells us, *But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.* As we seek rest and repose, we see God's promise of rest to all the weary who will come to Him. In Matthew 11:28 we hear Him bidding us, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* Continuing in our quest for quietness, rest, and peace, we find we are pursuing those things which God would have us find. To the Romans Paul says, *Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another* (Romans 14:19).

Let us take time to seek these things which make vacation mean a closer fellowship with God. Take time to step aside from the hurry and turmoil of the world and find God's peace for our lives.

Following is a poem which expresses this thought so well.

Step Aside A Little While

Just step aside a little while
And find a place to pray,
When things are resting on your nerves
As now and then they may;
For business doesn't always run
Along a pleasant road,
And sometimes maybe on your heart
There's heaped a heavy load.

Just step aside when you're disturbed
About the plans you've made,
When something happens unforseen
That lays them in the shade,
And meditate where things are quiet
And study what to do,
And think if Jesus had your place,
What course would He pursue?

Just step aside where no one knows
Perhaps your whereabouts,
And read your Bible on your knees
Till faith removes your doubts.
And in the stillness of the night,
Or maybe near the dawn,
Draw nigh to God and say to Him,
"Lead on, O Lord, Lead on!"

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour

SALUTATORIAN ADDRESS

by Arden Gilmer

Delivered in Ashland College Chapel

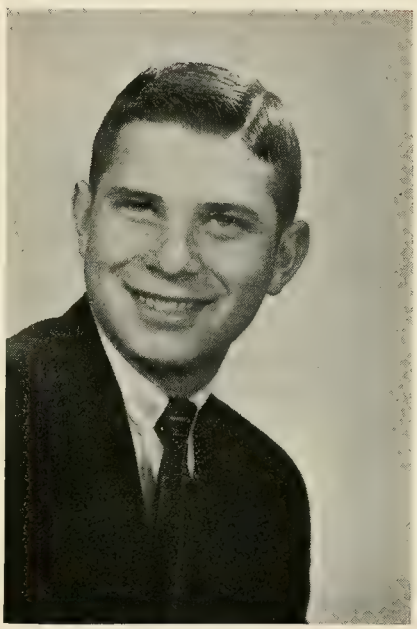
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SOMEONE has said that every man—is like all other men—like some other men—like no other men. We speak so often of the importance of individualism, the importance and value of an individual's uniqueness, and the perils of conformity. But yet, contrary to all that we say, we continue to practice conformity on a large scale. We have arrived at a stage in man's development where we are too often no longer interested in another person as an individual, but only as an object, a stepping stone, which we tread underfoot and use to our own advantage.

In industry, with its mass production and automation, the workers on the assembly lines are not regarded as, and respected for being persons, but only as someone who may someday be replaced by some machine which will probably do the job more quickly and efficiently. The dignity of the individual personality is often being destroyed.

In business, among white-collar workers, superiors in corporations often merely fill jobs without any regard for the feelings and thoughts of those under them as individuals. Many live today under the constant threat of being transferred perhaps clear across the country merely at the company's discretion, with no regard for the employee's family, friends, and acquaintances. Perhaps a small raise on the pay scale is offered in an attempt to neutralize the inconvenience. The question is, that since we are living in such a time, how are we going to retain our individuality in the face of an array of forces that would destroy it?

Again, in another area, we see the repercussions of an attempt to use people as objects to be manipulated at some tyrant's whim. I am speaking of the revolt of the Negro race which is now facing this country. For nearly three hundred and fifty years these Negro people with human feelings, emotions, and thoughts have been placed under the white man's yoke in the name of economic necessity. Still, a hundred years since they supposedly gained their freedom, we find that they must agitate to free themselves from forces that seek to destroy them as human beings, as individuals. They must fight demonic forces which want to destroy the dignity that is theirs. This dignity is inherent in the fact that they are human beings, who must be accepted for what they are, and treated



with the respect that is due any other person regardless of race, creed or color. How can these people regain and then retain their individual human dignity?

Today, we are being confronted with a similar problem even in the field of higher education. Students are beginning to resent spending four years of their lives in some institution which regards them only as numbers. Because of this situation, many of our larger universities are now finding themselves face to face with mass student revolts. Even though we may not necessarily agree with the way these students choose to manifest their revolt, we can sympathize with their indignation at being denied the respect due them as individual human beings. How can these students regain their individuality?

From these examples we find that though people may for a time tolerate being used as an object to be pushed around, they must eventually rise in insurrection against these forces.

But often when we speak of the need of asserting one's individuality, we are misinterpreted. Some peo-

ple, upon hearing such advice, will immediately pick up a placard and parade up and down the street, or call as much attention to themselves as possible, regardless of how obnoxious they may be to the people around them. But even when asserting our rights as individuals, we must remember that many other people have had some effect upon our lives, and the formation of our thoughts and values. This is very important to all people who will be teachers, ministers, businessmen, and indeed all those who will be working intimately with people. Those heading for the teaching profession must ask themselves, "What effect am I as a teacher going to have upon the formative young lives with which I will come in contact?" We may be sure that, whether we desire it or not, we will have influence, good or bad, upon many lives. But when we come in contact with other people, let it not be in such a way that we destroy the other person as a person. Let us not view any of the people with whom we will have contact as some object that must be broken down and analyzed into all of his component parts. Let us not view other people primarily as a "mass bundle of motivations and potentials" but rather as individuals worthy of being treated and understood as we ourselves wish to be understood. You see, one of the important things that separates man from the animals, is the fact that, no matter how depraved a man may be, there still remains within him, because of the fact that he is a human being, the potential of something much better. Being aware of this potential in all men, we must use it in our dealings with men as we attempt to help them as individuals. But, one important thing of which we must be aware, is that before we can entertain even the faintest hopes of helping others to discover themselves, we must first know ourselves, and become aware of ourselves as individuals.

Thus, the question for each of us becomes, "Do I know myself, and do I have respect for myself? Am I the type of person which I myself can respect?" We have spent four years here at Ashland College, but we have never had a course entitled "finding and knowing yourself" for ultimately that is what the whole college discipline has been about. Now that we are very near the end of our college experience, are we going to forget about all the opportunities which are still available to us for learning to know ourselves more deeply? Or, are we going to comfortably fit ourselves into the large class of college graduates who never read a good book, go to a good concert, or attend a play performance? If we take the attitude that, since all of that was required of us in college, we will no longer have any use for it, I submit to you, that we have not yet begun to find ourselves.

One side which is often neglected in our undergraduate work, but one side which must be developed if we are to know and find ourselves, is the whole realm of our spiritual experience. Earlier, I mentioned that people have often been held in subjection. While one result of this may be the debasing and sometimes almost total destruction of an individual's dignity, yet out of such oppression has come some of the deepest spiritual insights and evidences of faith. Out of Hitler's concentration camps came Detrich Bonhoeffer's great work, *The Cost of Discipleship,* plus many personal evidences of the endless source of spiritual strength. Such is the strength which is available to us through the message of the Christian faith. It is a strength which philosophy, science, law, and knowledge cannot give. For, you see, the Christian faith works not primarily through philosophy, though this is involved; not primarily through morality and conduct, though this, too, is involved; not through something cold and objective, but through a vital, living person, Christ Jesus. Thus it is through the Person of Christ that we may most fully know ourselves, though we never fully arrive. The Christian faith is a gigantic moving love story in which "God so loved the world, that he sent his Son." The nature of love is such that we find ourselves, and retain our highest individual personality while yet totally losing ourselves and becoming one with the loved one. It is through the nature of this paradox that the love of God is so bountifully made known to the sons of men. I found myself fully in the realization of the love of Christ in my life. It is my conviction, that if any one of us hopes to find himself, it will be in this revelation of God. Through Him, we discover ourselves, and yet are lifted above and beyond ourselves to a fuller, richer life.

World Religious News in Review

'INCIDENTS' MAR OPENING OF EVANGELIST'S PROGRAM

COPENHAGEN (EP)—For Billy Graham, the first days of his eight-day preaching crusade beginning May 9 in Denmark were all up hill—days when he faced hecklers in the audience, a cool response from part of the Danish press, and opposition that even resorted to the throwing of stench bombs in a crowded auditorium.

But his program had effect and the opposition could not deter his audience. Eight thousand jammed Copenhagen's Forum for a Sunday evening service—many of them standees. And on Monday an "unexpectedly" large throng of 7,000 returned to hear the famed evangelist.

The Sunday evening opening service was interrupted twice by a heckler. When ushers tried to quiet him he became abusive, addressing his remarks directly to Mr. Graham.

"Why don't you go to Alabama to march?" he yelled. "You are a hypocrite!" He was escorted out of the building.

Observers noted that Mr. Graham, indeed, had gone to Alabama, and in a special preaching mission

—one he thought so important he cancelled an address before Britain's Council of Churches—drew some of the first integrated audiences in that troubled American state.

Said a Lutheran clergyman to the press: "Please, do not make too much of that event. It isn't typical of the Danes, no more than the Klu Klux Klan are typical of the American people. These poor misguided people may not even be Communists. One should wish that Billy Graham might be able to convert them."

On Sunday, fifty persons came forward to make "decisions for Christ." On Monday, however, the evangelist made no appeal. This, observers said, was a last-minute decision of Mr. Graham, caused by the stench bomb incidents.

E. F. M. A. HOLDS ANNUAL CONVENTION

MINNEAPOLIS (EP)—The Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, in annual convention here, April 27-29, re-elected Rev. Norman L. Cummings to the office of President. Mr. Cummings is home director of Overseas Crusades, Inc.

Other officers of the Association are: Vice president, Rev. Lester Westlund, Evangelical Free Church secretary of overseas missions; Secretary, Rev. O. Ralph Isbill, missionary secretary of the Open Bible Standard Churches; and Treasurer, Bishop Henry N. Hostetter, executive secretary of Brethren in Christ World Missions.

The EFMA convention, held at the Hotel Leamington in conjunction with the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, drew an attendance of approximately 140, with more than sixty organizations and schools represented. Total registration for the NAE convention was around 700, with attendance at the evening sessions exceeding 1,200.

Forty-nine delegates from thirty-four of EFMA's member boards conducted the Association's annual business.

GERMAN COURT STUDIES SCHOOL PRAYER CASE

WIESBADEN, GERMANY (EP)—Whether prayers and religious songs in public school classrooms are permissible under the West German constitution is being weighed by the Supreme Court of Hesse.

The case was brought to the state court by parents of a Frankfurt pupil who objected to their child's participation in religious exercises.

When they first objected a school administrator suggested that the youngster come to school five minutes late to avoid the prayer. The parents rejected this compromise, holding that it excluded the child from a portion of class activity and was thus discriminatory.

The case has been appealed through a succession of lower courts, one of which described the parents' argument as "essential." It held that the school prayer was not a constitutionally guaranteed right and might be in conflict with the Hesse constitution which holds that on the basis of tolerance, teachers must give consideration "to the religious and ideological feelings of all pupils." It also states that "nobody must be forced to or be prevented from taking part in a church ceremony or religious exercise."

A recent public opinion survey showed that more than sixty per cent West Germans favor school prayers.

SCANDINAVIA RIPE FOR REVIVAL

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK (EP) — At the close of an eight-day crusade here, Billy Graham said he believes Scandinavia may be "ripe for revival." The evangelist said he believes his meetings here may open up all of Scandinavia for crusades. He said he had received numerous letters and invitations from all the Scandinavian countries, including one from the archbishop of Finland.

The crusade here, which opened with disturbances and near-violence from leftist gangs, closed with standing-room-only crowds of 9,600 in the Forum, which seats 8,000. Officials said the crusade attendance broke all records in the forty-year history of the Forum.

Dr. Paul Brodersen, retired dean of the Copenhagen Cathedral, told Graham: "We have not seen anything like this in Denmark since the revival of 1880-1900." The crusade was sponsored by a committee composed of pastors from the Folkekirke (State Church) and the free churches.

A free church pastor, Rev. Kurt Mortensen of the Apostolic Church, said: "The future looks very promising now that so many different denominations are able to cooperate and the Folkekirke and free churches have shown they could stand together in this great evangelistic effort."

Total attendance for the eight nights was 65,700 and 681 inquirers were counseled.

EFMA PURCHASES TOP MILLION MARK

NEW YORK, N. Y. (EP)—"Co-operative evangelical purchasing surpassed the one million dollar mark during the late fiscal year," Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, announced in New York at a special victory dinner given for the staff of the Purchasing Division of the organization.

Dr. Taylor congratulated the staff for reaching almost $1,000,000 in purchases for full-time Christian workers, churches, and evangelical organizations during the year which ended March 31.

"This high volume of business is important," he said, "but more significant is the fact that over 3,500 individuals and organizations during the last year realized the value of a centralized purchasing service as a practical means of using the Lord's money in a wise and businesslike manner."

"This is just a beginning," said Mr. G. Allen Small, in reviewing the year's activities. "Our arrangements now for purchasing and delivering automobiles in every large city will help our services grow because we can effect important savings on this substantial investment made by Christian workers everywhere.

"As a step of faith, 50,000 catalogues have been ordered and will soon be available upon request to all who are in full-time Christian work either at home or abroad and to the organizations they serve."

Those interested in securing a catalogue listing hundreds of articles and giving full instructions on how this service may be utilized should write directly to the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, 120 Liberty Street, New York, New York, 10006, Mr. Small said.

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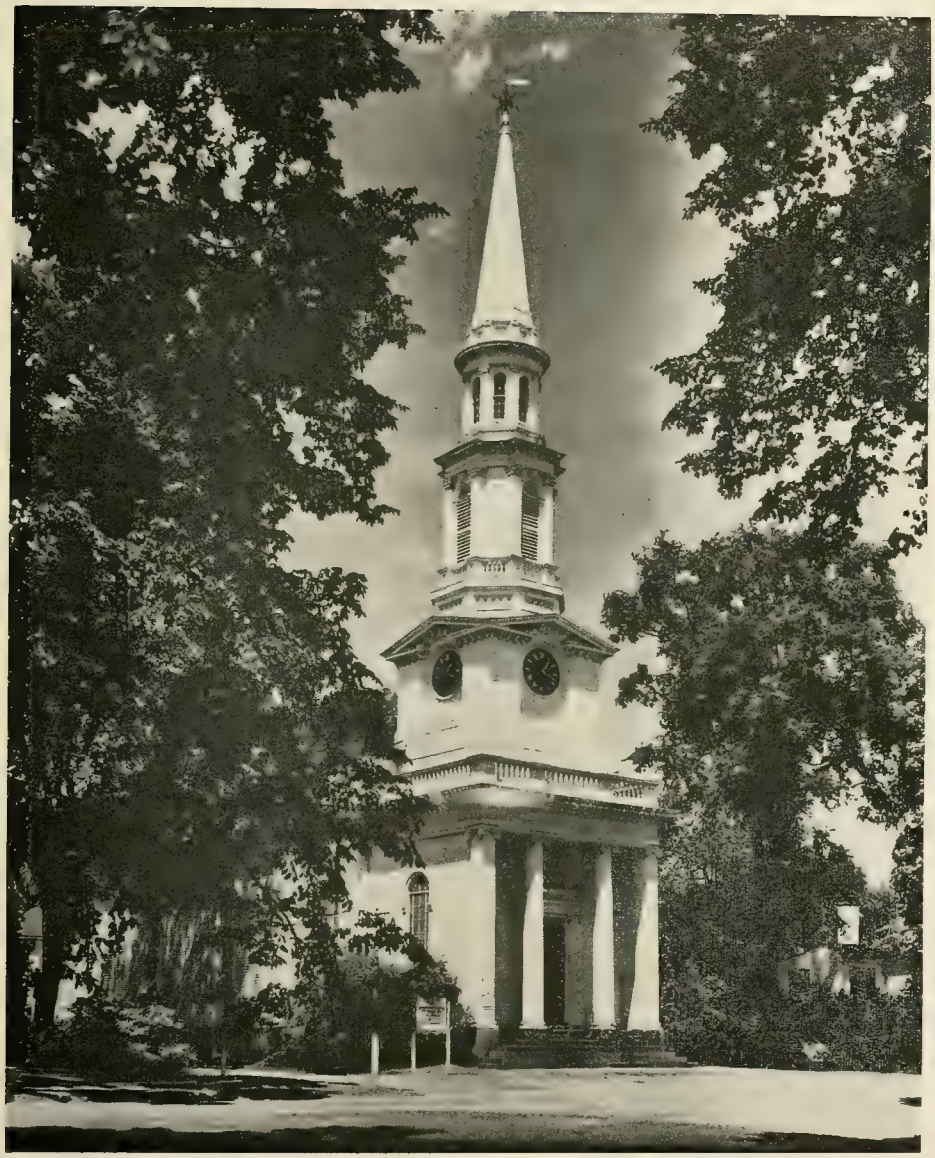
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NOTES and COMMENTS

REV. CECIL JOHNSON IS ILL

EARLY during the week of June 20th, Rev Cecil Johnson of Manteca, California, suffered a severe stroke and is hospitalized in the Santa Cruz Community Hospital at Santa Cruz California. Let us remember him and his family in prayer during these days of anxiety and illness

COMING HIGHLIGHTS of the 1965 CONFERENCE

YOU WILL FIND on pages 17 and 18 of this issue of the magazine some highlights of the 1965 General Conference program. General Conference will be in session during the week of August 16 - 22 at Ashland, Ohio, on Ashland College Campus.

We are fortunate to have several outstanding speakers as our guests this year. The program has been geared to allow more time for inspirational services, therefore it is hoped that many Brethren people will attend the conference this year.

Be sure to read these highlights over very carefully—you will then want to be in attendance!

BEGIN THE DAY WITH GOD

WHEN YOU FINISH offering a prayer, do you arise and go about your many duties without waiting for the answer of God? He will answer you if you will but wait quietly and patiently. Often we come to God with hopelessly tangled thoughts, but if we "be still," He will untangle them and help us to know the right things to do and say. Did you ever hear a rose burst into bloom or a tree make a loud noise as it grows skyward? Of courst not. Neither can a Christian grow unless he be silent and give God an opportunity to speak. The word "silent" contains the same letters as "listen," and we have to be silent in order to listen. Many of us who fail to take time for a tryst with God in the beginning of the day suffer untold spiritual poverty.

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Faith Exploration

A MOST INTERESTING news item appeared in a recent issue of E. P. News Service which caused your Editor to consider our own "faith exploration" as individuals and as the Brethren Church. This news item is as follows:

"GLEN URGES
FAITH 'EXPLORATION'

"Dallas, Texas (EP)—Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., America's first astronaut, called on clergymen to be the 'original astronauts in the area of faith exploration.'

"Addressing some 8,500 Southern Baptists here, he said, there must be a continual re-examination of religious faith, exceeding the exploration of space.

" 'The highest form of progress is in the realm of the spirit, not science,' he said. 'Ultimate progress deals with ultimate issues.'

"At the pastors' meeting, held in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention's annual sessions, Col. Glenn, a United Presbyterian elder, received a plaque for his accomplishment in his Christian faith and in the realm of science.

"The citation was presented to Col. Glenn by the Rev. Jess Moody of West Palm Beach, Fla., president of the pastors' conference, who said that the astronaut's Christian influence among youths 'is applauded by Southern Baptists everywhere.'

"In his talk, Col. Glenn chided pious people with preconceived religious ideas who want to rely on 'the faith of our fathers,' but when questioned about that faith reply only in terms of the 'old church back home'—things and places instead of real faith.

" 'The young people of today are asking hard questions, and it simply is not realistic to demand that they accept religion on blind faith,' the Marine colonel said."

Col. Glenn is saying three things: (1) faith needs to be explored; (2) the spiritual is more important than anything else in life; and (3) it is time that we remove ourselves from the ruts of the past.

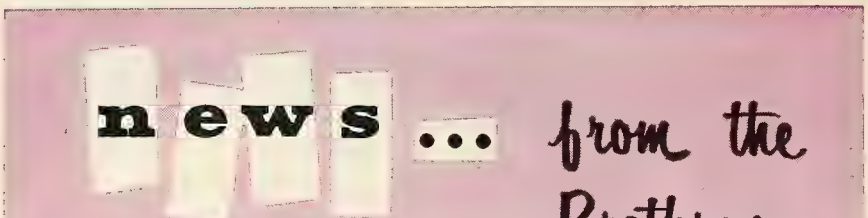
Too many of us refuse to explore faith in our individual lives and in our churches. We refuse to launch out on any program in faith. Even though our Lord said to us: "Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

We need to explore the power of our faith! In doing so, more churches could be built, our foreign mission work could be enlarged and more souls could be brought to Christ.

True progress is found in the realm of the spirit as stated by Col. Glenn. We advance materially only as we advance spiritually! It is in the realm of the spiritual that the course of history is changed from time to time. The outreach of the Church's program depends upon the spirituality of the members of that church. The spreading of the Gospel depends upon the spiritual growth and the faith of the members of the Church.

Col. Glenn also said that most people of today define their faith in the limits of the past. How true this is! Materially we are living in the jet age; spiritually we are living in the horse-and-buggy age. We are not willing to change this pace of spiritual living. We resent even the smallest change in the Sunday school or church program. We refuse to listen to anyone who would even dare to suggest a change in character or time of worship; in reorganization of the Sunday school which has experienced no change for the past fifty years; even though such changes might be of benefit to the great purpose of winning souls to Christ. We need to realize that we are living today!

We cannot continue to base the spiritual on "things and places instead of real faith." S.G.



Linwood, Md. Rev. Hays K. Logan, pastor, reports that one person was baptized and received into the fellowship of the church on Sunday, May 23.

Levittown, Pa. Groundbreaking services for the new educational unit were conducted on Sunday, June 27, according to Rev. Robert Keplinger, Pastor. Construction should begin some time this month. The church is badly in need of the extra facilities.

Brush Valley, Pa. Bro. Thomas Kidder has recently moved into the parsonage at Brush Valley to become pastor of the church. A reception was held for him and his family on June 4. Bro. Kidder is a lay pastor from Levittown, Pa.

Twelve persons were baptized in the Allegheny River on June 13. Besides these twelve, three persons united with the church by transfer of letter.

Bryan, Ohio. Rev. Smith Rose reports that on Sunday, May 30, eleven persons were received into membership of the church.

Muncie, Ind. The May 30 bulletin reports that Rev. Glenn Grumbling has accepted the call from the church to become pastor and will assume duties late this summer. Bro. Grumbling is now pastor of the College Corner Brethren Church in Indiana.

Weddings

COOKSEY-KITTELL. On Saturday, February 20, 1965, a beautiful wedding was held in the Washington Brethren Church uniting in marriage Miss Nancy Lee Cooksey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cooksey, to Mr. Joe Kittell of Hagerstown, Maryland. Rev. Jerry Flora officiated at the double ring ceremony. The groom is serving in the Navy Dental Corps and Mrs. Kittell is active in Brethren Youth work. Both are members of the Washington Brethren Church. The couple will make their home in Maryland.

Mrs. Ona Lee Sams

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COX-GRUMBLING. Miss Shirley Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cox of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Edwin Grumbling of Johnstown, Penna., were united in marriage at the Washington Brethren Church on Saturday, April 24, 1965. Rev. Jerry Flora officiated at the impressive midafternoon wedding. Both Mr. and Mrs. Grumbling are members of the Washington Brethren Church and are residing in Maryland.

Mrs. Ona Lee Sams

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SCHUSTER-HARDACRE. On Saturday, May 15, 1965, Miss Donna Faye Schuster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Schuster, was united in marriage to Mr. F. Garth Hardacre. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Keith Bennett, pastor, in the Trinity Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio.

Memorials

MESSLER. Mrs. John (Elsie) Proctor Messler, formerly of Johnsville (Union Bridge, R.F.D.) died at her Baltimore home, May 18. She was the widow of Dr. John Messler who passed away eighteen months ago. She was 76 years old. She leaves two sons, Proctor and William of Baltimore, a brother and two sisters. She was a member of the Linwood Brethren Church. Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned, her former pastor, assisted by Rev. Hays Logan with burial in Pipe Creek Cemetery.

Rev. Freeman Ankrum

SPRING. Harold Spring, son of Amos and Margaret (Boyd) Spring passed away at his home near Udell, Iowa, May 17, 1965, at the age of 68. He leaves to mourn, his widow, Alice, two sons, Lionel and Alvin, one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Bronson, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. One brother, W. E. Spring, of Sandwich, Illinois, also survives. He was a faithful member of the Udell First Brethren Church. Funeral services were held in the Miller Wehrle Funeral Home in Centerville, Iowa, with his pastor, the undersigned, in charge. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery near Udell.

Rev. Amos Mast

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GLESSNER. John Glessner, a faithful member of the Berlin Brethren Church, Berlin, Penna., passed away on Sunday, May 2, 1965. His memorial service was conducted by the undersigned on Wednesday, May 4. Mr. Glessner was active in the Pennsylvania District as well as the local church.

Rev. Ralph Mills

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FAZIER. Miss Mary Frazier, age 103, passed away in January of this year at the Akromm's Convalescent Home in Washington, Penna. She was a most faithful member of the First Brethren Church in Pittsburgh, Penna.

Mrs. Albert Custer

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WILLIAMS. Miss Pearl Williams passed away on Sunday, February 7, 1965, very suddenly. She had been a member of the First Brethren Church, Pittsburgh, Penna., since 1915 and was faithful to her church during these years.

Mrs. Albert Custer

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WILCOX. Mrs. Jennie Wilcox passed away at the Blair Home for the Aged on Wednesday, February 10, 1965. She had been a member of the First Brethren Church, Pittsburgh, Penna., for many years.

Mrs. Albert Custer

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BENSON. Mrs. Elsie Benson passed away on Wednesday, February 17, 1965. Mrs. Benson had attended the First Brethren Church of Pittsburgh, Penna., faithfully for many years, however she had been a member only since 1963.

Mrs. Albert Custer

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from the Gospel of St. John

Memory Scripture for the month — John 15:14

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

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SUNDAY, JULY 25, 1965

Read Scripture: John 9:1-7

Blind

"Judy's cousin visited our Sunday school today," Linda told Mom. "She's blind."

"Oh, yes," said Mom. "That's Amy. Judy's mother has told me about her."

"She did most of the things we did," continued Linda. "She sang, she helped act out the Bible story and she even did the handwork."

Mom said, "It's hard not to be able to see, but blind people learn to get along without their eyes."

"One of the boys asked her about it," remembered Linda. "Amy laughed and said, 'Oh, Jesus is with me. He helps me. He's my eyes.'"

Mom smiled. "Amy is not as blind as some people with eyes."

"What do you mean?" asked Linda.

"She has found the Savior," explained Mom. "Many who can see have never found Him."

Have you?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my eyes. Help me to use them to see the lovely things You have for me. Help me to use them to show others the way to the Savior. In His name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 26, 1965

Read Scripture: John 10:7-14

The Voice

Daddy and Betsy were in the yard. They heard a voice call, "Come, Betsy."

"Who's that calling you, Betsy?" asked Daddy.

"Mommy. Mommy call," said Betsy.

"How do you know it's Mommy?" asked Daddy.

"Mommy sounds like that," said Betsy.

"Then we better go into the house and find out what Mommy wants," Daddy said.

We all know the voices of our parents and others we love. We don't have to see them to know who is talking.

It is the same way with God. If we love Him we'll know when He is speaking to us. We'll follow Him.

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to hear Your voice when You speak to me. Help me to want to follow You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 1965

Read Scripture: John 11:25-27

Not Dead

"Oh, Mom," said Linda as she came into the house.

"What's wrong, dear?" asked Mom.

"Judy just told me that Mrs. Wilson died last night," replied Linda.

"I hadn't heard," said Mom. She and Linda sat on the davenport. "She has been very sick. I visited her at the hospital yesterday."

"I feel just terrible," Linda said. "She was such a dear old woman. It was fun to visit with her. She baked the best sugar cookies."

"Yes," nodded Mom. "We'll all miss her. You should not think of her as being dead, though."

"What should I think?" asked Linda in surprise.

"Mrs. Wilson loved Jesus," reminded Mom. "The Bible tells us those who love Him live again with Him in heaven."

"That's right!" declared Linda. "I was feeling so badly about not seeing her, but I will see her in heaven."

"It's true," Mom said, "that we will miss seeing her here on earth, but we can look forward to seeing her again. That's a promise Jesus made us."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank You for all the people who help to make my life happy. I'm glad to know if we love and follow You we'll live forever with You in heaven. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1965

Read Scripture: John 12:23-26

Following

Daddy was cutting the grass. Back and forth across the yard he walked pushing the lawn mower.

Betsy saw him. "Cut grass. Help cut grass," she said. Then she got her toy lawn mower from the garage. She followed Daddy back and forth across the yard pushing the toy lawn mower.

"Look at Betsy," laughed Gary. "She thinks she is helping."

"She loves Daddy and wants to be near him," said Mom. "She tries to do the things he does. That's the way Jesus said we should follow Him."

"Cutting the grass?" giggled Linda.

"No," smiled Mom. "He meant we should do the things He would do if He were still on earth."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I want to follow You. Help me to know the things I should do and to be willing to do them. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1965

Read Scripture: John 12:44-50

Darkness and Light

"Oh, the lights went out!" exclaimed Linda.

"The street lights are still on," said Gary.

"Lights! No lights!" said Betsy as she crawled onto Daddy's lap.

"I guess we need a new fuse," Daddy said. "You stay with Mommy. I'll fix the lights."

He put Betsy on Mommy's lap.

"I got the flashlight from my room," said Gary.

"Good!" Dad told him. "That's just what we need." Then he and Gary went to the basement.

Soon the lights came on again.

"Lights," laughed Betsy. "Daddy fix lights. Dark all gone!"

"Betsy's happy to have the lights on," laughed Linda.

"Yes," said Mom. "It is something like this that Jesus meant when He said if we follow Him we will not live in darkness. He can help us in time of trouble quicker than Daddy can change the fuse."

Prayer:

Thank You, dear Jesus, for taking away the dark things in my life. I want to always walk in the light of Your love. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1965

Read Scripture: John 13:34, 35

Christian Love

"The picnic tonight was fun," said Linda. "I like to be with the people from our church."

The children were carrying the picnic basket from the car to the house.

"Yes," agreed Gary. "Christans love one another."

"And others, too," added Linda. "When those children were watching us everyone wanted to share with them."

"Mr. Weaver talked with the father," said Gary. "He invited the whole family to join us."

"They had a good time, too," remembered Linda. "It didn't matter that they looked differently than we."

"I heard the mother tell Mom," said Gary, "that they would come to our church. She said they hadn't been going to church."

"We showed love to others as Jesus told us to," said Linda thoughtfully. "Now they will come to church to learn more of Him."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank You for my church and the loving people there. Help me, too, to be kind and thoughtful and loving. Amen.

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1965

Read Scripture: John 14:1-6

Moving

"Jack's moving," said Gary.

"Where?" asked Linda.

"To Washington," answered Gary.

"When are they going?" wondered Mom.

"They aren't sure," said Gary. "Jack's dad has gone already. He's looking for a house for them. When he has one ready he will come back for them."

"Someone has gone to prepare a new home for all of us," smiled Mom. "When it is ready He will come back for us."

"We aren't moving," said Linda in surprise.

Gary laughed. "I know what Mom means. Jesus has gone to get our heavenly home ready. Some day He will come for us to take us there."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I am glad I know You are in heaven preparing a home for me. I want to be ready to go with You when You come back for Your children. Amen.

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Rev. Albert T. Ronk

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IN THE LAST INSTALLMENT, we related the death of Esau by Jacob. The truthfulness of this tradition is as likely as many another which was handed down through the centuries in Jewish lore. But be it true or not, the biblical record tells of many occasions of clashes between the Israelites and the Edomites. So troublesome did they prove throughout the years, that in Jeremiah's prophecy before the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, in 586 B.C., there is decreed both a punishment and a future, *Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished? Flee ye, turn back, dwell in the depths, inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time that I shall visit him . . I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is destroyed, and his brethren, and his neighbors, and he is not. Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me . . I have sworn by myself, saith Jehovah, that Bozrah shall become an astonishment, a reproach, a waste and a curse; and all of the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes . . . O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdeth the heights of the hill, though thou should make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence* (Jer. 49).

Edom was destroyed but her children were kept somewhere, only God knoweth. It is agreed by scholars that the NABATAENS were descendants of some of them and the Nabataens became the IDUMEANS which produced in the days just prior to Jesus, Herod the Great.

But what of "The Clefts of the Rock" as quoted above? To what is the reference? There are various interpretations. Prominent among them is of Petra the rock which is situated in Mount Seir of Edom. It was the capital of the wealthy Nabataen or Idumean Kingdom in the New Testament times. It is a rose-red city carved from the living rock of a little valley accessible by only the entrance, a rift in the mountain, so narrow in places that a rider on horseback

must raise his feet from the stirrups to avoid their being crushed between the horse's sides and the rock walls. This remote retreat is thought by many to figure in the future of Israel. Of that, more anon.

Reference was made a few paragraphs back about a future of Edom. Also to the hand of God on the affairs of Esau from his prenatal, to modern, to future end-time. As sure as Esau's life, and Edom's history, is Edom's future. Hear it from Daniel (11:41) in reference to the coming of the king of the north. *He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.* Why will Edom and Moab and Ammon, three of the nations which were a source of trouble for Israel be preserved in the end-time? God scattered them, the *little ones and the widows,* and God will gather them or maybe is gathering them even now. Look at the map of the Near East. Locating the lands of the ancient Moabites, Ammonites and Edomites, there is in view a nation now covering almost identically the land of the three historic peoples. May it not be possible that even now, in Jordan, God is gathering the ancient seed of those peoples, in the Arabs there today?

In the hostilities between Israeli and the Arabs about 1950, the British and Trans-Jordan Arab leaders told the Arabs in Palestine to flee to Trans-Jordan; and when the Jews were defeated they could return. Israeli was not defeated and in the settlement of the war, thousands of Arabs were crowded into refugee camps where they are being given help by the U.N. Relief. Can God's hand be forcing them into their ancestral territory? Others were crowded into the Gaza strip. Could it be that at least some of them are descendants of the ancient Philistines and gathered there for a purpose? There is no definite evidence that it is so, but the question is raised as food for thought.

Questions often present themselves as to the Arab people—Are they not just a host of backward desert tribes, illiterate, quarrelsome, non-cooperative? Do they know who they are? And do they care? Backward according to world standards? Yes. Illiterate? Many of them, but becoming less so as western influence makes its impact upon them. Quarrelsome? That is their heritage—that is the family feud of 3000 years. Non-cooperative? His hand has always been against every other. But they know who they are. Hitti in his "History of Arabs" has this to say, (p. 28), *in his noble ancestry, the Arabian takes infinite pride. He is excessively fond of prodigious geneologies, and often traces his lineage back to Adam. No people, other than the Arabians, have ever raised geneology to the dignity of a science.* Yes, they know. And the hatreds incubated in the days of Moab, Ammon, Ishmael, Esau and others, have lived on in burning zeal through the centuries—not only the feud between Arab and Israel, but feuds of lesser magnitude. Quoting again from Hatti, the historian, (p. 26), *Blood according to the primitive law of the desert, calls for blood; no chastisement is recognized other than that of vengeance. The nearest of kin is suposed to assume primacy of responsibility. A blood feud may last forty years . . . In all those intertribal battles of pre-Islamic days the chroniclers emphasize the blood feud motif.*

In the light, then, of the racial characteristics, and the historic conduct of Arabs in general, is it any surprise that the establishing of a state of Israel again, has awakened old animosities and feudal activities? The Arab of today runs true to his nature, and shows himself, not only in the raiding of Israeli borders, but in every political trick known to ancient or modern Arab thought.

Be it always remembered, nevertheless, that God's hand still moves in the affairs of nations, that He has plan for the Arab, and when the plan for the Arabs, in relation to Israel is made known to them, they will acquiesce and peace will be established in the wide flung family of feuds.

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

EMPHASIS ON BABIES

"The Cradle Roll"

His face is small and puckered,
His fists are doubled tight,
His tiny feet are bootied
And his clothes are snowy white:
He's really very tiny
But you see he has a soul,
That's why our school's provided
For him, the Cradle Roll.

Lou Bina Townsend

Are You Planning for Babies?

The business world has recognized the potential buying power of all babies. Don't let your Sunday school be behind the times and miss the opportunities to enroll every baby in your community in your Cradle Roll and Nursery Department.

In planning for the future, build a nursery room for children from age 0 to two years. Then promote them to a teaching nursery department at age two, and you will have the nucleus of a great future Sunday school with many potential missionaries, evangelists, pastors, and Christian workers.

When you realize that seven babies are born each minute in the United States, it behooves us to reach and teach as many of them as possible.

The Cradle Roll Department

C — ongratulates the parents.
R — ecognizes the baby.
A — dds the baby to the roll.
D — elivers a membership certificate.
L — eaves literature in the home.
E — ncourages the parents to attend church.

R — emembers the baby's birthday.
O — ffers assistance in time of need.
L — eads the child to church attendance.
L — eads the family to Christ.

selections from Sunday School Progress

Brethren Youth Crusaders

IDEA BOX



COLLECT all the table games you can find, and tables, chairs, score pads, pencils, etc., that are necessary for your size group. Have at least three extra games, and these are not necessarily different but can be duplicates of the favorites. This is the BIG GAME.

If decorations are desired, and they certainly help produce an atmosphere, the following may be used. Make covers for the hanging lights of green, tan, or yellow crepe paper in order to produce a filtered light similar to that which would come through many leaves. This is done by cutting fringed edges as deep as the lights and height of the ceiling will allow. Make paper or cloth covers for each table similar to leopard, zebra or any other animal you can find. There are prints, outing flannel and crepe paper copies of the various "wild" hides. You could duplicate them with wrapping paper and water color paint also. Get together an assortment of old broom handles or similar items. Cover one end with a cardboard arrow; decorate the other end with brightly colored and fringed crepe paper. Make shields of corrugated cardboard, plain side out, with decorations of bright paper, paint or material. Serve snacks throughout the evening such as cheese bits or crackers, popcorn, potato chips, apples, anything that can be eaten with the fingers and served from baskets by the committee in charge of the party. Cokes, of course, or other drinks you may prefer should be served from big water bottles or jugs.

The committee may be "bearers" or big game hunters with sun helmets. Find pictures of some and copy them as nearly as possible.

Now we get to the actual party. Place tables around the room. Small tables for two, larger tables for six or four all covered with simulated animal skins. As the guests arrive, let them choose from the supply of games already laid out invitingly on the tables. Try to let each one play with one to three others at such games as these:

Dominoes—single or double sets
Checkers
Chinese Checkers
Stadium Checkers
Parchesi
Monopoly
Marble puzzles
Scrabble

Each time there is a winner, one of the committee lets him draw a marked animal cracker from a large bag; and the guest places that animal, with any others he collects through the evening, in a small cage (little box with a slit cut in it large enough to get an animal cracker through), marked with the guest's name or with his team number. If teams are desired guests draw numbers as they arrive. Small tickets in bright colors, numbered from 1 to 6, easily divide the group into teams. All one's are the first team, all two's the second team, etc. Teams do not play as teams—this is just for scoring at the end of the evening.

All animal crackers are marked with scoring points. This is easily done with paper stickers, or crayolas. Most animals only give one point; horses, cows, pigs —any domestic animal counts 1. If you would rather make a list and have the big game hunters count their "bag" at the end of the evening—then eat the crackers —fine. All "wild" animals score as follows:

Elephant—15
Tiger—8
Lion—12
Zebra—14
Rhinoceros—10
Bear—5

Soften a piece of macaroni in hot water. Twist and dry in shape of python (snake). Label and mark 15 points—but if guest gets this, *subtract* from score.

On four plain cookies—not too big, mark "Play This Game Again with Same Players." The person drawing one of these "freezes" the group at his table for another game of the same thing.

Manufacture two gum drop dolls with toothpicks using all white drops on one and all black drops on another. The white will be the missionary and add 50 points or gives a small prize to the one who take

him from the grab bag at time of grab. This can make a small ceremony possible while prize is presented and the missionary is put back into the grab bag. Play is resumed. The black dolls represents the cannibal and takes 10 points off the highest score at the table where he is grabbed from the bag. For both cannibal and missionary a slip of paper with points won or lost goes in the person's cage. Place both these in small plastic bags and excitement will be created since no one will know whether they are getting the cannibal or the missionary.

Guests change games each time there is a finished game at table where they are playing. It is very important that the leaders keep the games going and guests moving to different tables. All losers at each table move to next table. The winner remains but usually will lose the next time and will have to move on. If many tables are needed, number them so moves may be made more easily. If one game takes longer than another, do not interrupt the players, just skip that table and take the next one or one of those extra games mentioned in the first paragraph.

When awarding prizes, use inexpensive plastic or toy animals each wearing a small placard with the words:

TROPHY OF HUNT FOR BIG GAME
(date)
Name of your group

Give one to high score, low score, duplicate in case of tie, second place and third place. If scoring by teams—total all scores, and give awards that may be shared.

Refreshments were passed throughout the evening to leave the last half hour free for closing devotions.

Be sure to have all equipment ready for use so you can avoid a last minute rush of trying to prepare items. Guests should be led to games as soon as they arrive in enough numbers to begin one. Have your devotional program well prepared and use publicity that might include travel posters or African spears, masks or shields hung in conspicuous places with dates and time in big letters.

—Prepared by:
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McLaren

See "LUCIA" at Conference

The new Billy Graham feature length sound-color motion picture, "LUCIA," will be shown at 9:15 p.m., Thursday and Friday evenings of General Conference.

Our missionaries in Buenos Aires served as consultants for this new film.

This is the story of "LUCIA" coming to the motion picture screen with all of the pathos and poignancy that transcends its Latin setting, to embrace the spiritual needs that are common to every culture and clime around the world.

"LUCIA" was made in its entirety in Buenos Aires, directed by World Wide Pictures' President, Dick Ross. The fire and excitement of gaucho folk music, South America's unmatched scenic grandeur and the excitement that belongs to one of the world's largest cities, are all enriched by full color and authentic sound.

But the real impact of "LUCIA" is to be found in its intimate, utterly honest treatment of an individual's emptiness and frustration apart from the filling of the "God-shaped vacuum" with which all mankind is born. With this newest of the Billy Graham films, "LUCIA" enters into the area of domestic discord and the romantic triangle—and what the Bible has to say in resolving the emotional problems that are the hallmark of 20th century living.

As long as you live you will never forget "LUCIA."

YOUTH AT NAPPANEE

Although our group will probably not be an honor society it looks as if we may be a banner society.

In order to raise money our group had a slave drive in our church. People of the church were supposed to hire members of the BYC to work and pay us. This, though, proved a bit unsuccessful since few persons of the church hired us.

However, we will be having a nice offering for the Project in August.

—Paula Stump, secretary



"fill the DERBY hat"

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NATIONAL YOUTH PROJECT

GOAL: $10,000

from the Woman's Outlook

Bible Study for August

WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD

Text: Colossians 1:10

by REV. WOODROW A. IMMEL

WALK! What does it mean? Webster defines it thusly: "A means to go on foot, at a pace slower than a run." The dictionary goes on to say there are three kinds of walk: just walking at the normal pace, striding which is a brisk walk, and plodding which means to go slowly with heavy foot steps. It isn't always the best to proceed swiftly, nor do we want to drag our feet! I feel that God wants us to walk steadily onward toward the goal He has for each of us. In Colossians 1:9, 10, Paul wrote to the Colossian church, *We . . . do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.*

First, let us consider *how* we can walk with the Lord. Before we can walk with God, we must know God. Let me refer you to James 4:8. *Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.* In your study of God's Word, I am sure you have discovered that God, from the very beginning, was seeking out His creation, man; God made the first move in every attempt to unite man with Himself. In the Old Testament, we have the record of God speaking to man from the cloud; the voice of God came to man so that man might be brought into a closer relationship with Him. When God needed a leader such as Moses, He spoke to Moses from the burning bush; Moses realized that this was the voice of God, and that God was calling him to a special task. As Moses led the people out of Egypt, God was ever present in the cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night. As they journeyed in the wilderness, God saw fit to give to His people the Ten Commandments as a guide for their lives, and for the nation as a whole. During this period, God came down and rested on the mountain top. Moses met with God upon this mountain, and there he talked with God and God gave him the tablets of stone. Later on, God came nearer to the people as He dwelled in the innermost part of the tabernacle —the Holy of Holies.

However, all this was not enough, as God still wanted to have a closer fellowship with man. How could this be done? It all came about that night in Bethlehem at the manger. "A Savior is born which is Christ the Lord." Yes, God sent His only begotten Son down to earth to walk, to talk, and to teach man directly. The cloud, the pillar of fire, the burning bush, the innersanctum of the tabernacle were all in the past now. God came in the Person of Jesus Christ, His Son, to man! But even His coming did not complete the plan, for it was also necessary for this Son of God to suffer the anguish of the cross and die that our sins might be forgiven, that we might become the *sons*—yea, joint-heirs with Christ—of the Living God. We also know that Christ was not held by the grave, but that He came forth victoriously from that grave. His victory over the grave was a victory over sin, death, and hell. Again, we cannot stop here, for Jesus told His disciples that it was necessary for Him to leave them, that the Comforter might come. Here is the point where God's greatest blessing is made possible for us: GOD IS NO LONGER AN OUTSIDER, BUT HE DWELLS WITHIN US; the Holy Spirit is our constant companion. This was God's ultimate goal —that He might dwell within us, and that we might never be alone. It is because of God's great love and desire to be with us—not at a distance, but to dwell within us—that we can "Walk worthy of the Lord." When we draw nigh unto God, He will draw nigh unto us.

A daily walk with God begins the moment we accept His Son, Jesus Christ, as the atonement for our sins. From this day forward, God dwells in our hearts through the person of the Holy Spirit.

Now let us consider how we might *continue* our walk that it might be acceptable unto God. Let me illustrate the point with this little story. A man determined to walk across this great country of ours,

from California to New York. Day by day, he walked along the road. Little notice was taken of his journey at first, but day by day as he walked, it soon became apparent that he might complete the journey. The newspapers took up the story and followed his progress. Finally, at the end of his journey, he was greeted by a crowd of people, and praised for his accomplishment. At the interview which followed, the newsmen asked many questions. "How do you feel after such a long walk? What was your greatest problems along the way? Was it the mountains and steep climbs? Was it the dry, hot deserts? Was it the storms and rain? Just what was your greatest difficulties on the trip?" The newspaper men all waited expectantly for the answer. "Gentlemen," answered the man, "My greatest difficulty in the journey was the SAND IN MY SHOES."

This little story provoked some sobering thought in me. We spend days, weeks, and yes—even years on the long range plans and projects of our communities and churches. We become so interested in the big things of life—the obvious things. But what about the sand in our shoes? The little things in our everyday lives? Is our DAILY WALK pleasing to God? Do we take time in our daily walk to read from God's Word every day, have personal devotions and family altar? Or are we too busy to take time for such a "little thing"?

Do we take time to stop and give a word of encouragement to one who is sick, discouraged, or undecided in his or her walk of life? Do we take time to encourage the youth of our church—help them with their problems, praise them in their accomplishments?

What about pride? Is this hindering our daily walk with Christ? This sin of pride is one of the most subtle and insidious of all sins. This was the very sin which put Satan out of heaven; it is the sin that made the devil become the devil. Pride can become a spiritual cancer.

These things I have mentioned are but a few of the grains of sand that can cause us troubles in our walk of life; perhaps, you can name others. My point is this: if these little grains of sand are not emptied daily from our shoes, they will cut into our feet and sores will develop. As these sores grow, our daily walk will be hindered, crippled, or even terminated. The only way we can continue our daily walk, acceptably unto God, is to go to Him daily in prayer; petition Him to remove the little grievances and hinderances which mar our walk, so that we can continue with the God-given tasks in our lives.

In closing, may I go back to our original text, Colossians 1:10. To walk worthy of the Lord, we are told: "Be fruitful, and increase in the knowledge of God." I feel that these things I have written about are some of our greatest problems. Let's watch that we do not become so busy with the "mountains and steep climbs" of life that we do not have time for the little every day Christian acts of love—not only to others, but to members of our own family. The Bible teaches that even a cup of cold water in the name of the Master will never be forgotten.

Topic for August

TAKE TIME TO PRAY

or

"Ring the Bells of Heaven"

by MRS. WOODROW A. IMMEL

THE GREAT WELSH PREACHER, Christmas Evans, has said, "Prayer is the rope up in the belfry; we pull it and it rings the bell up in heaven." To know that the bell rings, and to enjoy the flood of music which fills our lives as the result—this is indeed reason enough to take time to pray.

What a never-failing source of comfort prayer is to the Christian! Actually, the history of each individual Christian and his subsequent comfort and blessings can be almost accurately recorded according to his prayer habits. Children, in their carefree, yet sometimes disappointing growing periods, as well as youth who are faced with difficult decisions and important choices; wives and mothers endeavoring to establish their homes and guide their families into Christ-like behavior; husbands and fathers whose joy it is to provide for their families, and to cooperate in the happy and often difficult task of rearing the children—all have attested to the wonderful comforting power that can be found in prayer. PRAYER IS THE SECRET to calling down the peace and comfort of God. In Philippians 4:6, 7, we read, *Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And*

the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. This is the promise upon which every Christian can stand with implicit confidence.

But I sense that some of you are silently doubting the workability of this great promise. Is it possible that you are not enjoying the blessings which prayer offers you? Actually, this is our means of communication with our Heavenly Father, and we must make it possible for Him to talk to us. Obviously, we cannot take advantage of the convenience of electric lights unless we "flip on" the switch, allowing the current to travel to the bulb. Neither can we enjoy the conversation of dear ones who live a distance from us unless we dial the phone. Even then, they may not be at home, and will not answer the phone. But when they do answer, what joy to have conversed for perhaps only a few minutes! With God, however, be assured He is always at home, and will take time to hear your calls. The peace and joy which follows a sincere, personal call to God surpasses our most intimate family conversations! *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened* (Matt. 7:7, 8). What more can we hope for?

For what should we pray? Christ goes on to say in His sermon on the mount, *If any of you were asked by his son for bread would you give him a stone, or if he asks for a fish would you give him a snake? If you then, for all your evil, quite naturally give good things to your children, how much more likely is it that your Heavenly Father will give good things to those who ask him* (Matt. 7:9-11—Phillips Translation)? Being a mother myself, and naturally anxious that my children have their needs supplied, I will often times see where I can assist in making the burden of their young lives a little lighter, so, without their asking, I'll offer to help. On the other hand, should they ask for special help, what parent wouldn't do all within his power to assist them—if it were for their edification? Paralleling this to our Father in Heaven, how great a universe He has already provided for us, His children, to enjoy? How many of our needs He has foreseen and already supplied to us? Yet, when we have specific needs and problems to solve, how happy it must make Him for us to thank Him for His kindnesses already bestowed upon us, as well as recognizing His ability to fulfill our individual needs by our coming to Him in regular prayer—which leads to another reason we may not be receiving the greatest blessings available to us through prayer.

It is important that we keep a regular, appointed tryst with Christ. Meet Him regularly in a place conducive to meditation and communication. Quoting from Phillips translation again, *And then, when you pray, don't be like the play actors. They love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at street corners so that people may see them at it. Believe me, they have had all the reward they are going to get! But when you pray, go into your own room, shut your door and pray to your Father privately. Your Father who sees all private things will reward you* (Matt. 6:6). In a household bustling with varying aged children, it may be necessary for you to retire to some remote corner of the house to have your own private talk with God, where you are free to praise, to intercede for your loved ones, your missionary ambassadors, our governmental leaders, as well as to receive the calm and peace which we have reason to expect as we put our faith in Him.

At our Indiana District Conference recently, there were scheduled specific prayer periods for the various auxiliaries of the church. Studying the procedure for prayer, within the will of God, one of our prayer leaders suggested that our prayers be divided into three parts: First, that we THANK and receive (the blessing of God); second, that we ASK and receive; and finally, that we ABIDE and receive.

Upon closer examination, we will discover that the Lord's prayer follows in this same procedure. First, our Lord praised the Heavenly Father by saluting Him as a hallowed Person, and Master of the universe; innumerous blessings we have for which we should praise and thank Him. Second, in our Lord's exemplary prayer, He petitioned the Father for our daily needs, both materially and spiritually. Which of us can wholly be independent to supply our daily needs? Certainly, none—even in our most routined, scheduled days (which are surely in the minority). On the other hand, comes the unexpected, the tragic, the heartache—and sadly enough, this second portion of our prayers may well nigh become the motive for even having communicated with God! Finally, Christ closes the model prayer by revealing His great faith in the ability of the Father whose kingdom, power, and glory shall forever abide! We MUST HAVE FAITH IN HIM that our prayers will be answered according to His will. *If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you* (John 15:7). Another great promise and privilege in prayer, *And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son* (John 14:13).

Take time to pray! You cannot afford to neglect this great privilege. Form a family altar whereby your entire family can RECEIVE God's blessings from praise, petitioning, and abiding with Him through prayer. Then, after the family has gone to their school, their work, or wherever their daily tasks may call, take your second cup of breakfast coffee to your favorite easy chair where you may read and meditate on God's Word, alone. In this silence, you will allow God to speak to you alone. Pour out your own personal thoughts and problems to Him, aloud; this will help you to concentrate without other less important thoughts clouding your mind. This is a good time to do our daily Bible reading.

Now then, why don't we ring the bells of heaven more often? There is a picture hanging on the wall which shows an old steeple atop a timeworn church. In the steeple is a bell and a rope hanging down toward the earth. Calmly beside the bell sits a sleepy owl, suggestive of the fact that the bell has not been used for a long time. Through a window of the steeple one can see the street below where hurrying people run by. Under the picture is this inscription "Why Don't They Ring the Bell?" Why don't *we* ring? Why do we permit the bell-rope of prayer to hang unused in the steeple when if we would only ring it, we might have our lives flooded with the harmonies of heaven?

Let's pull the rope! Let's take time to pray! The advice offered in the old hymn written by William D. Longstaff "Take Time to Be Holy" is well worth our serious consideration.

Take time to be holy, Speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, And feed on His Word:
Make friends of God's children;
Help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing His blessings to seek.

Take time to be holy, The world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret With Jesus alone—
By looking to Jesus,
Like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, Let Him be thy Guide,
And run not before Him, Whatever betide;
In joy or in sorrow,
Still follow thy Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, Still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, Be calm in thy soul;
Each tho't and each motive Beneath His control;
Thus led by His Spirit
To fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted For service above.

Special Study
Brethren Missions in Review

The MISSIONARY BOARD of the BRETHREN CHURCH

Part IV

THIS MONTH our missionary information spotlights Mrs. Marion Mellinger who serves in the capacity of Office Secretary.

Mrs. Mellinger, better known as "Mickey," was born in Schenectady, New York, and lived there until her marriage to Delbert Mellinger twenty years ago. At the time of their marriage, Mr. Mellinger was a student at Ashland College.

Mrs. Mellinger has many talents and she has served her church and community well. As a member of the Park Street Church in Ashland, Mickey has served the Lord in various capacities such as superintendent, teacher, Bible school worker, youth leader and instructor at Camp Bethany. Her services to the community include school activities, P.T.A., Cub Scouts, Brownies Y.W.C.A. work and Red Cross services. She has numerous interests and hobbies which occupy her attention such as sewing, knitting, upholstering, reading and handcraft.

This very busy lady is also the mother of two children, Herman and Claudia.

Mickey has served as Office Secretary of the Missionary Board for the past two years, beginning her work at the same time Rev. Virgil Ingraham became the General Secretary. She accepted this position as an opportunity to give full-time service for the Lord. She is well qualified for such a position having more than ten years of business experience in offices associated with electronics, motors, furniture, road construction and poultry equipment. Her duties include bookkeeping, filing, mailing from the Missionary Board, typing, and the hundred and one other jobs which fall upon her capable shoulders.

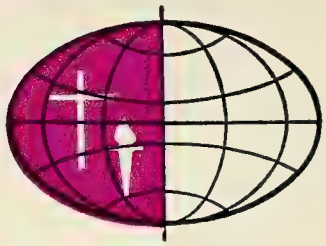
As W.M.S. members, we should remember the Office Secretary and the routine work she must perform to keep the Missionary Board office running smoothly and efficiently. Pray for Mrs. Mellinger, Rev. Ingraham and the members of the Missionary Board as they meet this month during General Conference to carry on the greatest work in the world — that of spreading the gospel throughout the world.

Next month we will conclude our first year's study with a brief review.

1964 - 65 Theme — Ephesians 5:15-20

"FULFILLING THE TIME"

MISSIONARY NEWS



GOSPEL RADIO MINISTRY

by HAROLD E. STACEY

GREETINGS in the Name of our loving Savior and Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ!

We do wish to tell you how very grateful we are to the Brethren Church and the members of the Missionary Board for your vision and interest always shown towards the Lord's work in this area. Only Eternity, when we be gathered forever in our Heavenly Father's home, when our labors will have ceased, shall we all understand what this today's vast radio ministry has meant to thousands of souls, the outcome of your faithful, keen and constant support over the many years.

It is with heartfelt thanks to our Father above we can tell you how the messages that originate in Argentina's modern Gospel Recording studios are reaching to the uttermost parts of the earth. Today we are now airing Gospel releases over 26 stations covering efficiently the four cardinal points of this country as well as several neighboring republics as also reaching the whole Spanish speaking world around the globe.

As you have already heard, PJB—"Trans-World Radio" located on the Dutch Island of Bonaire in the Antilles, very graciously beams "Platicas Cristianas" around the world every Sunday evening on the standard broadcast band of 800 kilocycles and on 15.206 kilocycles—19 meters shortwave at 9:30 P. M. Buenos Aires time, which I understand is equivalent to 8:30 P. M., Eastern Standard Time and 9:30 Bonaire time. We hope that you will have opportunity to hear it some time. We listen to it coming in stronger than the local stations at times, on the 800 kilocycles band on a small 6 transistor portable receiver without antenna. Many are the letters we receive from Spanish speaking folks who are residents in the United States of America and Canada, not to speak of the hundreds of weekly letters we receive from the entire Central and South American countries and Spain. "Platicas Cristianas" is also aired now regularly in Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia and Peru.

As we take a retrospective look over 14 years and come to July 6, 1951, when the Bylers and the undersigned together began in a very humble way this Gospel radio ministry, recording on "acetates" into early hours of the morning with every type of difficulty, and contemplating the magnitude into which that small mustard seed has today developed, we cannot less than lift our hearts filled with emotion and gratitude for what the Lord in His abundant kindness has wrought through His humble servants, with the decided and faithful support over the many years of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, without whose vision in mass media communications this extensive ministry would with all probability still find itself in a primary stage.

When the radio Gospel history of Argentina, if someday written, it undoubtedly will carry a very special mention and recognition of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio, for its foresight, Christian love and fellowship by making possible what we in Argentina are honored to own—a modern Gospel Recording Studio.

The studio's facilities are today of assistance to several fundamental Christian denominations, who find in it the answer for their own radio requirements or needs.

Progressive Local Financial Support

It will be of interest to you to know, had the studio to assume today the total financial monthly commitments involved by the many stations carrying the releases, it

would be almost impossible. It is most promising and encouraging to us here, as no doubt it will be to you, as we witness the growing interest on behalf of many churches in this ministry by supplying today almost three times as much again the monthly allowance you dear friends graciously and so faithfully forward to us.

As you are aware, almost 18 months ago a whole nationwide network came into our hands, adding 15 new stations. We scarcely could cover then our regular monthly commitments; what of assuming the responsibility of so many new stations in one packet? God had been preparing the way! We felt it was God's time for us to step out and "take possession" of that which He had placed before us, and we did so. Today, friends, almost 100% of this big step of faith we took, is covered financially by the churches where the program is released. Your faithful support is today being rewarded almost 300 fold. This speaks of the acceptance our ministry enjoys in this country.

It not only has brought recognition to C.A.V.E.A., but also to your own group here, as the outcome of your continued helpful support to the cause of Christ in these areas. Appreciation is shown towards you by the many churches for the excellent and efficient work forthcoming every day from these Gospel studios in which your Board has had a vital part.

Rates of Radio Time

On March 15, we were officially notified of substantial increases in radio time rates, effective as from April 1, ranging from 40% to 62%, according to the wattage output of the respective stations. Applications requesting special consideration were unfortunately to no avail and we have no alternative but to meet our increased expenses.

This increase came as a shock to many churches who have been sponsoring our releases, but we are refreshed and relieved as we hear from them telling us how much "Platicas Cristianas" means to them! They assure us of their continued interest and readiness to meet the additional monthly increase.

The many spontaneous gifts and the devaluation of the peso in relation to the dollar favor us somewhat, but the actual increased cost of our budget is 25%. We would greatly appreciate you remembering our needs in this respect in your daily prayers before the Throne of Grace, that our many needs and especially this 25% increase will be supplied, thus allowing the uninterrupted continuance of this effective ministry.

Technical Help

We are extremely grateful to the Lord for the efficient work John D. Rowsey is carrying out, as also for the continued help Jean is in our radio choir. John recently has been under great pressure. Radio programs had to be kept on the air simultaneously to fitting new equipment into place. John is quite a genius in his profession, and is doing a great work. Unfortunately the day only has 24 hours!

Also we are greatly pleased with Bill and Fran Curtis; they are a congenial couple and hard workers indeed. Fran is quite a qualified painter and Bill, a quiet, persevering, neat and dependable technician, which means much to the technical department. Both Bill and Fran are active members in the radio choir much to Rob Byler's liking and needs.

Over the years with the many who share the varied phases of the work in an official manner—totaling today 132—belonging to several fundamental denominations, though many come from different social and educational backgrounds and nationalities, we have as yet never had a friction with a brother or sister in the faith. This alone, dear friends, is a great victory and evidences God's approval of this, His ministry. God has given us leadership over the years which enables everyone to labor as a team for His Glory.

Anniversary Meeting

As you already know, every year a new anniversary of our work comes around. As the work grows, so do the fruits for Eternity. Our last experience showed us there is not a suitable place or theater big enough to house the multitude that attend our annual meeting, outside of "Luna Park Stadium," Buenos Aires' great sports stadium with a modern premises seating 30,000 souls.

It is the local committee's intention to hold this year's anniversary in this giant cover sports palace, where we feel that more than 10,000 souls will attend for the occasion. Several churches have promised their support if we decide to carry through with the project.

An approach has been made to the authorities of the stadium with the intention of fixing September 17, beginning at 7:30 P. M. We are seeking the Lord's unmistakable "go forward" sign. Please also remember us as we take this big decision. Everything so far seems to indicate we have a green light ahead of us. We do not wish to make a mistake; we're confident God will speak to us through His Holy Spirit and give us all the necessary wisdom as we humble ourselves and seek only to do His will.

Argentina's and Latin America's most able Gospel speaker will have the great responsibility of delivering the message that evening. Undoubtedly he is familiar to many of you; he is Reverend Fernando V. Vangioni, official speaker on all our Sunday evening releases. Pray for Fernando that God may anoint him with the power of His Holy Spirit. Pray also for the many devoted Christian artists which will be on the stage and their respective performances, so that God may speak to many a heart through Christian music, through the choirs, quartets, trios, soloists, etc. That everything may run along smoothly giving honor and glory only to Him as we take with humbleness the glory of the second or even third place.



Bill Fasig and Harold E. Stacy

Pray also, friends, that all financial commitments may be met exclusively by the Lord's people.

Television Control Booth

The TV Control booth is finally completed and now ready to receive the necessary equipment, a minor part of which is already here and installed. Further equipment needed will be incorporated as the Lord gradually provides all required instruments, in His time and manner.

TV today offers a tremendous challenge to the Christian Church. It is ever growing everywhere. With the advent of man-made satellites for communication purposes, shortly there will be no place on this earth where TV cannot be seen, just as radio is today heard. TV has an additional technical advantage over radio in its mass spread use in that while radio was only feasible up until recent years where electricity was available, TV circuits today benefit from the use of "printed and transistorized circuits operating on a few flashlight cells," which enables large communities to be efficiently in contact with the civilized world, receiving the Word of Life. Otherwise with all probability many would live and pass into eternity not having had at least one chance of hearing of the love of God.

In the light of the everyday more efficient and cheaper means or systems of communications man is developing, it is imperative at this dramatic hour, for the Christian Church to have a greater vision of its responsibility in a modern world, where it has to testify of its faith to an ever-growing population, which as the minutes fly pass is constantly outnumbering the possibilities of missions and missionaries. Our only hope to reach millions today is precisely through the modern means of mass communications which I am persuaded God at this last minute of His dispensation of Grace has placed at our disposal, so that His chosen ones may avail themselves of these facilities to send forth with a last great and powerful impact the one and great message for which the world is thirsting. God has placed a mighty weapon in radio and television for His cause, to warn mankind that His return is imminent. When this takes place, our labors will then be all over, today's challenge will be no more, everything will be over and finished with as far as it pertains to us today, and those who were not reached will be doomed to a lost and Christless Eternity. Let us visualize as Christians in a vivid manner, the horror that awaits those who remain behind. Loved ones, relatives and friends will never have a second chance of salvation. TODAY is the accepted time. World events are such, that we do not know what the morrow holds for us. Therefore it is urgent that whatever means God places at our disposal, we should with His wisdom invest NOW while yet we may.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

JOY

"Joy is the flag that is flown from the heart
Where the King in His residence reigns,
Joy that He gives and imparts to His own,
And that He by His promise maintains.

"Joy is the flag that is flown from the heart,
From the heart that the Saviour indwells,
Joy that abounds in the depths of distress
And the night of all sorrow dispels.

"Joy is the flag that is flown from the heart,
Where the Lord in His temple resides,
Joy that is based on the blood of the cross,
On His peace that forever abides."

—W. M. Czamanske

IT IS THE WILL of God that those who live in His presence be full of joy (Ps. 16:11). He wants His children to "rejoice evermore" (I Thess. 5:16). With joy we are to "draw water out of the wells of salvation" (Isa. 12:3). Joy is truly the objective of Christ's truth and redemption wrought for us (Jn. 15:11), and for Israel (Isa. 35:10).

Pessimism and complaining is unChristian (Matt. 5:11, 12). We all need the motto: "TRY PRAISE."

The skylark rises as it sings;
The soul that praises finds its wings.

—Ethel A. True

Wherever Christ's gospel has been preached it has brought joy (Acts 8:6, 8). Whatever of pain, frustration, and trials may accost our pilgrimage (Jas. 1: 2, 3), we are obliged to be joyful, for we are His sheep; we hear His voice—and no one can ever pluck us out of His hand (Jn. 10:37-39). Since heaven is our home, we of all people should be full of joy (Jude 24). It is our destiny to be made like our Redeemer, himself (Rom. 8:28). Therefore we should be rejoicing now for what He is doing for us (I Pet. 4:12, 13). We have no cause for self-pity (v. 14). There is genuine joy in full commitment to His service (Ps. 40:8). Sacrificial service echoes joy (Neh. 12:43). Sowing and reaping are unfailingly full of joy (Jn. 4:36). God, himself is our joy (Isa. 61:10). His love letter is our joy (Jer. 15:16).

Among the smitten sufferers was one
Whose need had far outstripped the power and skill
Of those who ministered to all the ill
From morn to night, from dark to morning sun—
And by their persevering care had won
Back from the door of Death's destroying chill
Both young and old, both strong and weak of will,
In spite of all that dread disease had done.

But this one valiant soul was claimed by pain
Incurable and keen: they said outright,
"What can't be cured must be endured." He cried:
"Oh, no! ENJOYED as from the Crucified
Who doeth all things well; I find it gain
To choose His will and make it my delight."

"Count It All Joy"
—Peter M. MacDonald, D.D.

SISTERHOOD

Consider your "PATIENCE POTENTIAL" . . .

by VIVIAN KAY STUTZMAN

In Ecclesiastes 3:1 we find the following, *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.* If you don't believe that He will provide in His due time for His purpose, then patiently read how He has provided for me.

It was a year and two jobs after graduating from high school that the way was opened for me to attend college. When I was accepted there were no rooms available, my transcript had not been received and I had saved no money. My partly owned car was sold for the first semester's tuition. After that, a small scholarship, work at The Brethren Publishing Company, and in the Admissions Office along with a counseling position and the faithful help of my parents, I soon completed four years of college training.

Then, the big question that haunts every graduate —what next? Without my conscious knowledge, He had arranged the time for my helping in Kentucky. I tried hesitation, rebellion, confusion and about everything else to keep from going to the "confining hills." Other doors closed and I found myself in His place. The time had come for me to grow spiritually, mentally, and emotionally in service for Him. The Lord not only used my Bible training but put me to work at the job I said I would never do—teach. He even provided the opportunity for me to use my accounting training as treasurer and bookkeeper of the school.

After two years, befuddlement set in and dissatisfaction took over. I had some money coming on tuition from crusading for one summer. It wasn't enough to get me very far in summer school. A letter was sent to the college with the problem. The return letter came telling me to come and the rest would be provided. Doubt set in and a long distant call was made from Lost Creek to the college. The answer—come!

Thus, with the sum total of $16 left after purchasing my bus ticket, I came to Ashland for summer school. With the help of the Mission Board, the Ministerial Student Aid Fund, The Brethren Youth Crusaders, and baby sitting jobs, the Lord provided, again, sufficient help to complete eight semester hours of training for a further teaching position.

With many lessons, and I mean hard lessons, He stayed with me when all seemed useless. With five different preparations for six classes each day plus the school newspaper, I wondered many times if I was really serving the Lord or just existing. However, the strength for each day was there when needed. His love lifted me up and kept me going when all else seemed to fail.

Through those experiences, He again provided for my return to Ashland for eleven semester hours plus a two hour correspondence course to finish to receive my teaching certificate. Yet, He has provided the time for me to relate to you how His will has been accomplished in my life.

Those of you who are thinking about attending college, going into the ministry or on the mission field—He will provide all that you will need in His due time. Though our church is small in number, the various organizations within it are being used of Him to complete His purpose in the proper time for each of us. Be patient to know His will for you. Give Him your time.

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

THE ALCHEMY OF THE LORD

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . (Matthew 6:20).

ALCHEMY is the impossible art, practiced by scientists of long ago, of attempting to convert baser metals into gold. Man has always longed to discover the power to convert useless, worthless things into valuable articles. Many a medieval student spent his life in such useless pursuit. No scientist has yet discovered the formula for converting lead into gold—and may we suggest, never will.

Jesus knew a greater secret, the secret of changing the material into the spiritual. He could take the five loaves and two fishes of a lad and cause them to serve as a meal for five thousand people.

He took the time of a rough fisherman and stretched the influence of that life into eternity, and you have an apostle, Peter.

He took the prodigal life of an outcast woman, Mary Magdalene, and made it an example of purity and decency.

And Saul of Tarsus, wasting his talents—Christ took the talents of Saul, which were being wasted in a lost cause, and of those talents he made a great missionary cause.

Christ can take our lives, our talents, our time, our possessions and change them into something infinitely precious and immortal. But that this transformation may be accomplished, there must be the willingness to surrender our all to Him.

The Brethren Layman

Searching the Psalms

PSALM 64

by WAYNE M. HAWKINS

The writer, Mr. Wayne M. Hawkins, is a member of the Milledgeville, Illinois, Brethren Church. He is a teacher of the Senior High class in his Sunday school and sings in the senior choir. With his wife, Margaret, he sponsors and directs the junior choir. Father of two adult children, he owns and operates his own supermarket. F.S.B.



IT HAS BEEN generally accepted that this Psalm was written by David and it alludes to his deliverance from the sins and temptations of the world.

Often the Psalms are read without study and naturally the blessings therein are never revealed. I am going to try and make a comparison of the Old Testament, the Psalms and the New Testament, to show the similarity in teaching.

In the first two verse, David is pleading with God to keep him safe from the works of his enemies. The strategy of the wicked is described in verses 3 to 6. Satan has not changed over the years. His tactics are very modern and what an opportunity he has today. Let us compare these verses with the workers of iniquity today. Sneaking, pious, unharmful would describe them most generally. As David said, "they shoot in secret at the perfect, they commune of laying snares privily." We Christians are under observation every minute that we live. Each temptation that we yield to, justifies that sin to a weaker brother. While the slayers of the church of Christ magnifies our sins a thousand times.

Paul had a similar experience as described in II Corinthians 11:13, 14: *for such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*

We often find the Scriptures describing the dark side of a situation then releasing the brighter side. Verse 7 to 10 show us the rewards of the wicked and also the rewards of the believers. If we are alert, we shall see the pitfalls of the wicked. God will give you this knowledge through prayer and Bible study. One day all men shall profess God. The satanic people will find their place in hell, while the saved will know nothing but the glory of God.

Turning again to Paul's teachings in I Corinthians 10:13, *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able;*

but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Paul also states that in his infirmities he takes pleasure for God's grace is sufficient for him and his strength is made perfect in weakness.

David was seeking God's protection. Christians of today are seeking that same deliverance. We have learned to misinterpret the word "persecute" and have overlooked the dangers that we should see. Brethren, every Christian in the world is being persecuted. Should we expect to be shot or hanged because we accept Christ as our Savior? The following are a very few of the unnoticed persecutions that we are undergoing today:

Is a firm faith easy to keep?
Do we pray as often as we used to?
Is it easier to be on the conservative side of a question at hand?
Do we read the Bible as regularly and sincerely as we should?
Do we have as great a concern for the unsaved as we should?
Do we permit our doctrines to be softened by philosophy?

Recently in our high school class we were learning that Christians are a tested people and are approved unto God. One student responded, "in my prayers I ask God to test me and in the same breath I ask Him to be right by my side to keep me from yielding to temptation." This is a wonderful way to describe the alertness we should practice.

Isn't it so very true that the errors of man and the seeking for deliverance is the same throughout time?

Read the Psalms and study them. Many of the Fathers of the Church are unanimously eloquent in their commendation of them. Athonasious styles them as an epitome of the whole Scriptures; Basil, a compendium of all theology; Luther, a little Bible, and the summary of the Old Testament; Melanethan, the most elegant writing in the whole world.

May we repeat with the Psalmist, "teach me O Lord the way of the statutes and I shall keep it unto the end. The entrance of thy word giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple, order my steps in thy word."

Old Testament, New Testament, or today, God is the same and will listen to our needs. Should we forget, let times remind you, that Satan is still the serpent of old, and does change to fit his power to the society of today.

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

CANTON, OHIO

A COMBINED picnic supper and ball game was held by the Laymen and Boys' Brotherhood of the Trinity Brethren Church of Canton, Ohio, June 8, at Aboretum Park, Canton, Ohio.

From the bountiful supply of food and watching the participants partake of same, it was hard to tell if one was witnessing mealtime at a lumber camp or an old-fashioned threshing bee.

Having enjoyed this repast the group proceeded from the picnic shelter to an adjoining ball field to use up some of the energy which had just been stored away. Although the rain which had fallen shortly before during the afternoon had left the field a bit wet, the enthusiasm shown by the youngsters and, shall we say, the older boys was far from dampened.

A short devotional period was held followed by a brief business meeting during which the newly elected officers of the laymen organization were installed.

After a full evening of spirited Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all, it can readily be seen why we are all looking forward to a Father-Son Banquet scheduled for later in the fall season.

George Schuster

SPRING RALLY NORTHEAST OHIO

THE NORTHEASTERN OHIO District Laymen's Organization held their spring rally in the fellowship hall of the new Massillon, Ohio, church, April 26. After partaking of the bountiful menu featuring broasted chicken, Brother Orie Bair of the host church introduced Brother Bob Conlan, president of the newly organized laymen group in Massillon who welcomed approximately seventy-five from the various churches to the rally.

After a period of hymn singing, Brother Paul McGrew took charge of the devotional period for the evening. Brother Pete Parker of the Akron church favored the group with a vocal solo and was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Jay Mishler of the Canton Trinity Church. The guest speaker for the evening was Rev. Edwin Petry, chaplain of the Massillon State Hospital. The theme of his presentation pertained to Christian service in relation to laymen, and the basis for his topic was how good a neighbor is a layman in relationship to the parable of the "Good Samaritan." The group received much enlightening on some duties and problems that the general public seems to be very unconcerned about.

The business session was presided over by President, Paul Shank. The highlight of this portion of the evening's activities was a presentation of a few tentative plans of the National Organization by the National President, John Porte. Another important item of business on the agenda was the election of officers for the N.E.O. District. The officers elected for the coming year were Brother Dave Plank, President; Brother Nelson Berger, Vice President; Brother Thomas Stoffer, Secretary-Treasurer.

The rally was then adjourned with the group looking forward to another pleasant and fruitful evening of Christian fellowship scheduled in October at the North Georgetown church.

George Schuster

COMING HIGHLIGHTS of the 1965 GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MONDAY — August 16, 1965 —

8:00 P. M. Keynote Inspirational Address— **Dr. Harold Barnett,** Vice Moderator, Lost Creek, Kentucky.

TUESDAY — August 17, 1965 —

9:30 A. M. Moderator's Address—**Rev. Charles R. Munson,** Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio.
10:35 A. M. Opening business session of the seventy-seventh Conference —**Rev. Charles Munson,** Moderator.
1:30 P. M. W. M.S. Inspirational Service.
6:40 P. M. Adult-Youth Vespers with **Rev. Jerry Flora,** Washington, D. C., as speaker.
7:45 P. M. Laymen Public Inspirational Service—**Mr. Ken Anderson,** Winona Lake, Indiana, guest speaker.

WEDNESDAY — August 18, 1965 —

9:30 A. M. Inspirational Address—**Dr. Ralph Earle,** Kansas City, Missouri, guest speaker.
1:30 P. M. Sunday School Workshop—**Dr. Charles Blair,** Denver, Colorado, guest speaker.
6:40 P. M. Adult-Youth Vespers with **Rev. Jerry Flora.**
7:45 P. M. Sunday School Inspirational Service—**Dr. Charles Blair.**

THURSDAY — August 19, 1965 —

7:00 A. M. Ministers-Laymen Breakfast (joint simultaneous session).
9:30 A. M. Inspirational Address—**Dr. Ralph Earle.**
12:30 P. M. W. M. S. Luncheon—First Christian Church.
6:40 P. M. Adult-Youth Vespers with **Rev. Jerry Flora.**
7:45 P. M. Ashland College and Seminary.
9:15 P. M. Film: **"Lucia"**—a Billy Graham film—sponsored by Brethren Youth.

FRIDAY — August 20, 1965 —

7:00 A. M. Boys' Brotherhood-Laymen Breakfast (joint simultaneous session).
9:30 A. M. Inspirational Address—**Dr. Ralph Earle.**
5:00 P. M. Missionary Banquet—First E. U. B. Church.
6:40 P. M. Adult-Youth Vespers with **Rev. Jerry Flora.**
7:45 P. M. Missionary Inspirational Service—**Dr. Clyde Taylor,** Washington, D. C., guest speaker.

This will be the first of three inspirational messages by Dr. Taylor, Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association. Dr. Taylor has had a career of work in the field as both a missionary and an executive.

SATURDAY — August 21, 1965 —

9:30 A. M. Inspirational Address—**Dr. Ralph Earle.**
12:15 P. M. Ministers' Wives Luncheon.
2:15 P. M. Brethren Youth National Bible Quiz Finals—Memorial Chapel.
5:00 P. M. Youth Awards Banquet.
6:40 P. M. Adult-Youth Vespers with **Rev. Jerry Flora.**
7:45 P. M. Brethren Youth—Missionary Inspirational Service — **Dr. Clyde Taylor.**

SUNDAY — August 22, 1965 —

9:30 A. M. Sunday School.
10:30 A. M. Worship Service.
Missionary Consecration Service
Message: **Dr. Clyde Taylor.**

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for July 18, 1965
CHRISTIANS GROW THROUGH CONFLICT
Text: Romans 7:13-25

ANYONE MAY EXPERIENCE within him an inner conflict between right and wrong. Saved and unsaved may experience guilt and shame. The lost will excuse, attempt to get rid of or live with his conflicts as best he can. Those in Christ will discover fellowship with Christ in suffering and grow in Christian character.

Paul, in this chapter, is revealing an inner conflict that he constantly experiences between his knowledge of right as a Christian and his inability as a man living in the flesh of this world to perform it. The laws of God have served to enlighten Paul. As a regenerate man, Paul could see by the holy law (7:12) what was expected of him. The more he understood about righteousness the more vivid became his sense of failure (7:13, 14). With all his striving, Paul had not attained to perfection—the reason being his sinful nature (7:14-17). In him was a constant life and death struggle (Romans 8:15; Col. 3:5). In his own power of the flesh, Paul could not bring to perfection any good that he attempted to do (7:18-21).

Paul discovered a fearful principle or law (7:21)—that though a man strive ever so hard, and his accomplishments seem ever so wonderful, there is somewhere imperfection; a falling short of righteousness which the law demands.

The aim of the laws is to bring us unto Christ that we might be justified by faith (Gal. 3:24). The law of God is good (Rom. 7:22) for it helps us to know what it right, and it helps us realize how great sinners we are. Under the law and its condemnations, we realize how desperate our situation without a Savior (Rom. 7:24, 25). In desperation we realize how precious is the grace of Jesus Christ whose blood has atoned for our sins and whose righteousness is given to those who can receive it by faith (Rom. 8:1). By His grace we are delivered from desperation and delivered into a life of inner peace where there is no condemnation.

There need be no inner defeat for God's children. We are given victory over sin and the condemnation of the law cannot touch us. We may fail, but mutual love causes the sin to be immediately cancelled so that our hearts do not condemn us. We are free to go to try again to live in fellowship and harmony with God.

Why not join the TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

Report from THE BRETHREN'S HOME and BENEVOLENT BOARD

THE BRETHREN'S HOME and Benevolent Board met recently at The Brethren's Home in Flora, Indiana. We share some decisions and plans with you in this report. We were pleased to find the Livingstons fitting so well into the work of the Home. We give thanks to the Lord for supplying us with such a dedicated couple to assume this responsibility.

1. The Heating System. Last summer a new furnace was installed, and this summer the remainder of the heating will be changed to hot-water heat, with zone controls for the different areas of the building. This change gives a very adequate heating system for the present building, and will contribute to the comfort of the residents.

2. The Proposed Addition. The Board wants to continue making the Brethren's Home one of which we all are proud. With the new furnace and heating throughout the present building, we will have the best in heating.

The need for an adequate nursing-care area has been our concern for some years. The addition of a new wing for this purpose will be the next step in our improvement program. This addition will be only one floor, with two or three nursing-care rooms, and three or four regular resident rooms. This will increase our capacity from sixteen residents in the main building to twenty-five, in addition to a lounge area and guest room. A master plan is also being developed to enable further expansion when the time comes.

The Woman's Missionary Society has had the Brethren's Home for their national project for two years. Their project offerings will be used for this proposed addition.

3. The Entrance Policies. In order to better serve the community, and to make the best use of our facilities, residents may come into the Home, even though they are not members of a Brethren Church. Of course, Brethren will always have first preference.

New residents will be asked to give according to their ability. The cost per Brethren resident per month at this time is one hundred dollars ($100). When a resident does not have sufficient income or assets to pay this, the Board must pay the extra. This is one of the uses of the Benevolent Offering received in February. (Approximately one-half of this offering is allotted to the Superannuated Ministers' Fund.) When too many residents come without sufficient funds, and when the Benevolent Offering does not make up the difference, the Benevolent Board must take from investments to make up the difference. These investments are now below the level we need to keep for safe operation of the Home. Now you see the need to ask the prospective residents to pay—or their families to be responsible—for the cost of one hundred dollars per month per Brethren resident. The cost per couple is $150 per month. Using these figures and a life-expectancy chart will enable the Board members in writing new contracts. The costs of non-Brethren residents would be slightly higher: $125 per person per month, and $200 per couple per month. Each application is considered on its own merit, and so each contract may be different.

To you who are of retirement age, we would urge you to consider carefully your retirement years. Don't wait until you are physically unable to care for yourself before applying for admission to the Home. We can only accept those who are able to care for themselves; our Home is not a nursing home and cannot admit bed-patients.

Decide early in your retirement to make the most of these years by locating where as many worries as possible are gone, and where you can enjoy fellowship with other senior Brethren citizens.

The Brethren's Home is primarily for our Brethren people, so feel free to contact Dorman Ronk, President of the Benevolent Board, 811 Grant Street, Ashland, Ohio, or Rev. William Livingston, Superintendent of The Brethren's Home, Flora, Indiana.



"I AM STILL QUITE SHAKEN"

MY NAME must remain anonymous, I suppose, not for my own sake but for the best interests of my church and all concerned. The experience of which I write came about quite unexpectedly in a routine interview with a high school boy in my study. Had I foreseen the outcome I am not certain that I would have had the courage to go through with it. When it was over I felt for a while that I had reached a new low in the black pit of discouragement. Doubtless every pastor has experienced a few such dark hours.

The boy really had nothing against me personally, I am sure. It was I who asked the rather casual question, "And by the way, I'm not trying to probe, but how are you getting along spiritually?"

His frank reply quite jolted me. He readily acknowledged that he was not getting along spiritually at all. As he himself put it, he had "just no interest in spiritual things whatsoever." He further admitted that he came to church only because his parents insisted on it, and he assured me that there were other young folk who felt as he did. As far as he was concerned, he said, he could better spend his time at his homework. I detected no trace of insolence or sarcasm as he spoke. There was only an intense earnestness in his remarks.

Maybe I should have dropped the subject then and there. It would have spared my feelings considerably had I done so; but my conscience pushed me into asking the next question: "But why? Why do you feel this way?"

I almost wish I could forget his answers, but probably that would be akin to the ostrich hiding his head in the sand. The boy went on: "Well, pastor, I no longer simply accept everything I'm told. Sure, I still believe the Bible and all the basic things I've been taught. But I just don't see too much around our church that is genuine and real. I'd like to see Christianity really work for somebody, and then maybe I would give it a try.

"I count the people each Sunday night, and it's the same old crowd week after week. No one cares two cents about bringing in the unsaved and helping our church to grow. We're quite content if we just hold our own. To my way of thinking, that's not real Christianity. If our people had anything on the ball, they would be out after new families and showing real concern for the building up of this church. They may say that God is first in their lives, but I can't say that I see much proof of it in actual practice."

I almost hoped he was through; but he continued:

"You know, it seems to me that if Christian people really were concerned about the work of the Lord, they would all be pulling together instead of each family heading in different directions. Maybe I'm wrong, but somehow I feel that true Christians ought to be able to get along better together."

I did not ask for specific illustrations to prove his point. I could already think of too many.

"Oh, I know the conduct of other Christians doesn't excuse me, but what I have observed hasn't influenced me in the right direction, I assure you! Really, pastor, I often wonder how you can stick around a place like this. I know that I wouldn't if I could help it. Oh, I'm not blaming you; our church has been this way for years, and every pastor has found it so. I would think the ministry ought to be a rewarding experience with growth and blessing and progress. But this must be a mighty discouraging place for you to serve."

These were his statements, recorded as accurately as I can recall them. Somehow I think they will be fixed in my mind just as vividly ten years from now, or even twenty, as they are today when with heavy heart I try to put on paper what he told me only two nights ago.

Of course, I am not so naive as to think that everything the boy said was entirely right. Surely there are at least a few examples of genuine, Spirit-filled people in my church. However, so much of what he said did make sense that I am still quite shaken by the interview.

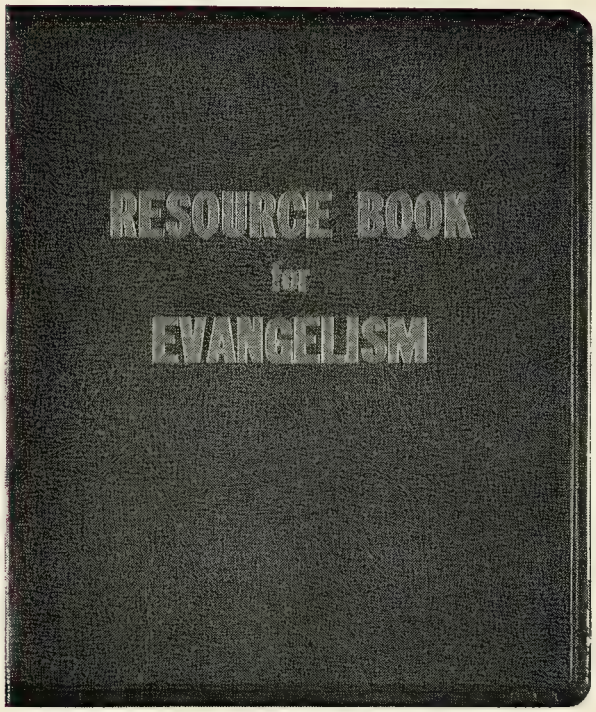
Perhaps I was wrong in making no attempt to defend myself or to vindicate my congregation. Still, too much of what he said was absolutely true. I felt that he had already won his case—temporarily, at least—and that only the Lord could show him someday the other side of the picture (if there is one). More particularly, only the Holy Spirit can make him aware of his own responsibility to God regardless of the faulty conduct, real or supposed, of others.

Just where to go from here I really cannot say; for in the boy's own words, "I'm sure I don't have the answer." How to awaken a local congregation to the absolute necessity of witnessing is a problem of the first magnitude. The double curse of indifference and stagnation is not too readily recognized, nor is it removed with ease. It is no special comfort to be reminded that there are other churches just like mine.

Yes, I know the real answer is for the pastor and the people alike to accept their share of the responsibility. We must seek God for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, resulting in a revival and a genuine concern for the lost. Unless this happens I certainly do not relish the thought of preaching on Sunday nights for the remaining fleeting years of my ministry to the unsaved when they just are not there! Neither do I like the prospect of having other interviews like the one of which I have here so frankly but sadly written.

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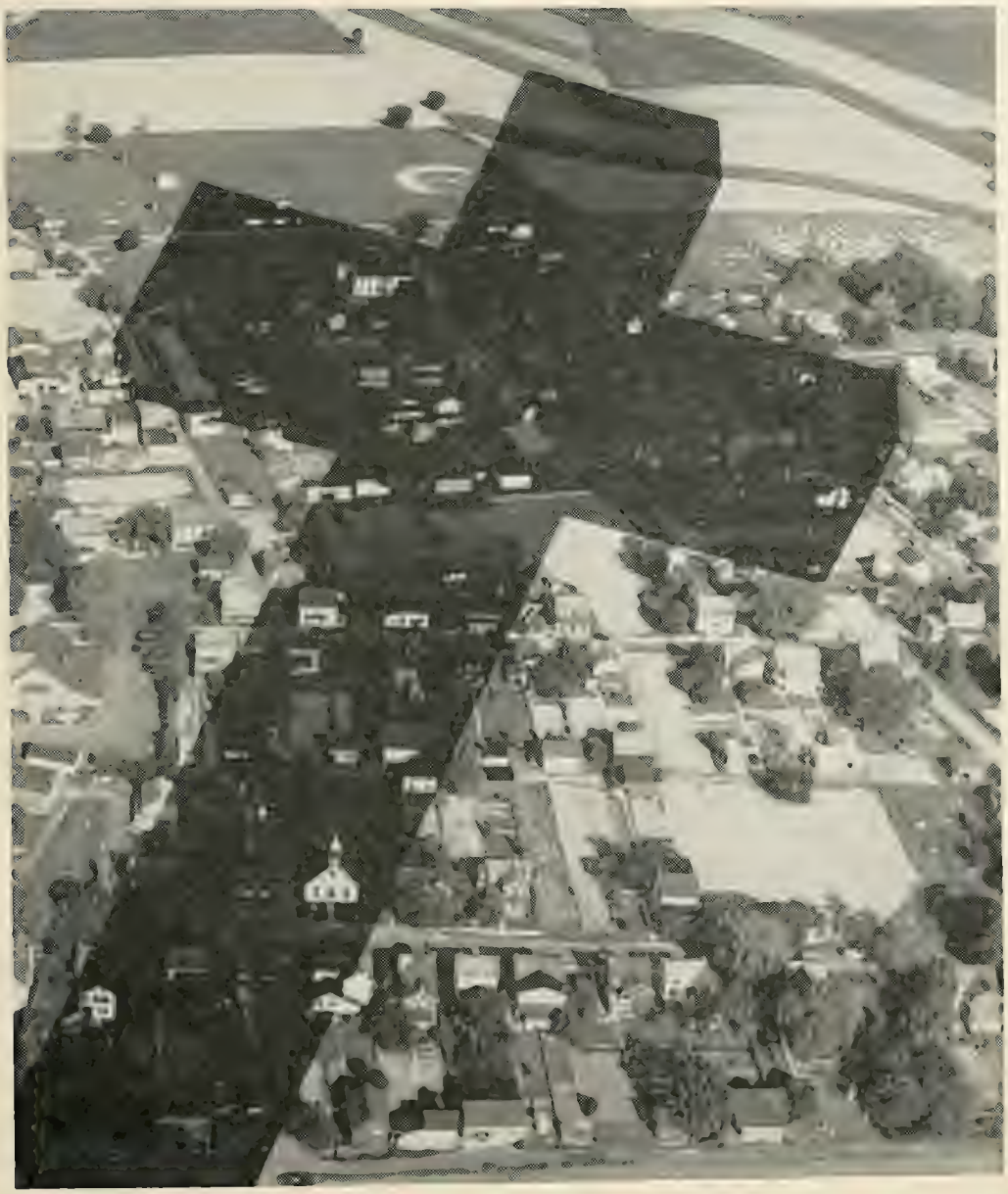
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WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

When things go wrong don't fret and whine
And think that heaven's out of line;
Don't fix your mind on things about
That may defeat your soul with doubt;
Don't think you're more severely tried
Than all who pull against the tide;
For those who live to go God's way
Are much opposed from day to day.

When things go wrong and you feel blue
Don't say, "I'll never make it through,"
Then sit and sob and weep and sigh
And say, "No longer shall I try
To stand for right that's so opposed
And truth that has so many foes;
I'll go along life's easy race
Because it takes no grit and grace."

When things go wrong, as oft they will,
And Satan tries your faith to kill,
Remember God upon His throne
Will never, never leave His own
Who pray and trust His grace to keep,
Though trials come, both high and deep;
For He who said, "Come follow me,"
Will lead to certain victory.

When things go wrong rise like a man
And say, "I will, I know I can,
By God's good grace and holy zeal
Prove here and now salvation's real;
That I'm no coward, weak and small,
Who cannot stand, but has to fall;
For I've set out with all my soul
To reach the Christian's final goal."

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour,
Taylorsville, North Carolina



the editor's editorial

We Need to Worry!

THE FOLLOWING news item found its way to your Editor's desk which gave him some 'food for thought." Every church member should give much thought to his church attendance regardless of whether he is a regular attendant or not. Here is the item:

'FAILURE TO ATTEND CHURCH HIGH ON AMERICANS' 'WORRY' LIST

"**New York (EP)**—Americans today are beset by a wide range of worries, with non-churchgoing high on the list.

"This was indicated in a new copyrighted Harris Survey which sampled opinion to determine the causes of concern among individuals.

"High majorities of the public were shown to be worried about their lack of regular church attendance, about wasting too much time, about not reading enough and about not taking an active part in community affairs.

"Fourth highest on an 'intensity of concern' scale was church absenteeism. Of those questioned, 43 per cent said they 'often felt bad' about not worshipping regularly; 35 per cent said they 'sometimes or hardly ever felt bad' and 22 per cent answered that they 'never felt bad.'

"Among chief causes of concern, not attending church was topped on the scale only by over-eating, being out of shape physically and doing too little reading."

This points up the fact that we humans worry alot about things but do nothing about it. This survey also shows that there are many people who know and realize their need of the church but do very little about it. Let it be said here that every Christian who is truly dedicated to Christ and His Church will find himself in every church service of the church which he attends! For these people, even one Sunday missed for no real reason is a great worry.

But what about these people who worry about not attending the regular services of the church? What is the church doing about it? What can we do about it?

First of all it seems that we must begin within our own local churches to encourage regular attendance. It is a sad commentary to the church when the Sunday School teachers and officers, along with many of the officers of the church itself, do not find it necessary to attend the regular services of the church regularly. In many of our churches the Sunday School teachers along with other officers do not stay for the morning worship, much less appear at the evening service and midweek services. It would seem that the field is wide open in the borders of our local churches. This is a good place to begin.

But what about those outside the church? To be sure we have Evangelistic and Revival services, but as per usual, only the faithful ones of the church take advantage of them to attend.

The answer, I think, is a concentrated visitation program for the purpose of calling upon these people and encouraging them to attend the services of the church. If such individuals are "worrying" about their lack of church attendance, then we would have the advantage over them. They will listen to us and probably resolve to do something about it. But when Sunday morning rolls around, they forget the promises made. Then it is up to the church to call **again** on these people. We are prone to forget them after one or two calls have been made.

Every local church should have an organized visitation program, even if only two or three persons show up to participate in such a program. It is better to have two or three consecrated persons on a calling program than to have two or three dozen who are not wholeheartedly in agreement with such a program.

Another problem which the church faces today is that its members are not concerned about these people who do not attend worship services. We take the attitude that the church is here, they will come if they want to. Jesus set the example before us by His personal work. We must do the same.

We need to become more concerned about those who do not attend church! S.G.

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"I didn't know that," said Gary. "What made me think I shouldn't go?"

"Jesus told His followers," explained Mom, "that the Comforter would come. One of the things the Holy Spirit does is to guide us. He helps us do the things we should."

"I'm glad He was with me today," declared Gary.

Prayer:
Thank You, Holy Spirit, for guiding me. Help me to follow your leadings. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1965
Read Scripture: John 16:22-24

Good News

Mother was smiling happily when she turned from the telephone.

"Children!" she called.

They came running from their rooms.

"I have good news for you."

"Is it about Queenie?" asked Linda eagerly.

Mom nodded. "I just talked with the veterinarian. He said Queenie is going to be alright. If we watch her so she doesn't run or play hard we can bring her home this afternoon."

"Hurrah!" shouted Gary and Linda.

"Ray!" said little Betsy.

"God answered that prayer with a 'yes,'" said Gary softly. "I asked Him to help Queenie get better."

"I did, too," added Linda.

"Jesus said," reminded Mom, "to ask and we would receive. He knows we love our little dog. I'm glad He could answer that prayer with a 'yes!'"

Prayer:
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Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for July 25, 1965

CHRISTIANS GROW THROUGH STUDY

Text: Acts 17:10-12; II Timothy 3:10-17

WHY ARE some Christians more conversant in the Word and more able to answer the gainsayers than others? When God made a covenant with the Jews in Moses' day, He stressed the importance of knowledge of the Word. The New Testament stresses very heavily the importance of knowledge of the Word. It is a vital part of our Christian life (Ephesians 6:14-20). The Gospel is a power which is able to bend people the way they should grow.

The Word carefully studied helps the Christian to be protected against schisms and isms. There is a contrast between the Jews and Gentiles at Thessalonica and those at Berea. The Jews and Greeks at Thessalonica apparently were not given to Bible study to know the truth, but, if they studied at all, most of them read with closed minds. For them the Bible was for the propagation of religion, not the knowledge of truth.

The Bereans were interested in the truth. They would not be taken in by any fly-by-night preacher, but they searched the Word day after day to be certain that what Paul said was true. They made a careful and complete study of the Old Testament. They studied with a mind to accept the truth as it was revealed to them.

Why Study the Scriptures?

1. They are the tools of the Christian warrior.
2. They help us to develop into Christian maturity (II Timothy 3:15, 16).
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"I'm glad you did," smiled Mom. "No one is to bother around that equipment. It belongs to the construction company. There was a story in the paper last night about some children damaging some of the equipment. The watchman will be especially alert now."

"I didn't know that," said Gary. "What made me think I shouldn't go?"

"Jesus told His followers," explained Mom, "that the Comforter would come. One of the things the Holy Spirit does is to guide us. He helps us do the things we should."

"I'm glad He was with me today," declared Gary.

Prayer:
Thank You, Holy Spirit, for guiding me. Help me to follow your leadings. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1965
Read Scripture: John 16:22-24

Good News

Mother was smiling happily when she turned from the telephone.

"Children!" she called.

They came running from their rooms.

"I have good news for you."

"Is it about Queenie?" asked Linda eagerly.

Mom nodded. "I just talked with the veterinarian. He said Queenie is going to be alright. If we watch her so she doesn't run or play hard we can bring her home this afternoon."

"Hurrah!" shouted Gary and Linda.

"Ray!" said little Betsy.

"God answered that prayer with a 'yes,'" said Gary softly. "I asked Him to help Queenie get better."

"I did, too," added Linda.

"Jesus said," reminded Mom, "to ask and we would receive. He knows we love our little dog. I'm glad He could answer that prayer with a 'yes!'"

Prayer:
Dear Jesus, help me to remember to talk with You about all things. Help me to look for Your answers to my prayers. Amen.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for July 25, 1965

CHRISTIANS GROW THROUGH STUDY

Text: Acts 17:10-12; II Timothy 3:10-17

WHY ARE some Christians more conversant in the Word and more able to answer the gainsayers than others? When God made a covenant with the Jews in Moses' day, He stressed the importance of knowledge of the Word. The New Testament stresses very heavily the importance of knowledge of the Word. It is a vital part of our Christian life (Ephesians 6:14-20). The Gospel is a power which is able to bend people the way they should grow.

The Word carefully studied helps the Christian to be protected against schisms and isms. There is a contrast between the Jews and Gentiles at Thessalonica and those at Berea. The Jews and Greeks at Thessalonica apparently were not given to Bible study to know the truth, but, if they studied at all, most of them read with closed minds. For them the Bible was for the propagation of religion, not the knowledge of truth.

The Bereans were interested in the truth. They would not be taken in by any fly-by-night preacher, but they searched the Word day after day to be certain that what Paul said was true. They made a careful and complete study of the Old Testament. They studied with a mind to accept the truth as it was revealed to them.

Why Study the Scriptures?

1. They are the tools of the Christian warrior.
2. They help us to develop into Christian maturity (II Timothy 3:15, 16).
3. They help us to detect imposters, deceivers, etc. (II Timothy 3:13).
4. By them is understanding of the plans of salvation (II Timothy 3:15).

from the Woman's Outlook

A Letter from - - -

MRS. JEAN SHANK

Missionary in Nigeria

Box 652, Jos, Nigeria
April 27, 1965

Dear W. M. S. Friends,

How refreshing it is to see the earth washed again! After many months without rain, the trees, bushes, buildings—literally everything is coated with dust. Hundreds of busy little feet, belonging to "our children" at Hillcrest daily churn up clouds of dust that hang as heavy as smoke in the air, and can be tasted as grit between the teeth. So how thankful we are to see refreshing showers. I know if growing things could voice their praise, they, too, would be thankful to be relieved of their dusty coats and given a good drink again.

Likewise, we thank our Redeemer for quenching our thirst after His Righteousness and for sending continual showers to refresh us.

With just another month remaining in this school year, we are feeling the push of these last busy days —school plays, music festivals, graduation and the typical closing events. The children in our dormitory are young (under ten years of age) so they will not be drawn into the responsibilities of the last weeks, but they will have pressures of a different nature—the rising hope of returning home to see their parents; the drive of their teachers to accomplish a full year's work down to the last day and the constant vigil of houseparents to keep them calmed down and industrious in their housekeeping.

Perhaps, some of you have a misconception (or no conception) of our work this tour. Doc and I are the houseparents for a dormitory full of youngsters at Hillcrest. Besides our daughter, Donna, we have two other Brethren boarders—Barbara Bischof and Mark Bowers. Dennis, our son, is too old to stay with us in our dorm and has moved into the boys' dorm on our campus. All of "our children" are missionary kids many of which come from great distances and other countries to attend this school, and see their parents only when the school is ended for the year. Doc is also the chaplain for Hillcrest. A Sunday service would average over 300 in attendance, of which half are young children. Besides being chaplain, he has mission duties of buying supplies and expediting transport between Jos and the bush stations, roughly 400 miles away.

True, our work has been different this tour. We've lived in a city with electricity and worked with white-skinned (except for bruises and dirty knees) children not the picture one would conjure up when thinking of missionary work in Africa. At times we miss the contact with Nigerian friends in the bush, but this full-time job is so necessary and is such a privilege. One might think our children here would be such "good little angels" and so easy to handle. But, missionary kids or not, they are full of problems—tempted to take another's marbles; fight with hasty words or flailing fists; come down with mumps or measles—in short, they're average kids with all the average dilemmas of youngsters in the classroom or in the dormitory. We love them with all their frailties and all their attributes. And how we do miss them when school is out. July 9 will see an incoming group, many familiar and some new who will be soon a part of the big family at Hillcrest.

Our greetings to all the W. M. S. societies and a special thanks to some which sent reading books for our children. We think of you often as we receive letters, read *The Brethren Evangelist* and recall former visits.

God bless you all——weary not in well-doing.

Sincerely yours,
Jean Shank and Family.

Why not join the TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

Sunday School Suggestions
from the National S. S. Board
Dick Winfield

ENTHUSIASM — THE KEY TO SUCCESS
A Successful Pastor Presents Proven, But Simple Ways to Make a Sunday School Grow

NINE YEARS AGO this March when we arrived in Fullerton, California, we wondered just what the next few months and years would hold. A nucleus of families with a burden for another evangelical witness in this part of Orange County had held Sunday services as well as prayed together weekly for six months. Previous to this they had met together weekly to study God's Word, pray and seek God's will in regards to starting this witness.

From that small beginning, we have now come to the place where our attendance is from 950 to 1050. This is not huge but there has been a consistent growth. We have also had the privilege of helping and encouraging other churches to start in various communities surrounding ours.

People ask, "What is the secret of your growth?" There is no secret. At the same time there are principles that I believe God blesses anywhere. However, one facet that must be kept in mind is that God has had His hand on this work from the beginning. Mechanics are only tools under God's control.

I would like to list a few of the ingredients God has used:

1. Faithful teaching and expository preaching of His Word.
2. A strong adult emphasis (if we don't have the parents the children will not be with us permanently).
3. Adult, youth and children's teachers that really have the gift of teaching coupled with compassion.
4. High standards for both membership and administration throughout the church.
5. Unity of the Spirit on the part of the membership.
6. Enthusiasm for the church, Sunday school and all aspects of the church.

The last point, to me, is the factor most instrumental in bringing consistent growth. The other spiritual laws must likewise be in operation. However, we can have everything "just so" and still limp along. The most powerful tool to make everything else come into focus is a spirit of continual excitement and anticipation. Summed up in one word, *enthusiasm* is the key to success in any Sunday school provided everything else is built on a Scripturally sound basis.

by Wesley L. Gustafson, Pastor
First Evangelical Free Church
Fullerton, California
from *NSSA Link*

Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

MASSILLON, OHIO

WE OF THE MASSILLON BRETHREN CHURCH, have suffered a great loss in the death of our pastor, Rev. J. G. Dodds. It has been a rare privilege to have had Rev. Dodds for our pastor this short time.

Isaac, in the Old Testament, was known as the well digger; we would say Rev. Dodds could be remembered as a church builder.

Not only will we miss him, but the whole denominaiton will miss him.

May the Lord strengthen those who were near and dear to him.

Mary L. Byler, Corresponding Secretary

GRAHAM CRUSADE DRAWS 100,000 IN MONTGOMERY

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—The Billy Graham crusade here June 13-20, drew a total attendance of nearly 100,000 in eight nights, a figure which the evangelist said far exceeded his expectation. He estimated that over one-fourth of the audience each night had been Negro and added, "The only need we had for policemen was to direct traffic."

He called the "march of hundreds of men and women, of both races, out of the stands at Cramton Bowl every night to commit their lives to Christ" a sight he would never forget.

"In my opinion this march in Montgomery is even more significant, more constructive, and more revolutionary than the other marches we have read about in other parts of the country," Graham said.

The crusade was the first interracial evangelistic effort ever held in the Alabama capital. At the close of the meeting Graham said, "I am convinced that the moral and spiritual resources are now available in Alabama for a rapid growth in racial understanding.

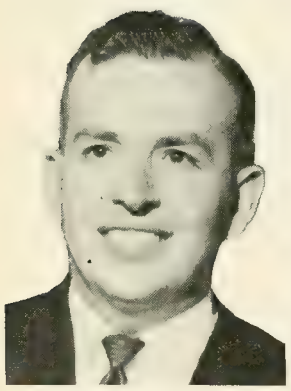
"If the Klu Klux Klan will quiet down, if the extremists in the civil rights organizations will give Alabama time to digest the new civil rights laws, if the politicians will not try to exploit the situation, and if the spirit of Christian love continues to prevail, then I foresee the day when all America will point to Alabama with pride on the racial question."

During his crusade Graham met privately with Negro and white leaders, including Alabama's Governor George C. Wallace. Both the evangelist and the governor declined to discuss their conversation during the nearly one-and-a-half-hour visit, but Graham said they "exchanged views — some biblical, some theological, and some sociological."

Wallace's press secretary, Bill Jones, said the governor and Graham "had a very friendly conversation. The governor is glad he came."

MISSIONARY NEWS

Further Sharings from HAROLD E. STACEY



THERE HAD BEEN some consideration of the Byler family beginning their furlough this August; however, the Bylers will now remain in Argentina, the Lord willing, until June of 1966. Although it is disappointing that they cannot fellowship with us during our General Conference and the year ahead, their remaining in Argentina will greatly benefit the planned anniversary of "Platicas Cristianas."

As Harold E. Stacey had written, "It is almost inconceivable to think of a 'Platicas Cristianas' anniversary without the Bylers being present. It was together with the Bylers, your senior missionaries, that this radio ministry got rolling and has come to occupy the place it does today in the Christian activities of this country. So we cannot very well divorce the Bylers from it. An anniversary meeting without Rob, would be tantamount to 'half an anniversary.'

"Rob is an excellent public relations officer. His ability as choir director was amply manifest and confirmed when the Billy Graham Crusade Committee entrusted C.A.V.E.A. with everything related to training a giant 800-voice choir for the occasion, selection of hymns for the Crusade's Hymn booklet, radio and TV releases and sound system for the great event that shook Buenos Aires. It is our intention of having a considerable part of this same choir for the September 17 anniversary gathering, and the respect Rob has won from many church choir directors assures him of his success for the coming event.

"Heartfelt gratitude is also here expressed for the splendid work John and Jean Rowsey are making by contributing with zeal their time and knowledge in the technical department, and now for Bill and Fran Curtis who come to join the forces with their skil and congenial friendship. We also remember the Solomons and the Aspinalls who are now on our Advisory Board.

"Please convey to the several members serving on your Missionary Board our sincere and deepest Christian appreciation for the many courtesies you have rendered to us over the many years. We shall not be able to repay you dear friends, but we do know that nothing will be overlooked in that day of days when we shall all meet at the Father's home above.

"The Brethren Church has made a most valuable and great contribution to the causes of Christ here to all of whom we are greatly indebted. What a day it will be when the gems we have won together are placed at Jesus' Blessed feet! Thank you over again dear friends, for your love and constant interest in us and for your far reaching vision by proclaiming Christ to the nations by means of today's modern audio visual aid of radio and television.

"May God richly bless your labors for and with Him."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS for the ASPINALLS

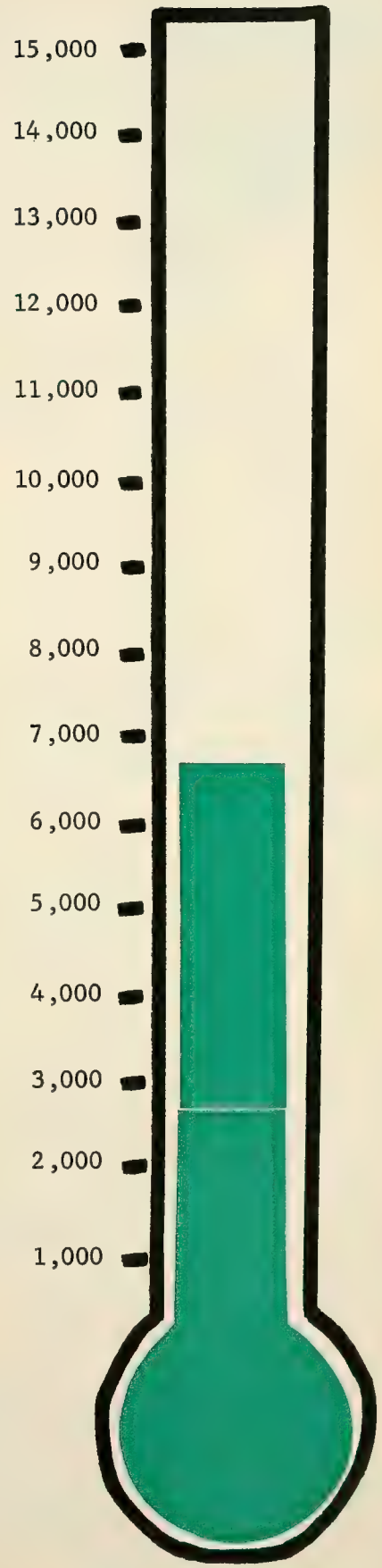
The Aspinall family have secured a dwelling after a year of searching for an adequate place. Ray will continue to be involved in the Bible Institute at Eden as well as serving the church at Villa Mugeta.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Raymond Aspinall
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The COUNTY LINE CHURCH TORNADO DISASTER

TO DATE, we have a total of $6,755.16 to be applied to the building of a new church at County Line. We are keeping this account open and shall appreciate your thoughtful consideration if you have not yet contributed. The monies received from individuals total $1,906 and we list herewith the gifts from organizations and churches.

Brush Valley Bible School	$ 50.00
Bryan, Ohio, Church	310.10
Brethren Youth	20.00
Corinth Church, Indiana	84.25
Denver Church, Indiana	48.25
Fair Haven Church, Ohio	13.00
Falls City, Nebr., Bible School	15.16
Garber Memorial Church, Ohio	30.00
Gretna Church, Ohio	108.00
Johnstown First Brethren Church W.M.S. (in addition to an initial gift of $25)	100.00
Kokomo Sunday School, Indiana	20.00
W. M. S.	10.00
Levittown, Pennsylvania, Church	42.00
W. M. S.	10.00
Mathias, W. Virginia, Church	15.37
Maurertown, Virginia Church	
Sr. W. M. S.	10.00
Sunday School	210.00
Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, Church	126.30
New Lebanon, Ohio, Church	242.88
New Paris, Indiana, Sunday School	131.15
North Georgetown, Ohio, Church	50.00
North Liberty, Indiana, Church	185.00
Oakville, Indiana, Church	98.04
Quiet Dell, Penna., Church	10.00
Roann, Indiana, Church	413.36
Roaoke, Indiana, Church	50.00
Smithville, Ohio, Church	243.80
D.V.B.S.	78.00
Tiosa, Indiana, Church	126.70
Udell, Iowa, Church	41.00
Wabash, Indiana, Church	250.00
Warsaw, Indiana, Church	100.00
Washington, D. C., Church	200.00
West Alexandria, Ohio, Church	200.00
Previous Church gifts reported	1,206.80



Brethren Youth Crusaders

Tales from "TORNADO TERRITORY"

Since the last time you heard from us, we have been working hard and having fun.

We have been working on the book of Acts and we did have a team at the youth rally at Goshen on April 25th.

We put on an Easter play on Palm Sunday week with a cast of 16 and the youth choir made up of the Beginners and Primary classes. They all worked hard and we had a wonderful service.

On April 27 we had a youth sponsored skating party, all of the proceeds to go to our building fund.

As you know we lost our church in a tornado on Palm Sunday. We do not know yet where we will hold our meetings but "He will provide."

Our group met for a planning party for the summer and to decide what we could do for our church.

We know you will be praying for us here at County Line.

—Kathleen Burger, secretary
County Line, Indiana

LOUISVILLE JUNIORS

The Jr. B.Y.C. of Louisville would again like to greet you and bring you up to date on our recent activities.

On May 2nd we honored our mothers by giving a Tea and presenting a program to them. Dainty sandwiches and cookies were served with punch to the 28 in attendance.

Miss Marion Carr, Director of Child Evangelism for Stark County, was speaker for the evening service led by our youth on May 23rd. Special music was also provided by the juniors.

We thank the Lord for His inspiration and guidance as we seek to follow and serve Him more faithfully.

—Becky Hawks, secretary

JUNIOR NEO RALLY

The fall rally of the Northeast Ohio Junior Brethren Youth was held in Canton, Ohio.

Rev. Keith Bennett introduced the speaker, Joe Schultz of Youth for Christ. His talk was illustrated with magic.

The offering was sent to Nigeria.

Election of officers was held and the following people were elected:

president—Becky Solomon (Louisville)
vice president—David Long (Ashland Park St.)
secretary—Patty Powers (Akron)
ass't. secretary—Phyllis Glasgo (Smithville)
treasurer—Beverly Blough (Smithville)
ass't. treasurer—Sharon Stouffer (Canton)

The attendance banner was awarded to Smithville.

—Sarah Keffer, secretary

HEAD FOR CONFERENCE!



Highlights of the "Catacomb Conference"!

Theme: "Loving His Appearing" II Timothy 4:8

Theme Hymn: "Jesus Is Coming Again"

Youth Speaker: Rev. Jerry Flora

Song Director: Mike Drushal

Pianist: John Gilbert

"Messages of the Early Church"—Rev. Jerry Flora
"The Lord's Word"—Bible Quiz
"The Lord's Work"—Soul Winning, Program Planning, Junior Hour and Worship

Workshops

"Youth Parade"
Antiphonal Singing
"Nigeria and You"—Missionary Robert Bischof
"Feasting Together"—picnic
"Breaking of Bread"—communion
"Lucia"—film
"Having All Things in Common"—Project Ingathering
"Feasting Together"—Youth Awards Banquet
"Mission Challenge"—Dr. Cylde Taylor

You will want to be present for each feature of the 1965 Brethren Youth Conference. Be sure you have a properly signed Youth Credential which is required along with a 75¢ registration fee to be a voting delegate. The Youth Credentials have been mailed to your pastor. Read the pledge you sign on the back of the Credential and plan to abide by that declaration.

IDEA BOX



Topic: Crack the Sonic Barrier

Introduction: In March, 1950, Lt. Col. Richard Johnson was putting an experimental plane through a series of test dives when he was suddenly ordered to land. His radar operator on the ground told him that there had been two terrific explosions on the ground and that police were looking for the men who had done the bombing. He was quite red in the face when he discovered that he had done the bombing. His plane had gone so fast that it had broken the sound barrier, and had caused a sound wave so violent that it broke windows and made everyone think that some dynamite had been exploded. By now the sonic barrier has been broken many times and we continue to hear about the "booms." We may not be able to make enough sound to scare anyone, but let us sing our best here while we honor the Lord Jesus.

Song: "My Redeemer"

Prayer

Roll call of Crusaders: Answer to name by quoting or reading a verse of Scripture.

Sword Drill: I Thess. 4:6
Psalm 47:5
Joshua 6:5
Acts 12:12
I Sam. 10:24

Sharpening the Swords: Take 5 minutes to memorize as a group Prov. 3:5, 6

Sword Drill: Psalm 21:13
I Cor. 14:15
Eph. 5:19
II Chron. 20:22
Isa. 55:12
Isa. 42:10
Ex. 15:1
Prov. 29:6
Psalm 81:1
Col. 3:16
James 5:13

Song: "O For A Thousand Tongues"

Discussion Time: Ask for volunteers to answer the question: "Suppose that you are a test pilot assigned to take up a new rocket ship and know that you may not come back alive. What would you think about as you climbed into the ship?"

First Crusader: The test pilot who crashes through the sound barrier is going so fast that he cannot even hear his own plane's roar. There are some things that keep us from hearing the things that God is trying to tell us in His Word, the Bible. Two of the things that keep us from hearing and reading God's Word are newspapers and comic books. Many items in the newspapers are merely sensational and of little value. Many boys and girls read so many comic books that they have no time for reading the Bible. Sometimes homework keeps us from reading the Bible, usually because we do not work at it when we should.

Second Crusader: These days, television keeps many boys and girls from reading their Bibles. Many TV programs are good, but if they keep us from doing what we should, they are like a sonic barrier between us and the Lord. Many boys, especially, have no time for the Bible because they like sports so much. The great apostle Paul told Timothy that bodily exercise was good, but not to let it stand in the way of his spiritual life (I Tim. 4:8). Let us be sure to keep our ears open for God's message.

Third Crusader: There is another sonic barrier that comes between us and God, and keeps God from hearing us. This is sin of any kind that is not confessed and forgiven. Psalm 66:18 says that when we "regard" or hold iniquity in our hearts, the Lord will not hear us. Only when we have asked Him to take away the sin we have in our lives can we expect that He will hear and answer our prayers. I John 1:9 tells us how to get rid of sin (read).

Closing Song: "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

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SISTERHOOD

Devotional Program for August

SENIOR

General Theme:

"Building Christian Character"

August Theme: "Kindness"

Call to Worship
Hymn Sing (several favorites of the group)
Scripture and Prayer
Topic: *
Senior—*"Kindness"*
Junior—*"Eternal Life"*
Special Music
Bible Study and Discussion
Hymn: "Spirit of Sisterhood"
S.M.M. Benediction
Business Meeting

JUNIOR

General Theme:

"Appreciation of God's Gifts"

August Theme: "Eternal Life"

* Seniors are asked this month to conduct a panel discussion on their topic, *"Kindness,"* pointing out why and how this should be a part of the Christian's character. For the junior topic, we suggest that a W.M.S. woman or a member of the senior Sisterhood group be asked to prepare and present the topic, *"Eternal Life,"* pointing out the importance of this gift and how we might fully appreciate it.

Please Note: The Junior Bible Study did not arrive at press time, therefore will not be included in this issue of the magazine. It will appear in the July 31 issue.

READ THE SISTERHOOD PAGE IN THE EVANGELIST EVERY WEEK!

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

GOING TO ROME

by MRS. PHIL LERSCH

STORM AT SEA

THRASHING SEA — no stars or sun — a careening ship — bodies pitched from port to starboard and back to port — gushing waves drenching the crew — no stability, everything lurching and tossing — a reeling captain shouting commands that dissolved into the howling wind — treacherous quicksands nearby to haunt all those on board. For days and nights the grain ship resisted the monstrous sea and weather. Would it never end? The passengers wondered and lost hope.

Living in this nightmare at sea 1900 years ago were the Apostle Paul and his two companions, Luke and Aristarchus. They, among the other prisoners aboard under the command of Julius, were sailing to Italy to come to trial before Caesar. The sailing season was nearing its end and Paul had warned the commander of the ship to winter in the last port, but nobody listened.

The ship, although quite large, was difficult to manage in a storm. No rudder, only two great paddles coming out from under the stern, hampered steering. Only one large square sail prohibited sailing into the wind, and the

single mast strained the ship's timbers. At the beginning of the storm the crew had taken precautions by hoisting their trailing lifeboat on board and tying up the ship's bottom like a parcel to eliminate any parts breaking off. The only thing left to do was wait out the storm, and most of those on board wondered if they would ever live through it.

To add to the discomfort of the crew and passengers the Jewish Day of Atonement was at hand, which required fasting. So everyone felt weak from hunger in addition to being afraid.

This account in Acts 27 of Paul's experience on his way to Rome brings to mind the passage in Psalm 107 written hundreds of years before describing a similar storm:

"They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end." This describes the condition of Paul's shipmates in the tempest. But they could have avoided this horror. They did not listen.

DECISIONS

How foolish men are who try to go their own way without first seeking God's purpose and guidance. If the commander had listened to Paul's advice he would not have tried to sail in the off-season. But a soft wind from the south gave false assurance, so off they went.

Thinking of the long winter ahead and the lack of luxury and comforts in the port of fair havens, the commander ordered the ship to proceed. He trusted in his own judgment. He thought only of what he wanted. To stop and listen would have been inconvenient.

DANGER

How selfish men are who have not given over their lives to God. The sailors, noticing the coming danger of the storm, tried to steal the lifeboat and leave the rest of those on board to die. One's natural inclinations are to do just that—save oneself first. But Jesus gave another example when He gave up His own rights and died for the good of others. He did not even try to save himself.

Pause to consider your own reactions. If you, along with others, were in danger, would you save yourself first? If unexpected perils came, what would you do—automatically? Accounts of modern-day ship-wrecks reveal the selfishness of men as they paw and climb over each other to be the first on the life-raft. What would be **your** unplanned reaction? Thinking about it ahead of time could help convert your responses to be Christian. Here is a cause for real soul-searching and prayer. Instead of praying, "Keep me from danger," we should pray: "Help me to think of helping others first in a crisis."

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

God takes care of His workers and provides them with extra equipment to see them through difficulties. Even though Paul had to go to Rome as a prisoner he enjoyed countless blessings on the journey.

Julius, the centurion who was in charge of the prisoners, immediately felt attracted to Paul. Remember the other centurion we encountered in the book of Acts —Cornelius, who sent for Peter to explain salvation to him. These men in places of command in the Roman army seemed to have quality. An ignorant, uncaring commander could have made life miserable for the Apostle, but **Julius allowed him special privileges.** First of all, he let Paul visit friends in Sidon; later, he actually saved Paul's life when the soldiers wanted to kill the prisoners before they swam to shore at the island of Melita.*

Paul's dear friends, Luke and Aristarchus, went with him on the ship. Aristarchus probably had to register himself as Paul's slave in order to get passage on the ship. Such loyalty must have thrilled the Apostle. We know from the personal pronuouns used in the narrative that the writer of the book, Luke, was along. His detailed description of the storm was possible only because he was there himself.

In addition to the sympathy of his commander and the loyalty of friends, Paul enjoyed the **assurance of God's presence and purpose** as he endured the storm. An angel stood by him in the midst of the storm and said, "Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee." What a promise! What assurance! He would arrive safely in Rome where he had longed to go with the Gospel, and all of those on board would arrive safely also. What more could one ask?

God has given all of us similar promises—**his presence and victory.** "Lo, I am with you **alway**, even unto the end of the world," said Jesus. The Bible also insures the victory of Jesus Christ. In the words of Martin Luther, "God hath willed His truth to triumph through us . . . God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever." What more could we ask?

Following God's assurance proclaimed by His angel in the vision, Paul possessed **a believing heart.** He could say with conviction, **"I believe God,** that it shall be even as it was told me." Paul's gift of a believing heart is the best of all. To say with assurance, "I believe God," is the beginning of a life of peace. Do you believe God? That He is all goodness and righteousness and mercy? That He keeps His word? That He will direct your life? That He will give you what you need and deliver you from evil? Let us pray for a believing heart so that we too can say, "I believe God."

Paul had a sympathetic commander, loyal friends, the assurance of God's presence and guidance, a believing heart, and something more—**common sense.** Realizing that weak bodies are not very useful in combating trouble, he urged his shipmates to eat. They had not eaten for fourteen days and would soon need their strength for swimming ashore. "Some people are so heavenly minded they are of no earthly use," (Barclay) but not Paul. He realized that hungry men are not efficient, so he made the practical suggestion that everybody eat. One time when Jesus had raised a little girl from the dead, He turned to her mother and said, "Fix her something to eat." A practical suggestion for both the girl and her mother. God's men should possess and use ordinary **common sense.**

After giving the suggestion to eat, Paul, himself, set the example by giving thanks and eating. In addition to thanking God for the food they were to eat, he probably thanked God in advance for their deliverance. His **courage was contagious,** for after they had all eaten "they were of good cheer." "Brave, calm people help others be brave and calm." (ibid.)

"The man of God is the man whose courage stands when terror invades the hearts of others. He is the leader

of men because he himself is led by God." (ibid.) This is another way we are to be different from the world. We are not to conform to the hand-wringing fear of those who don't know God. We can say with the song-writers, "This is my Father's world," and again, "He's got the whole world in His hands." We ought to know Whose we are and where we are going. What need have we to fear? Oh, that we had the courage that would be catching. Paul did, and led others to safety.

* **John B. Dykes named one of his famous hymn-tunes after this island.**

Signal Lights Program for August

Prepared by Mrs. Alberta Holsinger

Bible Theme: "STORIES JESUS TOLD"

Project: A TRACTOR FOR EDEN

Call to Worship:

Come to sing;
Come to pray;
Come to learn
Of God each day.

Sing:

"My Bible and I"
"Isn't He Wonderful"
"Father, We Thank Thee"

Bible Story:

A Seed Grows

Jesus often walked through the country with His friends. Perhaps it was on one of these walks that He told them this story:

A farmer in the springtime plants the seed. It doesn't look like much of anything—tiny and dried-up. Just the same, he plants it in his field.

There, within the ground, the seed begins to grow. The farmer doesn't know how it can grow, that tiny dried-up thing. Just the same it does grow. It grows and grows until a tiny green blade is seen above the ground. It continues to grow until it is taller and has grain on it.

At harvest time the farmer cuts the grain and stores it in his barn. It will be food for his family and his animals all winter long.

Jesus told His friends that this is the way the Kingdom of God grows.

We do not understand how, but if each one of us will do our part, it will grow.

The important thing for the farmer to do was to plant the seed. The important thing for you to do is whatever you feel God wants you to do. It may be to sing in the children's choir. It may be to ask your friends to come to church with you. It may be to tell Bible stories to younger children. Whatever it is you can do, it is important that you do it. And the Kingdom of God will grow.

Based on Mark 4:26-29

Hymn of the Month:

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

Be sure your group understands the meaning of fellowship and kin. Point out that Father refers to God. The phrase "brothers of the faith" may need some explaining. After the children are able to say the first verse with you, sing the hymn for them before asking them to try it.

The children will enjoy acting out this hymn as they sing it. Divide them into four groups and have them stand on the four sides of the room. As east, west, south, and north are mentioned in the song have the group from that direction come to a table on which there is a globe of the world. They will join hands around the table to form "one great fellowship of love."

Object Lesson:

(You will need two pictures which you have either cut from a magazine or drawn yourself. One, a picture of a lawn that has obviously not been tended and cut, and where the weeds grow in abundance. The other, a lawn of evenly cut grass. If you make these pictures yourself, they do not have to be elaborate. A few simple strokes from a crayon will give the desired effect.)

Two men went to a store to buy grass seed. The merchant took each man's seed out of the same barrel since they both bought the same kind.

One man took his grass seed home and planted it on his lawn. Then he said to himself, "I've planted it, now I'll let God take care of it." Day by day the grass grew. It grew taller and taller as the sun shown upon it and the rain fell upon it. The wind had also been busy and had blown weed seeds onto the lawn. The weeds took root and began to grow taller and taller. In a short while, the lawn looked like this. (Show first picture.) One day as the man looked at his lawn, he saw how ugly it was. "Something must have been wrong with that seed I bought," he said. "That grass has grown too tall and has too many weeds in it."

The other man took his grass seed home and planted it in his lawn. Then he said to himself, "If God will send His sun to shine on these seeds and

cause them to grow, I will help Him take care of it."

Day by day the grass grew as the sun shown and the rain fell upon it. When it began to grow too tall, the man took out his lawnmower and cut it. The wind had blown weed seeds onto this lawn, also. The weeds took root and began to grow. When the man saw the weeds in his lawn, he took a knife and cut them out by the roots and threw them away. Not long after the grass seed had been planted, this man's lawn looked like this. (Show second picture alongside the first one.)

One day as this man looked at his lawn, he realized how pretty it was. "What wonderful grass seed this was that I bought," he said. "God made a good thing when He made that seed. Together we've made a beautiful lawn."

What was the difference? One man refused to work with God and then blamed God because his lawn was not beautiful. The second man worked together with God and had a beautiful lawn. This is what God wants us to do—work together with Him.

What are some of the ways we can work with God? (List the children's suggestions on the chalkboard.)

Friendship Circle of Prayer:

Let us thank God for the beautiful world He has made for us and the loving people who care for us.

Let us ask God to show us ways we can work with Him.

Business:

1. Roll Call—tell what you did without this month.
2. How is your garden growing? Appoint a new committee to care for it this month.

Activity:

Watching a Seed Grow

For each child you will need a small glass jar, a piece of blotter paper, sand, water and a seed (lima beans are good for this).

We do not understand how a seed can grow but we can watch what happens under the ground.

Have each child put a seed against the side of the jar (inside, of course!). Hold it in place with the blotter and fill the jar with sand. Do not let the sand fall between the blotter and the glass. Then moisten the sand thoroughly.

Tell the children if they will keep the sand moist, the seed will begin to grow. They will see it open and the tiny plant as it first appears.

Remind them this is one of the many wonders God has planned.

Signal Lights Benediction

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

"WITH ONE ACCORD"

What a privilege to gather
In the name of Christ our Lord,
To have fellowship together,
And to pray with one accord!

Once He gave a precious promise,
That "wherever two or three"
In His name are met together,
There He in the midst would be.

Let us come then with rejoicing
To meet Him, our blessed Lord,
And receive the promised blessing
While we pray "with one accord."

—Ida A. Guirey.

A WONDERFUL SIGHT it is for brethren to dwell together in unity (Ps. 133:1). The world has nothing like it (Song of Sol. 5:9). Together God's people worship and together they pray (Matt. 18:19, 20; Acts 1:14; 4:31). Together they sacrifice and suffer (I Cor. 12:26). They have been "quickened . . . together with Christ . . . raised . . . up together, and made . . . sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:5, 6). "For brethren to dwell together in unity" is "good" because it springs from godliness (I Tim. 4:8). It is "pleasant" for people now "alive unto God" (Rom. 6:11) to form a united congregation, to dwell together in self-denying unity of the Spirit, and function as the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matt. 5:13, 14). The cost of self-denial to keep the unity of the Spirit afterwards yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness" (Heb. 12:11).

The Holy Spirit, typified by oil in the Word, instructed Moses that this ointment of delightful fragrance was "an holy anointing oil" (Exod. 20:25). Christian unity "is like the precious ointment upon the head" (Psa. 133:2). This physical symbol was prescribed by God for His glory only (Exod. 30:30). As the oil was poured upon Aaron's head, beard and garments so we as the body of Christ receive an unction from our Head, even our Lord Jesus Christ (Ps. 45:8). The unity of the Spirit which He gives, we are to endeavor to keep (Eph. 4:3).

Then in Psalm 133:3 the figure changes to this heavenly unity being like "the dew of Hermon . . . that descended upon the mountains." The fruit of the Spirit is like a garden of "pleasant fruits" (Song of Sol. 4:16). We are to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:8).

The garments of the Christian's outfit are described in Col. 3:12-14. In I John 4:17 "the love with us" can mean only God's love as it lifts us up in its embrace and reproduces itself in us. The Spirit and God's love indwell us (I Jn. 4:13, 16). Christian love is a unifying force (vs. 11, 12). Christ became our supreme example of love on Calvary (Jn. 15:13; I Jn. 4:9-11). As He laid down His life for us we are to lay down our lives for the brethren (I Jn. 3:16). The oneness of the brethren in Christ is to be like the oneness of the Father and the Son (Jn. 17:20-23).

Would you like to make life better?
You can do it if you try;
But you'll only make it BITTER,
If you wrongly use an "I."
Love for others is the keynote;
Bitterness can never live
In your heart, when you remember
Christ who told us to forgive.

—Katrina van Dyck Brewster

The Brethren Layman

The Laymen's Meeting

James E. Norris

Program for August, 1965

Topic:

BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS

Scripture Reading: II Timothy 2:1-16
Hymns: "Stand Up For Jesus"
"The Solid Rock"
"Blest Be The Tie" (To close with)

Leader Comments:

Brother Laymen, we are now at the end of another year, and there are challenges today that are greater than ever. If there ever was a time when Christian laymen should be strong, it is now. We have chosen, once again, St. Paul's second letter to Timothy, because it offers so much food for thought, and so much encouragement for us as Christian laymen. Could it be that one of the reasons the Laymen's Organization is not growing as we think it should, is because we are not strong "In the Grace that is in Christ Jesus." St. Paul took the young man Timothy under his wing and constantly admonished him to keep up the fight against sin. He used various subjects such as wrestlers, soldiers and keepers of vineyards to constantly remind Timothy of the hardships and adverse conditions he would face in the days after he (Paul) was gone and Timothy would not have his guidance.

Topics for Discussion:

1. Be Strong (verse 1).

Consider the verse as a whole, and we have here one who is as a father to a young convert. One of the weaknesses of our churches these days is that we have almost neglected to follow up our young converts with that fraternal love so necessary and so important. That goes for us laymen, too. Have we brought our boys from our Brotherhood and Youth organizations over into the Laymen's organization? Where are they? Where is our zeal and our devotion? Let us remember, too, that our strength lies in Jesus Christ.

2. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also (v. 2).

Can our boys and girls look at us and say, "He told me that," or "He was my Sunday school teacher"? Now someone will say, "I can't teach a class." Our lives are an open book, and for those of us who do not teach, **we do teach with our lives.** Even a blind, deaf or crippled Christian is a teaching Christian. Many so-called Christians say "Don't do as I do, do as I say." Pardon this personal reference, but I used to chew tobacco on the sly. A small boy in town told my son that I chewed tobacco. Since he didn't believe it, even denying it, the lad said, "Then what does he spit brown spit for?" That broke me of the habit.

3. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ (v. 3).

"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier" (v. 4).

Although St. Paul here speaks to Timothy as a young minister, he is giving good advice to be followed by us. We are so tangled up in worldly things that we can hardly schedule a church meeting any more unless we plan away ahead, check the calendar, and then only a handful can come.

4. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet he is not crowned, except he strive lawfully (v. 5).

The Christian has rules to live by. Just as an athlete will not be crowned unless he follows the rules of the game, so we will not receive the crown of righteousness unless we strive for masteries lawfully. "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

5. The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits (v. 6).

No reward comes without labor.

6. Read verses 8, 9.

What is Timothy to remember? Why does Paul suffer as an evil doer? The word of God is not bound.

7. Read verses 10-16.

Why does Paul endure all these things? What promises do you find in these verses? In the sixteenth verse we find one of the surest ways to be strong in the Lord. These are the days of challenge to the Brethren Laymen. What are we going to do about them?

Boys' Brotherhood Study Article —

"But the Fruit of the Spirit is . . . GOODNESS"

(Galatians 5:22)

by RICHARD E. ALLISON

"Now be good," is a command that a growing boy hears many times. "Be good" while at school. "Be good" on the playground. "Be good" at your friend's house! "Be good" at the swimming pool. All the while you know that it is impossible, and the person who gives the advice knows it is at best only wishful encouragement. Still we are told, "Be good."

It is utter nonsense to expect a young man to be good as though all he had to do was wish for goodness and it would happen. A fellow has to have some help. The Apostle Paul in Galatians, chapter 5, suggests three sources men turn to for such help.

First, there is the LAW. It is mentioned at least four times in this chapter (5:3, 4, 14, 18). In using the term law, Paul is referring to moral principles which govern one's action. However, trying to be "good" by keeping the law only increases one's frustration (5:3). The reason being that the law can only hold up what is good, and ideal, so that we can see it. The law doesn't help us to measure up to the ideal. Just because you see Mickey Mantle on TV doesn't make you a star ball player. Just because you know what is right and good doesn't mean that you'll be able to do it.

Most people don't need to be reminded what is right and what is wrong. Their knowledge of goodness is not deficient. Their problem is that they are short on power, the ability to be and do good.

Second, Paul says, we could follow the desires of our FLESH, the cravings of our body (5:16). This is what is meant by doing what comes naturally. However, people who let their body be their guide and follow their own bodily cravings don't end up at goodness. Instead, they end up in "immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, envy, drunkenness, carousing and the like . . . those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

The third way Paul suggests is the only way to launch a life of "goodness." It is walking in the SPIRIT (5:16). (Also see 5:5, 16, 18, 22, 25). To walk by the Spirit means to have the companionship and fellowship of the Holy Spirit. The greatest possession of a boy is not his jack knife, his bicycle, his ball glove, or his dog, but his friends. The greatest friend that a boy can have is the Holy Spirit.

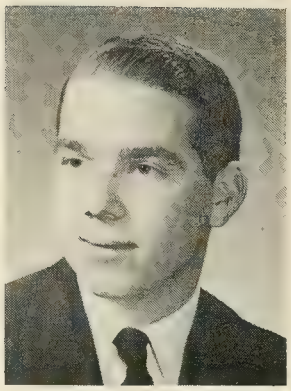
Jesus promises the Holy Spirit (John 14:16, 17, 26; 20:22; Acts 1:5, 8; 2:17, 18) to those who have accepted Him and are His disciples. As we become better acquainted with the Holy Spirit, we begin to think and respond like He does. Isn't this the way we usually respond to our friends? Our friends exert a great influence upon us. Our friends can change us. When we allow the Holy Spirit to become our friend He begins to change us.

This is what Paul is talking about when he says, (Galatians 5:22) "The fruit of the Spirit (the harvest of the Spirit, N.E.B.) is _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, goodness, _____, _____, _____."

An illustration of this is to be found in the life of Barnabas. "He was a good man," and that because he was "full of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 11:24). In almost every reference to Barnabas in Scripture the Holy Spirit is to be found about a friend's distance away. This is a key to the "goodness" of Barnabas. There's only one way to be "good."

Accept Christ as your Savior.
Become open to the Holy Spirit.
Cultivate this friendship.

"Goodness" is the natural product (harvest) of such a relationship.



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THE BELIEVERS' ORCHESTRA

(An allegory on the Church as the body of Christ)

ONCE UPON A TIME fifty young musicians, full of vim, vigor, and vitality, decided to form an orchestra. They had many different backgrounds and they had come from several different orchestras. But they had one thing in common—they were dissatisfied with the way their various orchestras were putting across the music to the audiences. Therefore, they decided that they wanted the music to speak for itself instead of offering their own favorite, and severely prejudiced, interpretations.

Now, the first two things that the musicians considered were a name and a place to meet for rehearsal. They decided to name their group the Vartox Music Orchestra, since they considered the music to be the most important aspect of the organization and they lived in Vartox, Ohio. As for a meetingplace the members had some difficulty finding an appropriate building, so they decided to build their own. Their construction was a modern structure, manifesting modern ideas in acoustics, styling, and equipment. The chairs for the orchestra were comfortable but would stimulate attentiveness. A handsome podium was placed at the front for the conductor.

After all this had been completed, the members considered the selection of their leader. They decided that this man must have certain qualifications: he must be a musician, himself, he must have had extensive training in music and how to direct an orchestra, he must have the ability to communicate the music to others, and he must assuredly be completely dedicated to his calling. In a few weeks the orchestra was fortunate enough to find a man who, they felt, filled these qualifications. He was hired and the rehearsals proceeded.

For some weeks the group worked hard and soon was ready to present the music to the public. Here the results of their efforts soon were manifested. People waited in line to hear this orchestra; many expressed a desire to identify themselves with the group. It was not very long before the newspapers were immersing the Vartox Music Orchestra in feature stories. The "Saturday Evening Post" wrote a story concerning the birth of the orchetra and the ideas it promoted. One day a group of orchestra members gathered together and began to discuss the factors in their success. After a while they proceeded into a serious discussion which resulted in a careful analysis of their results. In the give-and-take four factors were pointed out as contributing to the orchestra's success.

First of all, there was that dynamic spirit. Take that little string bass player, for example. His string bass almost carried him to rehearsals, he was that small! But he was a dynamic member, always ten minutes early to meetings and eager to participate in the proceedings. His spirit was alive and alert; he made rehearsals interesting and enjoyable. As Sam—for that was his name—sawed away on that overgrown violin, he expressed a vibrant enthusiasm which infected the other members of the orchestra. If you had been watching him, you could easily have seen that he was completely wrapped up in and devoted to his music.

Then there was also the dynamic spirit of the business manager. This man had the responsibility of the budget for the orchestra; he took care of financial and miscellaneous matters. Under his direction the orchestra began a program of educating youngsters to music. They sought to instill a reverence and a feeling for music in the young peoples' hearts. The business manager was very energetic and active in his duties. He was able to interest others in helping him on committees, and his spirit created an harmonious, positive attitude instead of a negative, bickering atmosphere.

These men were just two examples of the dynamic spirit which prevailed during meetings of the orchestra. You wouldn't catch any of those members going to sleep; there was too much going on—one might miss something important. They say that one way to distinguish a professional from an amateur is to observe at what time he arrives at rehearsal, for the professional is almost always early. In this case, it was easy to see that these members were all professionals. Perhaps it would be better to say that they were all dedicated to their calling.

With the entire orchestra filled with this discipline to learn, you can imagine what the results were. Each member knew the music thoroughly—from the simple solos to the intricate fugue passages. Even the music of the less-talented players came through strong, because of their attitude and discipline. The orchestra played together as a unit, without one loud trombone or French horn blaring out above the others. The sound they produced was good and pleasant to hear. It was not a clammering of fifty instruments, each trying to be heard above the others. Instead it was a unity, a blended chorus with one unified message being sounded out.

After discovering two more obvious factors in the success of the Vartox Music Orchestra, our committee came upon a third, but not quite so obvious, factor. It was probably not so obvious because usually the members just took it for granted. This was the orchestra's devotion to the music. If you will remember, I said early in the story that these people had one thing in common—they were tired of hearing everyone's own, badly-prejudiced interpretation on the music and, therefore, they wished the music to speak for

by BRAD WEIDENHAMER

Watching a rehearsal, one could soon catch the enthusiasm which prevailed in this dynamic spirit. They entered into discussions of the meaning the music had for each one of them in an attempt to communicate it better to others. Attendance was almost always perfect because they never were absent unless it was absolutely unavoidable. Yes, the committee decided that this dynamic spirit was a very important factor in their success.

But out of this spirit rose a second factor and that was their discipline to learn. There was a drummer who displayed this discipline. He didn't have too much talent. In fact, if you had heard him play before he became a member of this orchestra, you would probably have said that he was about good enough to be seventh man in a six-man percussion section. However, that didn't hinder him one bit. He took his music and studied it with a passion! He worked on it until he had practically memorized it and has assimilated it into his mind and heart. This required some sacrifice on his part but music meant quite a bit to him.

One section in particular which showed this discipline to learn was the woodwind section. Instead of being tired and ready to go home by the end of a rehearsal, these people were ready to work over their music as a section. They agreed to have several section rehearsals in addition to the regular meetings. In the extra practices, the members discussed the music and how to interpret it. Also they worked and worked some more on mastering it and playing with accuracy and in harmony as a unit and not as individual musicians. Realizing that each member was important, the more talented ones would coach the weaker ones in an attempt to bring them to a higher degree of proficiency.

itself. Now, to be sure, they realized that in order to work with music you must interpret it. If you are going to let it genuinely speak for itself, you must simply read exactly what is there and quit. Yet even in doing this a certain amount of interpretation enters in.

It might be well to examine what the members did not like about interpreting music. They did not believe in making a certain passage necessarily say what you want it to say. They did not believe in picking out isolated passages to prove a favorite theory. They did not believe in approaching music with preconceived conclusions as to its meanings. Other orchestras did these with the result that they sometimes came with peculiar and even dangerous interpretations.

In contrast, the members of the Vartox Music Orchestra attempted to maintain a devotion to the music, adding nothing and subtracting nothing. Of course everyone has prejudices and the members certainly demonstrated them at times. However, they conscientiously tried to eliminate their prejudices or at least keep them from coloring the music as they presented it.

Hence, the music they put forth was solid—something the listeners could grasp onto and appropriate for themselves. It was meaningful to the audience. It said something to the hearts of those who had been previously uninterested or antagonistic toward music. Other orchestras tended to concentrate on their particular interpretations which became involved and complex. Some of these actually twisted the basic rudiments of the music around so that the meaning was contorted and mutilated. But this was not so with our orchestra. Once in a while, as happens to all organizations, there was a difference of opinion

as to interpretation. However, the members tried to work these differences out in a spirit of understanding, not in bitter argument. They felt that they had a message to proclaim—a simple message but yet one with unlimited power. This message must be clear-cut and solid, alive in its spirit so that it would catch the spirit of the audience.

These three factors the committee found to have been a part in this successful story. But there was a fourth factor and it held the key to the first three. This fourth aspect was a dedicated conductor. He didn't have all the answers; he didn't know all the music. He was involved in a learning process just as the members were. He had imperfections; weaknesses and failures. On one occasion, he just could not seem to beat out that seven-eight time so that everyone could follow him. He was giving a down-beat when the members were looking for an upbeat; he was giving an upbeat when the members were looking for a down-beat. Once in a while some of the members would say that they didn't understand his interpretations of a particular passage, and it was because the conductor was not expressing his ideas properly. Once in a great while he even made a mistake and the members showed him his error.

However, this conductor was the key to the first three factors in the success of the orchestra. Because of his dynamic spirit, the members, who received an enthusiasm from the music, were inspired to continue in this spirit as time went on. Because of his personal discipline to learn, he set an example for the members to follow. Because of his devotion to the music, he encouraged others to maintain a devotion to it. In one sentence, summing it up, the conductor's complete dedication to his calling was a unifying inspiration to the orchestra.

He was a true leader of a group. He guided them into realms of music, patiently but positively. He identified himself with the music and was not afraid to discuss it with outsiders. He gave help where help was needed as he bolstered up the less-talented. Of course he was not the absolute inspiration—the music was that. Nevertheless, it was difficult to keep from being infected with his enthusiasm when he was in your presence. No man promoted the orchestra more than the conductor did. No sacrifice would have been too great for him to make if the music would have benefited by it. It is true that no conductor can lift very high an orchestra which does not care about its presentation of the music, but it is extremely rare—in fact, almost impossible—to find an orchestra which soared to great heights without a dedicated and competent leader.

Thus we have heard the story of the Vartox Music Orchestra and the factors in its success. But I hope that you have already some glimmer of understanding and insight concerning this parellel. For, you see, there is a definite parallel between an orchestra and a church, as meaning a spiritual fellowship of believers. I am not speaking of the external building called a church; certainly, these outward trappings and structures are necessary. However, what is left when these are stripped away? What makes this spiritual communion of Christians a live and spirited group? I believe that the factors for success in an orchestra are also necessary for success in a church.

The orchestra had a dynamic spirit which shined through all its meetings and caused an earnestness and a desire to learn. We in our churches need to demonstrate a dynamic spirit which will pervade all the functions of the church. Outsiders will know that we mean business in our Christian faith; we will be alive and eager to participate.

The orchestra had a discipline to learn which caused them to spend extra hours practicing their music until they had almost memorized it. We need a discipline to learn which will appropriate more than mere intellectual knowledge. Our music is the Bible, and we must put its reality of Jesus Chirst in our hearts instead of putting a multitude of facts in our heads.

The orchestra had a devotion to the music so that they attempted to find out what it said, not what they wanted it to say. We, as members of the body of Christ, should maintain a devotion to our music—the message of the Bible—so that we will give out a clear and meaningful presentation and will not lead people into a maze of obscurity. What is worse than an orchestra in which fifty musicians each interpret their music the way it suits their personal prejudices?

The orchestra had a dedicated conductor who guided them in their labors and in their attempts to communicate the music to others. We certainly need dedicated ministers who will promote in their churches these things I have just mentioned. It is very true that the basic spirit of a Christian will be found in his own soul as he loves Christ and his works and attitudes proceed out of this love. However, this does not minimize a minister's task to cultivate and encourage these feelings in a church member's life. He must seek to lead Christians into deeper spiritual encounters with Christ as they grow in their faith.

The truly successful churches, I believe, will have these four goals set before them. They may even have some more that I missed. But I am convinced that our only hope is a positive offense which will envelop outsiders with its wonderful message. Our opportunities are certainly abundant; there is a need for a moving liveliness in the churches of today. I pray that we might give ourselves to the music—that is, the Gospel—and cause the believers' orchestra to sing out in a solid and meaningful message.

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"FULFILLING THE TIME"

"Daddy, Why Don't You SMOKE?"

by EUGENE LINAMEN

OUR LITTLE DAUGHTER can present the most intriguing questions. It seems at times she has more questions than the other three children together. Some she asks are easily answered and others throw me. Strangely, questions about smoking are not the most difficult. But, since all our children have wondered about smoking, perhaps it has become a subject of interest in your home. For that reason, I decided to give it a little "pondering." I'm not sure where I'll come out, but here goes.

Why don't I smoke? Well, I could say, because the Bible says, "Thou shalt not smoke!" That would be a misrepresentation and an outright lie. In fact, I would go so far as to say I personally believe smoking is more of a health and social problem, than a religious one. I have never preached a sermon on smoking as a sin against God. However, some powerful sermons are being preached against smoking in our time by nonreligious professions and sciences.

In recent months I have had numerous requests coming across my desk, asking for my assistance to help "stamp out smoking." They have ranged from the radical and ridiculous to the practical and scientific medical reports. Because of these documents, perhaps more than my daughter's query, I give a long and serious look at the matter.

Having lived in a "smoke screen" society all my life, I have made personal observations. I do not try here to provide an exhaustive list of problems, but simply share impressions that come to me at the time of this writing.

1. **Smoking is expensive.** A couple smoking two packs a day each, living into the "golden years," could easily spend $7,500 on cigarettes. This does not include costs of lighters, ashtrays and special cleaning. What was robbed to get these funds—the child's education, a home for retirement or God's church? (Americans alone spent eight billion dollars on smoking last year.)

2. **Smoking is addictive.** Don't tell me otherwise; I've lived among smokers. How often I've heard the expression, "I'm just dying for a smoke," or "Doctor, can't I have just one cigarette?" Memories haunt me: the mother who traded in a child's canned milk to get cigarettes at a market where I was employed; the trembling hands I've seen of friends who have been deprived of the smoke for an extra long period; the mother I knew personally who gave birth to a blind child. Her doctor warned her if she didn't abstain from smoking during her second pregnancy, in her case, there was a chance the second child would be blind. Knowing this she couldn't abstain. She now has two blind children. Of course, some smokers are more addicted than others and a few smoke just on occasion. But, most of the people I know who can quit, already have.

3. **Smoking is offensive to the nonsmoker.** It is like smog to the visitor in a hot metropolitan area. Nonsmokers, knowing that I don't smoke, have frequently shared how smoking second-hand irritates their eyes and nostrils; of how thoughtless smokers are in public places as well as in "smelling up" a host's home or car.

4. **Smoking is a problem with minors.** "Son, don't ever get this habit. It'll ruin your lungs." Save your breath, you'll need it. Kids follow the parents' example. They want to be like adults. Youths want to impress boy and girl friends and be accepted. The pressure is on. A recent study shows that more youth are led into crime in early years to keep smoking than through drinking. For them **smoking is against the law,** but our society winks at this law. It often begins by simply "snitching" a couple of cigarettes from Mom's purse or Dad's jacket, to be smoked behind the school with a friend. What an image we are creating for our kids. Many of them now think they are something of a freak in this society if they grow up nonsmokers.

5. **Smoking is frequently a religious problem.** It has been taught by some groups that it is a sin to be a slave to any drug. Others feel it detracts from the example of a Christian who is otherwise clean and devoted about conduct. I will say this personally. I have had a number of nonreligious people tell me, "I don't think it looks right for a Christian to smoke." Now, I'm not going to bow to every whim of a nonreligious critic. I must live my own life. However, will my conduct contribute to keeping him nonreligious? is a question I must answer.

6. **Smoking presents a scientifically proven health problem.** Doctors are pleading for society to guide youth from the habits which cause lung cancer. Dentists recently are giving reports of the correlation between smoking and mouth cancer. And for months the articles have been coming forth from foundations representing heart, tuberculosis cancer and similar health organizations. The armed forces and educators have entered the arena in attempting to combat the increasing threat to the health of our youth and adults.

In fact, the only people I know who really push smoking are those related to the industry. They accomplish a fantastic job in promotion through low- and high-pressure selling and through subliminal advertising. Youth get the feeling they can't be attractive, have dates or be a success without the proper brand.

And, of course, many who are addicted to the habit defend it. Most of them could quit "if they wished." In fact, many have—"dozens of times."

Please don't misunderstand me. I like all of my friends whether they smoke or not. I don't think I have heckled anyone about this problem. But, as I ponder, I think I have the right, even an obligation, to express my observations.

A few weeks ago I had the occasion to be involved in a P. T. A. program. The chairman publicly requested the assembly not to smoke in the interest of children present. If doctors, scientists, educations, law enforcement, military and related agencies can have such a clear voice, what should I as a minister say?

Perhaps I can hurry to a close with this question, "Is smoking evil?" I am glad I am not a judge or required to answer that question. But this I will say: If my abstinence could cause one of my children (or yours) to be spared the agonizing terror of cancer, I'll be doubly thankful to God that I never started smoking.

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Books your Editor has read . . .



The following two books were sent to your Editor for review and after reading them, we felt that they should be recommended to you. These books are small in size but contain much help in their respective areas.

All books in this column may be ordered from The Brethren Publishing Company, 524 College Ave., Ashland, Ohio.

Groenhoff, Ed. SO YOU'RE GOING TO COLLEGE. Minneapolis, Minn.: Beacon Publications, 1965. (60¢).

This little book is one of the best in giving good, sound advice to young men and women who are intending to enter college for further education. It is written for all such students, however the student who has not decided upon which college to attend will find much help in making such a decision in this book.

The book contains the following chapters: "So You're Going to College," "The Right School," "New Finances," "New Friends," "New Freedom" and "New Ideas."

The last chapter is especially good for the Christian student as he begins a new life away from home and from the home church. The book is not "churchy" at all, but it deals with the young person's Christian faith as he meets the new temptations of life away from home.

Every young person anticipating college life should read this book!

Bender, Urie A. HURT IN THE HEART. Scottsdale, Penna.: Herald Press, 1965. ($1.50).

This story is of two young people, Ron and Bonita, who fell in love but soon learned that happiness became dulled because of the difference in religion. One of the couple was Roman Catholic, the other came from a conservative Protestant background.

The account of the courtship and marriage is recorded most realistically as the problem of religion continued to enter into the lives of this couple. It was soon learned that loved ones became "Hurt in the Heart" because of this romance and marriage.

This couple, as well as thousands of other couples in such circumstances, felt that the problem could be worked out in the framework of their love for each other. The problem still remained, however.

Every young person who is contemplating marriage under such circumstances should read this book!

On the last two pages of the book are twenty questions growing out of the dialogue and action of this story. They are questions for discussion in groups, among young men and women, between young lovers, and between ministers and youth.

This book is highly recommended for young people.

World Religious News in Review

AMERICAN BAPTISTS END 58TH CONVENTION

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (EP)—The Fifty-eighth annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention here voted to continue to meet annually instead of every two years, launched a $20 million capital fund campaign for home and foreign missions, and resolved against all forms of segregation.

A total of 7,787 registered delegates and visitors also elected a new president, Robert G. Torbet, dean and professor of church history at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas.

Resolutions adopted by the convention stressed renewed support for the National Council of Churches, condemned all forms of racial segregation, took a strong stand against obscenity, and rejected extremism of both right and left.

The convention also urged U. S. government officials to continue to work for a cease-fire in Viet Nam and to re-evaluate its relationships with "all governments to which the U. S. does not now extend recognition."

Harold E. Stassen, prominent Baptist layman and statesman, attacked U.S. foreign policy in a speech before the convention, saying there is "too much bombing, too much shooting, too much killing," . . . and "too little peacemaking."

Stassen, a key figure in the Eisenhower administration, said that more people have died through military violence in the past thirty days than any other thirty-day period in the past ten years.

Stassen received a citation from the convention for his participation in drafting the United Nations Charter.

The convention also gave special recognition to Pastor L. Kijungluba Ao of Nagaland, India, for his role in achieving a cease-fire in Nagaland's civil war against the government of India.

The delegates voted by a two-to-one margin against a proposal which would provide for conventions every two years, instead of annually. The proposal, which required a two-thirds majority for approval, received 635 "yes" votes and 1,365 negative votes.

On the final day of the convention, more than 700 delegates teamed with San Francisco church members and visited thousands of homes, leaving literature and extending invitations to attend the convention's evening session.

Other officers elected by American Baptists were Mrs. Frank W. Skoog, of Rumford, R. I., first vice president; Samuel D. Proctor, Teaneck, N. J., second vice president; and Charles H. Read, Ridgewood, N. J., treasurer. General Secretary Edwin H. Tuller was re-elected to a third three-year term in the convention's top executive post.

AUCAS RECEIVE FIRST GOSPELS

CAMP CLASSEN, OKLAHOMA (EP)—"A marvelous thing has happened! The Gospel of Mark has been published in the Auca language!" With this significant statement William Cameron Townsend, General Director of Wycliffe Bible Translators highlighted his report at the mission group's Biennial Conference at Davis, Oklahoma.

Townsend added that Bibles had been placed in the hands of four of the actual killers of five American missionaries martyred in Ecuador in 1956. Two attempts have been made by tribal members themselves to take the translations to down-river Aucas, and a third attempt is soon to be made.

The Gospel of Mark was translated by Wycliffe Translator Rachel Saint, sister of Nate Saint who was one of the slain missionaries. She was assisted by Dayuma and other Aucas. Printing of the translations was accomplished in Wycliffe's new translation center in Mexico.

Delegates from the sixteen countries where Wycliffe is at work are meeting in policy sessions, hearing reports from various countries and formulating plans for the rapidly growing work which now numbers 1600 missionaries. The conference continues until June 4.

ATHEIST BACKS CHURCH-RED RELATIONS, ADDS THAT MARXISM 'WILL WIN'

VIENNA (EP)—A leading East German atheist and scientist said here that he rejected the "antiquated belief that believers must be primitive or superstitious people."

Olaf Klohr, professor of scientific atheism at an East German university, pointed out in a lecture here that he had many friendly contacts with Catholics on different problems, "in which the same platform was possible, as in the question of world peace."

He claimed the churches were not persecuted in East Germany. "Christian and Marxist humanism will exist side by side for some time, until Marxism finally will win."

Professor Klohr said interest in religion can never be abolished by force. Commenting on what has been called the "irreconcilability of Christianity and Socialism," he noted that "the position of the Church has undergone basic changes." He illustrated this statement by citing encyclicals of Pope Pius XII and Pope John XXIII.

"It would be unscientific and un-Marxist to neglect these changes and to reject a dialogue with the Church," he said.

GENERAL'S PLEA TO CURB PROFANITY, OBSCENITY WINS WIDE APPROVAL

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—A directive from the Army's top general calling for a halt to the use of rough language by military instructors has met with largely favorable response, Pentagon sources said here.

Though specific reactions were not made available, it was reported that most of about one hundred letters sent to General Harold K. Johnson, Army Chief of Staff, have been favorable.

The general, who frequently has publicly expressed his personal Christian faith, circulated a letter which in effect ordered Army instructors to clean up their language. The letter asked all military commanders to "prohibit the use of offensive language and off-color stories in our service schools and a part of training."

General Johnson—who at this year's Presidential Prayer Breakfast told of his experiences on the Bataan Death March and his reliance on faith during Japanese imprisonment—said his directive was spurred by a skit he witnessed during a training demonstration.

During the skit, he said, "the soldier-actors employed language that I can only describe as offensive to the average person."

HOSPITAL WON'T SIGN 'RIGHTS' COMPLIANCE, BUT WILL INTEGRATE

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (EP)—Presbyterian Hospital, which is supported by the Synod of North Carolina, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) has announced it will not comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, although it will remain desegregated.

J. O. Mann, Jr., administrator, said refusal to comply may cut off the hospital's federal funds, but that this will be no major problem since a $2.3 million expansion program does not involve federal funds.

He said to comply with the Civil Rights Act, the hospital would be required to sign a sweeping statement of compliance with the Health, Education and Welfare Department's interpretation of the Act and "at this point, we didn't feel we wanted to subject ourselves to these detailed regulations. It puts too much power in the hands of the bureaucracy."

Presbyterian Hospital announced in March it would put whites and Negroes in the same rooms, but only when the patients agreed. New regulations require that practically all hospital facilities be integrated.

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NOTES and COMMENTS

TO SING OR NOT TO SING . . .
(That's a question—?)

"Oh, come on, all you tigers out there!" . . sound familiar? Let's change it to this: "Oh, come on, all you singers out there. You know who you are!"

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The rehearsal time is set for 4:00 P. M. (natch) starting Tuesday, August 17. The choir is scheduled to sing three times during the week. We'll be waiting and looking for YOU in the Little Theater of Founders' Hall.

In case some of you busy people say you don't have the time, stop and consider this—it might be possible that this period together is just the relaxation your mind and body needs in such a busy time.

Would it sound too much like baseball if we said . . . "we're good to the very last 'pitch'?" (A-hem!)

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER'S MEETING
of the
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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the shareholders of the Brethren Publishing Company will be held Wednesday morning, August 18, 1965, at 10:15 o'clock, E.S.T., at Ashland, Ohio, in the Conference Auditorium, in connection with the General Conference of the Brethren Church, as provided in the Code of Regulations, Article II Section 1.

Article II of the Code of Regulations states that "All members of the National Conference are known and hereinafter designated as The Shareholders." This notice constitutes official notice to all shareholders.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports of the officers of the Corporation, to elect Directors and to care for such unfinished or new business as the shareholders may direct in accordance with the Code of Regulations.

A Glenn Carpenter, President

Date of meeting — August 18, 1965

THE BISCHOFS ARRIVE HOME SAFELY

REV. AND MRS. ROBERT BISCHOF, our missionaries in Nigeria, and their two children arrived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, safely on Friday, July 16. We thank God for this safe journey. They will be in America for one year.

Remember to pray for this family. Bea has had an attack of malaria since arriving in the States. They will be living in Ashland after August 9.

the editor's editorial

"New Morality"

YOUR EDITOR as well as many others throughout the land must speak out against this "new morality" that has gripped the young people of our generation. In our schools from grade through high school, in our colleges, in our social functions in fact, in almost every phase of life today there is the idea of a "new morality" which gives us the right to do as we please as long as no one is hurt.

In Elmhurst, Illinois, the young people of a local church were subjected to listening to Anson Mount, public affairs manager of **Playboy** magazine as he expounded upon the merits of this "new morality." It was encouraging to know, however, that these young people did not agree. Here is part of this news item:

"A representative of **Playboy** magazine told a group of teenagers of the United Church of Christ that the present era, with its relaxation of stringent moral codes and encouragement of individual decisions on morality, presaged a 'golden age of Christianity.'

"But when their time came to talk in the subsequent discussion period, the youngsters strongly disagreed.

"Anson Mount, public affairs manager of **Playboy**, declared that 'the whole point of Christianity is missed by drawing up a whole list of do's and don'ts.' With the changed moral climate today, he said, 'Christianity is beginning to function for the first time in its history,' and predicted: 'We are entering a golden age of Christianity.'

"The young people took greatest exception to Mr. Mount's advocacy of 'recreational' sex and his approval of pre-marital sex. The **Playboy** staff member told the youngsters that sex was not sacred, that any kind of relationship was all right as long as it hurt no one, and that personal morality in his view is the 'exercise of personal responsibility and judgment—not submission to a code written for other places and times.'

"At the national Youth Forum the 'new morality' concept was attacked as lacking an ethical defense against the rise of a new Hitler.

" 'I am sure the exponents of the new morality condemn Hitler's actions as monstrous,' said Dr. James Daane, assistant editor of **Christianity Today.** 'Yet the new morality by the very terms of its nature cannot exclude the possibility of another situation, in which everything that Hitler did could be an expression of love and thus wholly moral.' "

The answer to this is found in the fifth chapter of Galatians as follows: **Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God** (verses 19-21).

Paul in his letters to the Corinthians warned them constantly against fornication as sin.

Jude, in his little book, warns us of such men who will come in our midst to corrupt the Word of God and "turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." Again, Jude warns us that "there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit." It is imperative that our young people be warned against these smooth talking individuals who would make everything right through the reasoning of the individual instead of learning from the Word of God!

The only weapon we have against this philosophy is the Word of our God! Let's give more time to warning our young people of these pitfalls! S.G.

news ... from the Brethren

Sarasota, Fla. Rev. J. D. Hamel reports that seven persons were received into membership of the church on July 11. All were received by baptism.

Bethlehem, Va. Rev. John F. Locke, pastor, reports that William Walk, student at the Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio, is the associate pastor of the church during the summer months.

Pleasant View, Pa. Rev. Richard Godwin reports that four persons were recently received into the membership of the church by baptism.

The Godwins are to be congratulated upon a new daughter who came into their home on May 28, 1965. Her name is Julie Kathleen and is eight years old.

Vinco, Pa. Rev. Henry Bates, pastor, reports that four young people were baptized and received into fellowship of the church on Sunday evening, June 20, 1965.

Massillon, Ohio. Miss Mary Byler, Corresponding Secretary, reports that on Sunday evening, June 20, four persons were baptized and received into the membership of the church. The service was conducted by Rev. George Solomon of Louisville, Ohio.

Newark, Ohio. Rev. Thomas Shannon, pastor, reports that two persons were received into the fellowship of the church on Sunday, June 13.

Teegarden, Ind. At a recent business meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Zumbaugh were elected as deacon and deaconess of the church according to Rev. Claude Stogsdill, pastor.

Wabash, Ind. In a recent business meeting of the church, Rev. Dana Hartong, pastor, was called to serve another three years as pastor. This call has been accepted.

PASTOR NEEDED

The First Brethren Church of North Liberty, Indiana, is in need of a pastor by September 1, 1965. Anyone interested please contact:

Mrs. Woodrow Boone
R. R. 1 Box 532
North Liberty, Indiana 46554

Memorials

PUTTERBAUGH. Mrs. Margaret (W. L.) Putterbaugh, 90, passed away on August 14, 1964. She was an active member of the First Brethren Church, Milledgeville, Ill. Memorial services were conducted by the undersigned.

Rev. Arthur H. Tinkel

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WEED. John Weed, 86, passed away on December 2, 1964. Mr. Weed was a member of the Sunnyside Grace Brethren Church, Washington, but had been a faithful and active servant in the First Brethren Church of Milledgeville, Ill. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Weed made a home for Margaret Gribble Dunning, daughter of James and Dr. Florence Newberry Gribble, our first missionaries in Nigeria. Memorial services were conducted by the undersigned.

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KNOX. Paul Knox, 68, a member of the First Brethren Church Milledgeville, Ill., passed away on January 5, 1965. Memorial rites were conducted by his pastor, the undersigned.

Rev. Arthur H. Tinkel

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HANNA. Miss Dessie Hanna, 84, passed away on June 20, 1965. She was a dedicated Christian and nurse. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Milledgeville, Ill., where the memorial services were conducted by the undersigned.

Rev. Arthur H. Tinkel

BOTT. Otto A. Bott, 85, passed away on April 20, 1965. He was a member of the First Brethren Crurch, Milledgeville, Ill. Services were conducted at the church by the undersigned.

Rev. Arthur H. Tinkel

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DENNIS. Noah (Roe) Dennis, 74, passed away on April 21, 1965. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Milledgeville, Ill. Memorial services were conducted by the undersigned.

Rev. Arthur H. Tinkel

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BLACKSTON. Miss Estella Blackston, 61, passed away on Tuesday, June 29, 1965, at Doctors Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. She was a member of the Mt. Zion Brethren Church at Logan, Ohio.

Mrs. H. B. Imboden

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OSBORN. Mrs. Harry (Edna) Osborn, 73, pased away on Wednesday, July 7, 1965. She was a faithful member of the Tiosa (Ind.) Brethren Church for many years. Memorial services were conducted at the church with Rev. Gene Eckerly in charge. Burial was at the Richland Center I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Mrs. Otto Kath

ROCKEFELLER SIGNS BILL TO CURB PORNOGRAPHY

ALBANY, N. Y. (EP)—Gov. Nelson Rockefeller signed a bill which bans the sale or distribution of obscene material, movies, pictures or records to young people under seventeen years of age.

The legislation, effective September 1, makes it a misdemeanor "knowingly" to subject teenagers to pornography "harmful to minors." It carried a penalty of up to a year in jail, a $500 fine or both.

In the past courts have struck down state anti-obscenity laws on the grounds that their definition of pornography was ambiguous.

The new legislation explicitly defines obscenity as material that "predominantly appeals to the prurient, shameful or morbid interests of minors," is "patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole," or "is utterly without redeeming social importance for minors." It follows a "U. S. Supreme Court formula."

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from the Gospel of St. John

Memory Scripture for the month — John 15:14

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

August 8 - 14

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1965

Read Scripture: John 16:25-30

We Know

"Queenie seems so quiet," said Linda.

"She was badly hurt," reminded Dad. "When her wounds are healed she will run and play again."

"She almost died, didn't she?" asked Gary.

Dad nodded. "The veterinarian didn't really think she would get better."

"I can't remember ever wanting anything as badly as I wanted Queenie to get well," said Gary.

The little dog opened her eyes and licked his hand.

"I know Jesus heard my prayer," continued Gary.

Dad smiled. "Now you can say with the disciples, 'we are sure You know all things.' "

"That's not the only reason I know," declared Gary. "Everyday I see and do and hear things that help me to understand better that Jesus is God's Son."

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for showing me in so many ways that You are God's Son. Help me to see and to hear and to believe. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 1965

Read Scripture: John 17:1-5

The True One

"Nutty, Mittens, and the rabbits all seem so happy today," said Linda. "See how they romp and play!"

"It's because Queenie is home," replied Gary. "They know she is going to be alright."

"Yes," nodded Mom. "Queenie is the only mother they have ever known. She has cared for them and made it possible for them to live. To them she is their true mother."

"That reminds me of our Sunday School lesson yesterday," said Gary.

"How's that?" wondered Linda.

"We talked about how we have eternal life," answered Gary. "God is the only true God and through His Son Jesus we have eternal life."

"We should be happy and cheerful every day," said Linda. "To have eternal life is the most important thing there is."

"That's right," agreed Mom. "Jesus said He had finished His work. Now it is up to us to accept Him as Savior and to live for Him."

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for coming so that we can better know your Father the one true God. Help me to serve You as I should each day. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1965

Read Scripture: John 17:14-18

The Reason

"Why do Christians have to live with people who aren't?" asked Linda as she came into the house.

"What's wrong, Dear?" questioned Mom. "You seem upset."

"I am upset!" declared Linda. "Some of us girls were playing with our paper dolls. We had them all out on a table in Judy's backyard. Lois came running through the yard. She scattered the dolls and ran. Some were torn. Some were wrinkled. Some were even lost. Isn't she mean?"

"It was very unkind," agreed Mom. "You know, you girls are here to help Lois and others like her."

"How can we help her?" wondered Linda.

"By showing her the better way to live," replied Mom. "Jesus said He was leaving His followers in the world, even as He was in the world. He expects us to be good examples to unbelievers. He expects us to show them the way to God."

"I haven't been a good example to Lois," admitted Linda. "When she was mean, I was cross. I have never truly tried to be her friend. But I will! I'll help her to see that the good way is the Christian way."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to tell me of You. I want to help others to find Him, too. Help me to do and to say the things I should. In His name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1965

Read Scripture: John 17:20-23

Jesus' Prayer

"Here's a letter from Aunt Doris," called Gary as he got the mail from the mailbox.

"Good," said Mom. "Come into the living room and we'll read it."

After she finished reading it aloud, Linda said, "I'm glad Uncle Jim was able to help that Nigerian baby."

"Isn't it strange that God would use sickness to help them learn of Him?" asked Linda.

"Not at all," replied Mom. "Sickness and many other forms of trouble are often used to help people know God better. Jesus prayed for those who would believe because of the teachings of Christians. This is one answer to His prayer."

"I never thought about that," said Gary. "Each time I try to help my friends learn of Him, I'll remember Jesus prayed for them."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, help me to remember how near You are. Help me to remember that You are working with me to tell unbelievers of Your love. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1965

Read Scripture: John 20:19-21

Go!

Mom stepped onto the back porch. "Linda!" she called.

Linda looked up from her play. "I'm coming," she answered. She ran to the back porch.

"I'm sorry to interrupt your play," explained Mom, "but I need milk for the pudding I'm making for dinner. Will you please go to the store and get some?"

"Sure," answered Linda. She took the money Mom handed to her. "I'll ride my bike. It won't take me long."

Our parents often have errands for us to do. We quickly and cheerfully obey them—or at least we should.

Jesus, too, has something for us to do. He wants us to tell others of Him. Are you quickly and cheerfully obeying Him?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank You for my parents. Help me to always obey them as I should. Show me the work You have for me to do. Help me to gladly do it, too. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1965

Read Scripture: John 21:3-6

The Fishermen

Mom heard Dad and Gary in the backyard. She went to the porch. "Oh, you caught some fish! Those are nice ones!"

"Gary caught those two," explained Dad, "and I caught this one. We'll clean them for supper."

Later as the family was eating, Linda said, "These fish are really good. I wish you had caught more."

"You know what I thought about on the way home?" asked Gary.

"What?" wondered his sister.

"I thought about Jesus helping the disciples to catch fish," replied Gary. "They fished all night and caught nothing. Then when they let the net down where He told them to, it was full of fish."

"That was after His resurrection," added Dad. "He had lost none of His great power. He was still able to help His friends. He has the same power today and is able to help us."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I'm glad to know You can do all things. I'm glad You help me everyday in so many ways. I want to remember to tell You "thank You" for Your love and care. Amen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 1965

Read Scripture: John 21:20-25

The Book

Dad smiled at Mom. "That was a good dinner."

"Yes," agreed Gary. "You're a good cook."

"Thank you," answered Mom. "Let's have our devotions now."

"Bible! Betsy get Bible!" said the little girl as she tried to get down from the table.

Gary laughed. "I'll help you down, Betsy. Then you can get the Bible."

When Betsy was out of her chair she went to the living room. With her small chubby hands she picked up the Bible from the tea table. When at last she was holding it tightly in her arms she came back to the table. She handed the Book to Daddy. "Bible heavy," she said.

"Yes," said Daddy. He took the Bible. Then he lifted Betsy onto his lap.

"Story of Jesus," said Betsy as Daddy opened the Bible.

"There are many, many stories of Jesus in this Book," he said. "Not everything Jesus did and said are written here, though."

"No," remembered Linda. "The Bible says the world isn't big enough to hold all the books it would take to write everything about Jesus."

"The things that are written," added Mom, "are so we will believe that Jesus is God's Son."

"There are plenty to prove that!" declared Gary.

"Story!" reminded Betsy. "Story of Jesus!"

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for my Bible. Thank You for the wonderful stories of Jesus. Help me to always remember these stories and to know He is Your Son. In His name I pray. Amen.

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

STUMP THE SLUMP
You Can if You Will!

"Summer Sunday School slump has been stumped by enough churches to prove that it can be done." So says K. S. Rice in an article in a recent issue of **LINK** magazine.

During the summer months most Sunday Schools are faced with lagging interest and decreased attendance. And yet this need not be, says Mr. Rice. In fact, he contends that "the reason Sunday School attendance drops in the summer months is largely because we expect it to. We don't actually plan for a decrease, but because our expectations tend to determine our efforts we in essence plan for a decrease."

Mr. Rice suggests a four point program for "stumping the summer slump." The first of these is to Think Big! If our expectations determine our efforts then it is necessary to thing big. One Sunday School which had an average attendance of between 500 and 600 was making plans for its Sunday School on Easter Sunday. The discussion centered around setting a goal of 850 for Easter until one man—a sales manager for a large company—made a motion that the goal be set at 1,001. This expert in human motivation explained that this one over a thousand would capture the imagination of the people and would give them a real challenge. The goal was set at 1,001 and the result was an Easter attendance of 1,015.

Not only must a Sunday School think big to accomplish big things, however. It must **Have a Plan,** which is Mr. Rice's second suggestion. Every goal must be backed by a workable plan. Cause and effect relationships are written into the nature of things. Where there are planned causes

there are automatic effects. But too many people are looking for "automagic" effects—that is, results without planning and working to produce them. There is no one program that will work everywhere. But almost any program will work if it is well planned, manned and pursued.

Man Your Plan is the third point in Mr. Rice's program. Plans to increase Sunday School interest and attendance during the summer will work if they are properly manned. Not only will this provide the personnel to carry out particular assignments, but people who have responsibilities are not as prone to wander. One of the denominations that has grown the fastest through its Sunday School advance says that half of the members of a Sunday School class should have responsibility in the class. The Sunday School can help to beat the slump by putting its members to work.

Lead the Way, is the final point of Mr. Rice's suggested program. The leadership of the Sunday School must set the pace for the summer. In this connection Mr. Rice tells of a new pastor who stood before his congregation on the first Sunday and said, "We should be running 300 in attendance in Sunday School instead of 150." Some of the long time members of the church raised their eyebrows as if to say, "He's young and enthusiastic, but he'll learn better." The next week the young pastor started knocking on doors, and on the next Sunday he brought a new family for Sunday School. When he introduced them to the church, some raised their eyebrows again saying, "Maybe he means business." On the next Sunday, when the pastor introduced another new family, heads began to nod and people said, "He does mean business. We'd better help him." They followed his leadership in a regular weekly visitation program and in eight months they had over 300 in attendance in their Sunday School.

"With pastor, superintendents, supervisors and teachers leading the way, any Sunday School can beat the heat, stop the drop and stump the slump in the good ol' summer time."

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

GOD IS

I AM — that wondrous name of God,
Transcending time, creation, thought;
Exhaustless source of all supply;
My need to His great fullness brought.

THOU ART my God, blest One in three,
My Father, Saviour, Paraclete;
My rock, my refuge, and my hope,
By faith I am in Thee complete.

HE IS! Rejoice, oh, doubting soul,
And rest upon reality!
Though earth and sky should be removed,
God is — unlimited — for thee.

—Dorothy J. Longford.

AN ALPHABET of God's attributes follows: Almighty (Gen. 17:1), Bountiful (Ps. 116:7), Comforting (II Cor. 1:3), Dreadful (Dan. 9:4), Eternal (Deut. 33:27), Forgiving (Ps. 103:3), Gracious (Ex. 34:6), Holy (Lev. 20:26), Immortal (I Tim. 1:17), Just (Isa. 45:21), Kind (Ps. 117:2), Loving (Jn. 16:27), Merciful (Ps. 103:8), Near (Ps. 119:151), Omnipotent (Rev. 19:6), Pitiful (Jas. 5:11), Quickening (I Tim. 6:13), Righteous (Ps. 146:17), Satisfying (107:9), True (Rev. 6:10), Understanding (Ps. 147:5), Victorious (I Chron. 29:11), Wonderful (Isa. 28:29), Excellent (Job 37:23), Yoke-breaker (Lev. 26:13), Zealous (Isa. 9:7).—By Sarah Willard.

God is not discoverable by scientific research (Job 11:7). But the Gospel declares that God has chosen to reveal Himself fully in His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ (Heb. 1:3). Jesus taught His disciples to address God as "Our Father" (Matt. 6:9). "God is Spirit" (Jn. 4:23, 24). He seeks worshipers. He is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34). Every good gift comes from Him (Jas. 1:16-18). God made us in His image so we could have fellowship with Him (I Jn. 1:3).

God is first introduced in Scripture as Creator (Gen. 1:1). His wonderful work of creation proves His existence (v. 26). Astronaut John Glenn wrote an article entitled: "Why I Know There Is a God" (Acts 17:24). Addison said of the heavenly galaxies:

In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice,
Forever singing as they shine,
"The hand that made us is divine."

God is the compassionate provider of all men (Acts 10:34, Ps. 145:8-20; Isa. 40:28-31). Unconverted man with a soul marred by sin in a sense bears resemblance to his Creator, and is said to be "His offspring" (Acts 17:28). But God is the loving Father of His spiritual children (Matt. 6:9; Jn. 4:23, 24; Jas. 1:16-18). Though God is "gracious and . . . slow to anger" (Ps. 145:8), He "is angry with the wicked" (Ps. 7:11). We are enjoined to "behold the goodness and the severity of God" (Rom. 11:22). Outstanding examples of His severity in judgment are the fallen angels, the old world, Sodom and Gomorrah (II Pet. 2:4-9). We rejoice in present-day grace (II Cor. 6:2) and not "the day of vengeance of our God" (Isa. 61:2). Seekers shall find God (Acts 17:27, 28) through Christ (Jn. 14:6). What an unspeakable privilege Christians have of making known God's mighty acts in creation (Ps. 145:13) and redemption (Eph. 3:8).

1964 - 65 Theme Ephesians 5:15-20
"FULFILLING THE TIME"

Brethren Youth Crusaders

CIDER MAKERS



Gathering Cider Material

During the past year we have been very busy with our many activities and our study of the book of Acts.

Our officers for this year are:

President—Dwight Skidmore
V. President—Phyllis Brenner
Secretary—Jean McPherson
Corres. Secretary—Barbara Tanger
Treasurer—Steve Skidmore
Ass't. Treasurer—Ruth Deardurff
Youth Advisors—Margery and William Tanger
Ass't. Advisors—Alice and Wilbur Roby.

Our biggest money-making project of the year was making cider, which we did in the fall. In the picture are a few of the members picking up apples for the project.

During the year we have also had a Scottish party, a bake sale, a box supper and we have gone Christmas caroling.

This year in Brethren Youth has certainly been a spiritual challenge for all of us at Gretna.

Jean McPherson, secretary

Afraid of a Change?

Somebody has said, "It is a great time to be alive." I am thoroughly in accord with that statement. But I think there are some questions which we ought to ask ourselves in connection with the statement: Why are we alive at a time like this? What are we doing here? Are we here for any purpose? Have we anything worthwhile like this?

It is not true that we are afraid of change? We are afraid of the unknown. We must admit, whether we like it or not, that we live in a changing world. Science education, medicine, sociology, economics and government show unbelievable changes. And we Christians must keep abreast of the times. In fact, we ought to be ahead leading.

Please do not become alarmed and afraid when people criticize the Church. The late Henry Alford Peter once said, "Men view the Church today with 'scornful wonder.' They rail at its mistakes and failures and shortcomings. They criticize the Church both for what it does and what it does not do. The abundance of the criticism may be a measure of the Church's vitality. Men do not waste their breath in criticizing a thing that is dead. 'Nobody kicks a dead horse.' Whatever excites no criticism must be either dead or perfect. And the Church is neither."

—C. A. Forrester

SPOTLIGHT ON SCRIPTURE



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death, where is thy

Can you find this passage of Scripture? Look for the answer in the next issue of *The Brethren Evangelist.*

"fill the DERBY hat" — $10,000



Derby Church Plan

The estimated cost of the first unit of our Master Plan is $35,000.00 and it will provide the following facilities for future teaching and worship of Christ:

1. Worship center with seating for approximately 150, plus overflow seating for an additional 75 persons
2. Classrooms to provide for a Sunday School of 200
3. Nursery
4. Pastor's Study
5. Church offices
6. Rest Rooms
7. Kitchen
8. Fellowship space for 100 at tables
9. Storage Facilities

The National Brethren Youth project for 1964-65 has been designated for the Derby building program.

Let's give the Project that final push before Ingathering date of August 21, 1965! Let's put it over the top—$10,000—"fill the DERBY hat."



IDEA BOX



Here are some work project ideas that you may find interesting and fun to complete. The items might be used for gifts at a children's hospital or home, shut-in children or several could be used for money projects or gifts to new parents.

1. Pinwheel—use an 8" square of oaktag or heavy construction paper or plastic (could be from old soap and bleach bottles). Draw diagonal lines from each corner toward the center. From each corner cut in four inches toward center. Take a pin, run through a bead or button and through the four corners in turn. Run through another bead or thick button and into a dowel or stick of soft wood.
2. Make masks from paper bags or wrapping paper. Add paper noses, fringes of paper hair or whiskers, animal ears, etc.
3. Make a zoo with peanuts. Make pipe cleaner legs and tail on the animals. Make cages with tooth picks.
4. Make dolls from clothespins with pipe cleaner arms. Draw faces and hair. Make clothes of scraps of cloth or crepe paper.
5. Make sidewalk trains from shoeboxes.
6. Make bean bags from socks or gloves.
7. Make animals or dolls from empty spools and wire.
8. Make a soap-bubble "pipe" by rubbing a wet spool on a bar of soap and blowing through the spool.
9. Make modeling clay by mixing 2½ c. flour, 1 c. salt, about 1 c. water, and tempera or food coloring. Mix to a thick elastic dough.
10. Make a baby-sitter's kit bag out of cloth. Fill it with odds and ends such as blunt scissors, crayons, bits of ribbon, string, yarn, paste, books, old greeting cards, little empty boxes and containers, big beads, buttons and marbles (but not for children under two or who habitually put things in their mouths), shoelaces, walnut shells, small scarves, little bean bag, soft ball.
11. You might want to make a baby's toy kit of silent objects for babies to use in church: bits of ribbon and pretty cloth, stuffed doll, stuffed animal, picture cards, pencil and tablet, and other non-noisy toys. These could be presented to the baby and parents when your cradle roll superintendent calls at the home.

Basement floor poured on May 28. Parsonage in immediate background (behind work shack).

from the Woman's Outlook

Your National President Speaks . . .

DISTRICT PROJECTS

MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

SARASOTA DISTRICT

To find out about the Sarasota W. M. S., I wrote to Mrs. Vanator, who was for so many years the editor of our *Outlook*. The Missionary Society there does not have any monetary projects. They contribute to our national projects. Mrs. Vanator said they have made one departure from the National Society plan that has worked well for them. They give out the project boxes as soon as conference is over and they return them in January. Then they give out the thank offering boxes at that meeting to be brought in in June. They have found that it almost doubles their offerings.

The local projects of the Sarasota W.M.S. are benevolent projects. The first part of the year they roll bandages at each meeting, and they often have enough to fill one or two shippings. They work from 10 to 12, have lunch and the devotional meeting afterward. They found the expense of shipping the bandages ($7 to $15 each month) too expensive, so they began making lap robes. They sent these for each member of the Brethren's Home and also supplied local welfare and rest homes and aged of their own church. She said they had many calls for them. They make them thirty-five by forty-five inches and make them from scrap material given by the ladies. During the summer months, they rest from the sewing but will return to both of these tasks in the fall.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

The California District has three societies. They have their District Conference in January. In April they have a District W.M.S. meeting. For several years their district project has been the Stockton church building fund. Again we find a district interest in a new church within their own district. They are indeed proud of the new church at Stockton. They also have a current extra district project of making more comfortable a cabin at their camp site for a guest speaker or worker at camp time. They paid for the sheetrock and flooring and the men did the work. Then the women planned a work day to paint and furnish the cabin. It is good for W.M.S. women to be interested in their camp site where their young people are given special training during summer camp.

MID-WEST DISTRICT

Mrs. Edith Culp of the Fort Scott church is president of the Mid-West District. Since this district has purchased the camp site, Camp Wyandotte, each year their project has been to improve the camp. They helped build the boys' cabin, furnished silverware for the camp, hot water tank, gave a stove, refrigerator, helped toward piping water into the camp, concrete floor in the dining hall, helped with the caretaker's house and many other ways in helping to make the camp what it is. This year they are helping with sanitary facilities for camp. Besides the big project each society brings small articles. This year the small articles will be six dozen plastic water and juice glasses and trays. Mrs. Culp says the women of the district have found real joy and a great blessing in providing the things needed so the young people can go to camp where God's precious Word is taught.

ARIZONA DISTRICT

I do not know who is president of this district. I have read in *The Outlook* about their meetings, so I wrote to Mrs. Dickson of the Papago Park church. The Tucson and the Papago W.M.S. ladies meet two times each year at Casa Grande which is a halfway point. These two societies have been helping with the work of the Indians. Mrs. Dickson said their local society helped to sack candy at Christmas for the Indians. Beginning this year, the offering at the March Rally is to go to the Ministerial-Aid fund. This gives them a feeling of unity with the Eastern W.M.S. sis-

ters, and besides, they are well aware of the acute shortage of ministers in the Brethren Church. Their offering in October will continue to support the work of Indians, which is an important work.

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT

Mrs. Jerald Radcliff of the Johnstown III Church is president of the Pennsylvania District. In her letter she said the Pennsylvania District has more than one project and she feels that they do well in all of them. "We, like other districts," she says, "give a $200 scholarship to Ashland College to a Sisterhood girl."

At the fall rally they brought a very good offering for the new district camp site which is being developed. In July they took an offering for the building program at the Levittown Brethren Church. This offering was taken during District Conference which was held at Berlin, Pennsylvania.



WHERE BEER BELONGS!

I saw a liquor ad one day
Deceive the maddening throngs.
It showed a home—the modern way—
And said that "Beer Belongs."

It showed the sweetest family scene,
With children singing songs.
The mother kept the home so clean.
The ad said "Beer Belongs."

But when I saw that liquor ad,
My heart defied such wrongs,
For I recalled my drunken dad,
Who thought that "Beer Belongs."

And I recall my mother's tears—
Soul seared with iron tongs—
The family fortunes plagued with fears
Because—well—"Beer Belongs."

Oh, beer belongs where sin is rife—
The heart of crimes and wrongs—
Behind the scenes in family strife—
In jail, yes—"Beer Belongs."

Georgia Bulletin

"In Every Thing Give Thanks"

Be careful for nothing: but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:6, 7).

What more could one ask for than the promise found in these two verses of Scripture? I like the way Phillips' translation expresses this same promise: "Don't worry over anything whatever; tell God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer, and the peace of God which transcends human understanding, will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus."

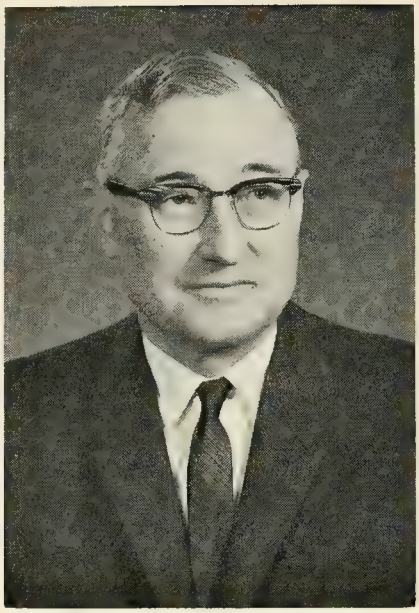
When circumstances seem to be smiling at us and no major problems loom on the horizon, we do not see any need to thank and praise Him. When things are reversed, and life's storms assail us, and misfortune and pain threaten us and friends fail us—oh yes, indeed, then we pray, but there is the absence of thanks and praise. We must be wise enough not to let misfortune and loss dishearten us, but to take them in stride and know life's adversities are steppingstones to rise to loftier heights and to a richer experience with Him. It takes a lot of faith to believe that these things come to strengthen our faith and to encourage us to put our complete trust in Him.

Are you a thankful person? It takes time to be thankful. Yes, it takes time to write that note to one whom you want to express thanks or it takes time to phone that one who has done a kindness for you. Yes, it even takes time to pause before each meal to say "thank you." In the story of the healing of the ten lepers who met Jesus and asked Him to have mercy on them, all of them were eager to get home to see their loved ones. But only one of them, when he saw that he was healed turned back and said "thank you" to Jesus. Would the same ratio of nine to one prevail today? I fear it would be.

A little boy was asked if he prayed every day, and he said "no," that some days he did not want "nuthin'." Whether we have needs or not, the least we can do is to "thank Him" for our blessings we enjoy each day.

The Psalmist knew the value of gratitude and called it good. *It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High.*

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16:20-22. The act is comon to all the animal sacrifices of the Levitical ritual.[3] In these ceremonials may be seen the important principles of identification and substitution along with the doctrine of imputation. The offerer "leaned" his hand upon the victim's head, and probably confessed his sin over it, signifying that his sin was transferred to the animal, implying, "This animal is now for present purposes myself, and its life is my life." Thus the animal was "accepted for him to make atonement for him" (Lev. 1:4).[4]

3. The consecration of the Levites is described in Numbers 8:1-22. A most important element of the service was the laying of the hands of "the children of Israel" upon the Levites. "Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be mine" (verse 14). The act of imposition expressed identification. The Levites were to represent the congregation (or nation) in the Tabernacle services. They were separated from the congregation, and were consecrated, i.e., transferred to God.

4. The time honored prototype of Ordination through the laying on of hands is the consecration of Joshua

"THE LAYING ON OF HANDS"

THE *Manual of Procedure for the Brethren Church* says, "The mode of receiving members into the church is upon profession of faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, repentance, baptism by trine immersion, and confirmation by the laying on of hands."[1]

The *Brethren Pastor's Complete Handbook* in giving instructions for Reception of Members, Anointing the Sick, Ordination of Elders, Ordination of Deacons and Deaconnesses, and Consecration of Children include the rite of laying on of hands.[2]

The ceremony is both Jewish and Christian in its history, coming down from patriarchal times of the Old Testament.

I. The Laying on of Hands in the Old Testament

The term "hand" is employed in many graphic or figurative phrases relating either to man or to God. There is a wide range of emotional experiences in which the hand plays a large part. The references are so numerous that attention must be limited to certain selected instances of very deliberate and prescribed acts of imposition.

1. In Genesis 48:14 and context Jacob is shown wittingly laying his right hand on the younger and his left hand on the firstborn sons of Joseph in an act of blessing and benediction, thus recognizing and signifying impartation of certain qualities and benefits.

2. In the presentation of animal sacrifices the offerer laid his hands on the head of the victim, as seen in such passages as Leviticus 1:4; 4:4, 13-15; 8:14-22; as successor of Moses (Num. 27:12-23; Deut. 34:9).[5] The passage in Numbers describes Joshua as a "man in whom is the spirit" before his ordination, but the verse in Deuteronomy states that he was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands upon him. The implication would appear to be that a worthy person, possessed of the divine Spirit, received additional gifts when commissioned for service by this rite. [6] The divinely instructed imposition of Moses' hands upon Joshua was a divinely directed sign and symbol of Joshua's appointment. It designated him, devoted him to God, transferred to him authority, and imparted to him special qualities.

II. The Laying on of Hands in the Gospels

In a very large number of cases in which "hand" occurs it is used in the ordinary literary sense. There are many things done by means of the hand, and many symbolic actions of the hand, but attention must be held to Jesus' use of the laying on of hands in certain instances for special reasons and results.

1. On a number of occasions Jesus laid His hands on sick people to heal them (Matt. 8:15; Mk. 1:40, 41; Lk. 4:40). The significance and effects of Jesus' imposition of hands in these cases probably can be described thusly: The personal physical contact demonstrated His deepest concern and sympathy for the afflicted and instilled faith and confidence into them. The act was an expression of His will to heal.[7] It indicated communication of His personal powers for

healing as illustrated in Luke 8:46 RSV, "Someone touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me."

2. Three instances are described of Jesus restoring life to the dead, the son of the widow of Nain (Lk. 7:11-15), the daughter of Jairus (Matt. 9; Mk. 5; Lk. 8), and Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha (Jn. 11). However, He touched one only of the corpses, that of Jairus' daughter. All three of the writers say that Jesus took her by the hand, and Luke specifically states that her spirit came again after Jesus took her by the hand and spoke to her.

Surely here is an example of the Lord of life and the Conqueror of death communicating or transmitting the powers of physical life to a dead body as He can breathe the Spirit of life into a dead soul.

3. Jesus sometimes used His hands in a sign of blessing. He laid His hands on little children and blessed them (Mk. 10:13-16 and parallels), and at His ascension He led His disciples "out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them" (Lk. 24:50). In both cases, Jesus spoke a benediction, for blessing means a speaking well of some one, an invoking of God's favor upon him. His act of imposition or of lifting up His hands expressed His good will for the children and the disciples, and signified an actual impartation of inner or spiritual qualities.[8]

4. One other instance of the use of laying on of hands in the Gospels is very striking. At the Garden of Gethsemane Judas by means of a kiss pointed out Jesus to the police and authorities. They laid their hands on Him and took Him (Mk. 15:46). On the Day of Pentecost Peter said in his sermon, "Him . . . ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain" (Acts 2:23). This seems analogous to and reminiscent of the laying of hands upon the animal sacrifices in the Levitical ritual. In the violent laying of hands on Jesus, the Lamb of God was consigned to substitutionary death for wicked men whose representatives laid hands on Him in identification and transferrence of guilt.

III. The Laying on of Hands in the Church of the New Testament

1. Although this is not a place for discussion of healing in or by the Church, there are certain references to healing through the hands of the apostles which must be mentioned. They are Acts 5:12-16; 14:3 (healing assumed to be included); 19:11, 12 and 28:8. With reference to the first three cases, it is of great importance to take note of a fact drawn from the composition and grammar of the original Greek: The miracles were wrought by God's power through the hands of the apostles as channels or instruments, and only of apostles at that. In 19:11 "*God* wrought *special* miracles" by means of Paul's hands. The apostles never healed at will. Acts 28:8 shows that Paul first sought the will of the Lord by prayer, and having learned that will he laid his hands on the sick man and healed him.[9]

2. The laying on of hands was used in relation to baptism. Twice only is it recorded that the rite was employed in this connection. First, in Acts 8 when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria were accepting the gospel and being baptized under the preaching of Philip, they sent Peter and John "who when they were come down, prayed for them (Samaritans) that they might receive the Holy Ghost . . . then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost" (verses 15 and 17).

Second, at Ephesus Paul found certain disciples who had received the kind of message and baptism which John the Baptist had proclaimed and administered, but had not received the Holy Spirit. Paul instructed them in the fact and doctrine that the Messiah whom John had expected had come. "When they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them . . ." (Acts 19: 5, 6).

Both at Samaria and at Ephesus the rite followed closely upon baptism and was performed by apostles, although it is reasonable to suppose that others who were closely associated with them in their apostolic office could administer the ceremony. Although in the only two parallel cases on record (8:17 and 19:6) the higher officers alone exercised this function and power.[10] The act is significant of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the life of the newly baptized person and of his induction into the family of God. The apostles supposed that the Spirit would be given in answer to prayer and the imposition. Their expectation was justified, and the Church has accepted this as the normal method.[11]

3. The imposition of hands was employed in setting apart selected persons for special service, or in induction into office. This would be similar to what is now called Ordination. (1) There were special workers in Acts, (2) Timothy was designated as an apostolic representative, and (3) the Apostle Paul speaks of induction of bishops or elders.

(1) First, the appointment of the Seven as "ministers (deacons) of the table," in contradistinction to the apostles who were "ministers (deacons) of the Word" (Acts 6:1-6). The Church elected the seven men "whom they set before the apostles: and when

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they (the apostles) had prayed they laid their hands on them" (verse 6). Evidently not the congregation but the apostles laid their hands on the seven and installed them in their office. The Lord's blessing was invoked upon the elected men, the hands were laid on them in this Old Testament symbolical act, which transferred the office with its duties and privileges and pictured the bestowal of the divine blessings that were necessary for this important work.[12]

Second, in the Antioch church, as they were engaged in worshipping the Lord "the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away (released them)" (Acts 13:2, 3) as missionaries. The regular service of the Church was turned into a commissioning service. The laying on of hands is here used in the same significant way as in 6:6. It was the ceremony the Church deemed proper for formally carrying out the will of the Spirit in order to separate these two for their work.[13]

(2) Timothy was appointed as Paul's apostolic representative at Ephesus as indicated in I Timothy 4:14 and II Timothy 1:6.[14]

In the first passage Paul exhorts Timothy not to be careless about the gift which is in him by means of prophecy together with laying on of hands of the presbytery. In the second passage the Apostle tells Timothy to keep fanning into flame the gift of God which is in him "through the laying on of hands."

The presbytery and Paul together set Timothy apart for his important work and office. Paul was not a hierarch who acted alone in this matter.[15] The laying on of hands delegated to him the work and authority of his office. His responsibilities and authority are well set forth in Paul's letters to him.

(3) A part of Timothy's authority and responsibility as an apostolic representative was that of assisting the churches in appointing proper officers. It was within his authority, and it was his duty, to induct to office or to withhold induction. "Do not be over-hasty in laying on hands in ordination, or you may find yourself responsible for other people's misdeeds; keep your own hands clean" (I Timothy 5:22 NEB, similarly Moffatt and Phillips). Paul's remarks that the candidate for "overseership" (3:6) should not be a novice, a neophyte, is a part of this warning.

The irresponsible use of this ceremony is misuse of authority and can be dangerous spiritually.

From the few instances mentioned above (the only ones found in the New Testament) it may be inferred that it was regarded as advisable that persons holding high office in the Church should be publicly recognized in some way, as by laying on of hands, accompanying worship in the Church. It was regarded as an outward act of approval, a symbol of intercessory prayer, and an emblem of the solidarity of the Christian community.[16]

IV. The Laying on of Hands in the Post-Apostolic Church

The post-apostolic church employed the imposition of hands in its increasingly elaborate ceremonies of Confirmation, Ordination and other rituals.

Dr. Charles F. Yoder[17] quotes briefly several ancient Christian writers who demonstrate evidence of the practice after baptism, i.e., Confirmation. He names in this connection Tertullian of Carthage (160-230), Cyprian of Carthage (200-258) and Jerome, a celebrated Latin church Father of about 340-420.

Joseph Bingham[18] speaks at length on the very elaborate and involved ceremonies after baptism in the early Church, and includes information that laying on of hands was considered of great importance in the ritual.

Bingham also writes at considerable length about ordination: of some particular laws, customs, forms and manners of ordaining bishops and presbyters, and refers to ordinations of deacons and deaconnesses, in all of which from earliest times the laying on of hands was an essential element.[19] He includes an opinion and warning that not every solemn imposition of hands is an ordination, but rather a benediction, as in cases of catechumens, the sick and restoration of penitents.

V. The Laying on of Hands in the Brethren Church

1. In the Old Church to about 1882.

(1) The rite of imposition of the hands co-ordinate with baptism was practiced by the Brethren from their beginning in Germany. According to Alexander Mack, Jr., in or immediately before 1722, a woman was baptized in the Rhine River by John Naas, one of the very first elders, and "after this there was the laying on of hands, and prayer offered over her . . ."[20]

In a description of a typical Tunker baptism, Henry Holsinger indicates that after trine immersion the "administrator lays both his hands on the head of the person baptized" and offers a prayer which includes the petition that his heart be filled with the Holy Spirit.[21]

(2) Evidence available would show that ordination of or setting apart ministers was never without imposition of the hands. Brumbaugh quotes Christopher Sower's diary to the effect that on June 10, 1753, Sower, Jr., and Alexander Mack, Jr., were ordained with laying on of hands by Elder Peter Becker. Holsinger also quotes the Sower diary that on August 9, 1780, "we laid hands on the following brethren . . ." as ministers.[22] Peter Becker, contemporary with Alexander Mack, Sr., in America, laid hands on Sower, Jr., and Mack, Jr.; Sower in turn doing the same with others at later dates.

(3) Ordination of both deacons and deaconnesses by laying on of hands is demonstrated by Brumbaugh[23] and Holsinger,[24] sometimes at the same time as ordination of elders, and by the same ministers. Mack, Jr., writes about the imposition of hands on Sister Margaret Baeyrin after she had been elected to the office of deaconness.[25]

In fact "the ancient brethren did install all the officers of the church by the laying on of hands, but never until after they had proven themselves as worthy and useful," so wrote Abram H. Cassel, nineteenth century historian of the Brethren.[26] He names the officers as elders, preachers, and deacons.

(4) Elder George Hoke's notes of 1864[27] include a brief statement to the effect that the Brethren prac-

ticed laying on of hands on the sick in accordance with Acts 18:8, James 5:14-16 and Mark 16:18.

2. In the Brethren Church since the division of 1882.

The special conference which was held in Ashland, Ohio, June 29 and 30, 1882, adopted Resolutions in General which included this statement, "In every principle of non-conformity to the world and the practice of the Gospel ordinances, we stand where we always have stood, and by the grace of God will stand."[28] The practice of the laying on of hands would be included in the intent of this resolution.

That the esteem for and practice of this venerable and most significant rite have not diminished nor abated in the Brethren Church is evident from such documents as cited in the opening sentences of this paper (*A Manual of Procedure for the Brethren Church, The Brethren Pastor's Complete Handbook*) and other writings and lectures as John Allen Miller, *Confirmation, The Brethren Evangelist,* August 19, 1896, Charles F. Yoder, *God's Means of Grace,* Albert T. Ronk in *Our Faith, A Manual of Instruction,* and sermons and reports in *The Brethren Evangelist* throughout the years.

It is used with great reverence in Confirmation, Ordination, Consecration, and petition for the sick.

In retrospect.

The laying on of hands is the symbol of the Christian's enduement by the Holy Spirit[29] for the life of service which begins with induction into the new life as portrayed by baptism.

It is the symbol of enduement for special service to which the Spirit may call him through the Church.

It recognizes and symbolizes the presence and coming of the Spirit in power for all of the Christian's life problems and experiences.

It is evident from the New Testament that that which makes a person a fully equipped member of the Church of Christ is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. This presence is not innate in man. It is a gift from God. The laying on of hands preceded by or accompanied by prayer acknowledges and proclaims this gift.

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ADDRESS FOR BANDAGES AND ULCER PADS

Mbororo Dispensary
c/o Rev. Donald Stern
C. B. M. Mubi
P. O. Mubi
Northern Region
Nigeria

OR

Lassa General Hospital
c/o Rev. Donald Stern
C. B. M. Mubi
P. O. Mubi
Northern Region
Nigeria

This change of address will be necessary since there will not be a missionary at Mbororo with the Bischofs on furlough. Rev. Stern will direct the parcels to the Mbororo Dispensary or the Lassa Hospital.

MISSIONARY NEWS

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE . . .

A Part of the Lardin Gabas in Nigeria

IN THE United Kingdom, in 1902, a band of workers associated with the Sunday School Union founded the Girls' Life Brigade. Since then thousands of girls have grown, and are growing, to womanhood, fitted to take their share in the building of the Kingdom of God, having heard the call to Christian service while in the ranks of the Girls' Life Brigade. "An activity with a purpose" it can be truly called, and confirmation is found in the motto, "To Save Life," and in the defined aim to win girls for Jesus Christ and His Service.

There are over 8,000 girls in G.L.B. in Nigeria, with 69 G.L.B. companies in the Northern Region of Nigeria. Its sphere is considerable encompassing Australia, Northern Rhodesia, Bechuanaland, Nyasaland, British Guiana, Pacific Islands, Falkland Islands, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Singapore, Malaya, South Africa, New Zealand, Southern Rhodesia, Nigeria, West Indies with over 42,000 members, and over 68,000 in the British Isles.

There are nine companies in the Church of the Brethren Mission area, with approximately 378 members, 17 officers and 6 N.C.O.'s. The officers of a Company include: Captain—officer in charge, one per company; Lieutenant; Warrant Officer; and Non-Commissioned Officers—who are girls in the company.

According to the Constitution, a company must be associated with the local Church or Mission. It is Interdenominational, companies being connected with any authentic Church or Christian Mission. The Church authorities are responsible for recommending suitable officers and also responsible for the proper conduct of the company. The Girls' Life Brigade asks for loyalty to the Church as a condition of membership; it is definitely a part of the Church and Sunday School and is not an outside interest. G.L.B. is also a Temperance Movement.

A company is graded to allow for varying age groups, talents and interest. There are Cadets, 6-9 years; Juniors, 10-12; Seniors, 12-14; and Pioneers for 15 years and over. Among the many subjects which may be studied are Scripture, Botany, Child Care, First Aid, Hygiene, Laundry, Needlecraft of various kinds; Physical Training Exercises, Safety and individual hobbies.

The aim of the Girls' Life Brigade is to help and encourage girls to become responsible, self-reliant and useful Christian women and the activities are four-square. This includes the SPIRITUAL aspect—the awareness of God and His call to active service in and through the company, the Church, and the community; PHYSICAL activity—the development, through all forms of Physical Education, of a strong and healthy body; EDUCATIONAL development of a healthy, well-informed mind through guided work and study for elementary and advanced badges; and SOCIAL—the development of thought and action *for* and *with* others, in order to become aware of the value of every member of the community.



WINDING WATERS BRETHREN CHURCH'S CHARTER MEMBERS

THERE WERE sixty-one charter members reported at the dedication of the Winding Waters Brethren Church. Forty-six by transfer of letter from the First Brethren Church in Elkhart; six by transfer of letter from other churches; and nine by baptism. They are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. John Alford
Rev. and Mrs. John Brownsberger
Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Byrket and Mike
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Byrket
Mrs John Carlson
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Culp
Mrs. Gary Cummins
Mrs. Viola Decker
Mrs. Irene Dunker
Mrs. Jack Hanna, Denise and Beth
Mr. Dan O. Hardy
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hardy and Steve
Mr. Ramon Hardy
Mrs. Pearl Hardy
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henriksen
Miss Gladys Hossler
Mr. and Mrs. Orbie Lightfoot, Allen, Carol and Ruth E.
Mr. and Mrs. Orbie Lightfoot, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Loudenslager
Mr. Donald Mossey
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price, Randy and Mike
Mrs. Margaret Robinson
Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Rodkey
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sellers
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sipress



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smeltzer, Roger, Terry and Ronald
Mrs. Donna Stoner
Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Wert
Mr and Mrs. George White, Dorcas and Vicki
Mrs. Gladys Whitmyer

MISSIONARIES' AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 8	Marilyn Aspinall
August 11	Shirley Bowers
August 13	Donna Shank
August 29	Claudia Kay Aspinall



PRAISE GOD for the use of inter-station communication via transmitters in the Nigerian Field.

PRAY for the planning and all the advance preparations for the Tenth Anniversary of the Gospel Radio Ministry in South America.

PRAY for the **New Life For All** Campaign as it progresses in its evangelistic outreach.

PRAISE GOD for the fine progress on the missionary residence at Eden.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the spiritual needs of all new converts in Nigeria, Argentina — in the world.

C. A. V. E. A. TRAINS OTHERS

It was most interesting to read the following news from the May 1965 Bulletin Briefs of *Difusiones Interamericanas* which gives further evidence of the fine work accomplished at the Gospel radio ministry headquarters in Buenos Aires where we are in cooperation with the work.

"The local committee of ORE (ONWARD RADIO EVANGELISM) reports that they have obtained a license for a radio frequency in Montevideo, Uruguay. They hope to soon buy a transmitter, and plan on sending two young men to Buenos Aires, Argentina, for special training in an audio visual center there (CAVEA). When the Gospel radio station is in operation, it is hoped that its signal will extend to the southern part of Brazil as well as to the eastern area of Argentina.

"The Evangelical Coordinating Commission in Paraguay, a national committee appointed to initiate the first evangelical radio station in that country, writes that there are now three frequencies (medium wave) available to new stations. The Commission is investigating studio equipment, a transmitter and a building site. Needed at once is a technician to make a survey and give recommendations on the technical aspects o the project.

Shortwave Transmitters in Operation

The Church of the Brethren Missions in Nigeri have been assigned and granted license for eigh transmitters and receivers to use among the missio stations and this service has been licensed for a perio of one year. Those stations included in this inter station communication are Garkida, Marama, Waka Chibuk, Lassa, Mbororo, Mubi and Jos. Truly prayer have been answered through the granting of this li cense.

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood Junior Bible Study for August . . .

GUIDE FOR DAILY LIVING

(Romans 12:19, 20)

by MRS. MILTON BOWMAN

WE ARE COMING to the end of our chapter on daily living and will study for this month the nineteenth and twentieth verses. This twelfth chapter of Romans is part of a letter that Paul sent to the Christians at Rome. He had never been there but hoped to go and visit them some day. They were people who had probably escaped from Jerusalem during the persecution and were now living in Rome. Paul may have known some of them, and he spoke to them as his "Dearly Beloved." I suppose that we would address them as our "Dear Friends." They all loved the same God and that made them one in the Christian faith. We also feel a kindred spirit with those who worship our God from any race or country.

Do not Seek Revenge

The nineteenth verse of Romans 12 is much the same as the seventeenth verse in the same chapter. According to the dictionary, revenge means to "return evil for evil" or perhaps "injury for injury." The seventeenth verse, which we studied last month, says *Recompense* (pay back) *to no man evil for evil.* If you pride has been hurt or even your physical body, i will never help matters for you to do the same thing to that person. In Proverbs 24:49 David said, *Say not I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render the man according to his work.* Such an attitude will just bring more trouble to the world.

Paul tells us a better way. Romans 12:19 says, *Stop taking revenge on one another, beloved, but leave a place for God's anger, for the Scripture says, "Vengeance belongs to me: I will pay them back, says the Lord"* (Williams). We should stand back and let God punish them if He wants to. If someone is angry with you, just walk away. God has said that He will pay them back if they deserve it. This really takes wil

power and faith on your part. Leave the payment to a higher power! When it is all over you will feel so much better. You will have a CLEAN feeling and not be guilty of meanness.

Someone has said to *Keep your temper—no one else wants it.* Many people lose theirs in times of pressure. It is so easy to get angry and do or say things that you will regret later. You can never take back an angry word or deed. Even though you apologize, the other person may remember and it may leave a scar on your friendship. One never accomplishes anything by losing her temper. This little poem explains it very well.

Temper

When I have lost my temper
I have lost my reason too.
I'm never proud of anything
Which angrily I do.

When I have talked in anger
And my cheeks are flaming red,
I have always uttered something
Which I wish I had not said.

In anger I have never
Done a kindly deed or wise,
But many things for which I felt
I should apologize.

In looking back across my life,
And all I've lost or made,
I can't recall a single time
When fury ever paid.

So I struggle to be patient,
For I've reached a wiser age;
I do not want to do a thing
Or speak a word in rage.

I have learned by sad experience
That when my temper flies
I never do a worthy deed,
A decent deed or wise.

So you can see that your temper should be kept hidden and never be seen or heard. God says there is a better way to treat our enemies than to take revenge.

Love Your Enemies

In Romans 12:20 we read, *Do the opposite. If your enemy is hungry, give him something to eat. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For if you act in this way, you will heap burning coals upon his head* (Williams). In other words, he will feel ashamed of himself for what he has done to you. In Proverbs 25:21 and 22 we read the same verses, but Solomon has added *and the Lord shall reward thee.* We are not really working for rewards, but nothing should make us happier than to know that we are well-pleasing to God. The smile of approval from Him is pay enough at the close of our work-a-day.

When Jonathan Goforth, the great missionary, was a boy of fifteen, his father put him in charge of their second farm, about twenty miles distance from the home farm. Jonathan's younger brother, Joseph, was to assist him. The father called their attention to one large field that was choked with weeds. He said, "Clear that field, and seed it, and at harvest time I will return and inspect it." Jonathan really worked that field! He plowed and replowed it. He left the deadly roots of the weeds lying in the sun until they died, and then he plowed the field again. Finally, he sowed the best seed.

One beautiful morning, just at harvest time, his father arrived. With a thrill of joy, Jonathan took his father to a high place where he could see the whole field of waving grain. The father stood silent for a few moments, as he examined the field for a sign of weeds, but there was none. At last, he turned to his son and SMILED. In later years Jonathan Goforth said, "That smile from my father was all the reward I wanted for my hard work. *I knew my father was pleased.*" Is your Heavenly Father pleased with your daily actions? Is He smiling?

In Jesus' sermon on the mount, He tells us how to treat our enemies. Matthew 5:44, 45 reads, *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your father which is in heaven.*

This is Your Sisterhood Credential

National S. M. M. Credential

This is to certify that the local S. M. M. at
..... numbering members, has duly chosen
.....as a delegate to the S. M. M.
of the Brethren National Conference at
for the year 19.....

Delegate fee 50¢ President

..... Secretary

Very plainly Jesus tells us that the way to get even with our enemies is to love them. It is strange but true. Through this method we might even win them for Christ some day. This is the greatest joy that a Christian can have.

One of the finest examples of showing love in return for hatred is found in Jacob De Shazer, a present-day missionary in Japan. After being shot down with the Doolittle Raiders in 1942 and spending three years in a concentration camp with brutal treatment, he returned to Japan as a missionary. It is a fascinating story, and next month I will tell you more about it.

From the two verses that we have studied, you can see that God would have us show forth His spirit in all that we do. *Never take revenge* on anyone, even though you are mistreated. *Show love* instead. In this way your character will grow fine and strong and you will have God's approval. After all, He is the one that we want to please—so follow this poem:

"We are building every day
In a good or evil way,
And the structure as it grows,
Will our inmost self disclose.

"Till in every arch and line,
All our faults and failings shine;
It may grow a castle grand,
Or a wreck upon the sand.

"Do you ask what building this,
That can show forth both pain and bliss,
That can be both dark and fair?
Lo! its name is *character*.

"Build it well whate'er you do,
Build it straight and strong and true,
Build it clean and high and broad,
Build it for the EYE OF GOD!"

The SMM Mailbag . . .

from . . .

FAIRLESS HILLS, PENNA.

I am writing concerning our public service. Marsha Edwards was in charge of the meeting that was held at the church. We had a song service followed with prayer by Carol Welty. As a special treat to Susan Byler, daughter of missionaries to Argentina, we sang "Wonderful Words of Life" in Spanish. Our four usherettes, Barbara Anderson, Linda Miller, Jackie Anderson, and Debbie Dean took the offering.

Our speaker was Miss Byler, and she spoke concerning the work in Argentina and the personalities she had met while living there. In closing we sang together "Spirit of Sisterhood" and prayed the Sisterhood Benediction. There were thirty-nine people present.

Joan Miller, Secretary

from . . .

GOSHEN, IND.

Well, here it is again, time for every Sisterhood group to check and recheck their goals to make sure they haven't left one out by mistake. And, as we read down the list, we come to one of the goals that reads: "Every Sisterhood group must send a report of the happenings of the year to *The Brethren Evangelist*." So, here is ours, from the First Brethren Church in Goshen.

In the beginning of the year we thought we'd start things off right by doing the serving of a meal honoring the teachers of our Sunday school. This took place on September 2.

In our September 18 meeting it was decided to have a rummage sale on Saturday, October 18. This we feel

1. One (1) Credential for every ten (10) members and every fraction thereafter.
2. Credentials must be signed.
3. Credentials must be brought to General Conference.

Be Sure to Read Instructions

was a huge success. We made about $80. Since we combined both groups, Junior and Senior, we thought it fair to split the earnings, so each group profited on the sale.

In December we had a Christmas party at Janet Roth's home. We had a potluck supper and gifts were exchanged afterwards.

Next on the agenda was our annual public service which was held on December 27. Our speaker was Mr. Jack Dovey, who at that time was working at the Riverside Training School in Kentucky.

January 14, the Junior and Senior Sisterhoods held a joint meeting with the members of the Woman's Missionary Society at the church for the purpose of bandage rolling. Following the bandage rolling a potluck supper was served by the ladies.

Again, the two groups united to give the laymen of the church a hearty meal and an example of what takes place during one of our monthly meetings.

On May 22, the Junior and Senior groups again got together and ventured to Flora, Indiana, as we do every year. We took each resident of the Brethren's Home a gift and presented a little devotional service during which time we sang some of the hymns that were requested.

We ended this year's activity with a camping party which was held at Fish Lake in Michigan.

One of the highlights of the year was on February 14, Valentine's Day, when our patroness and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kerlin, entertained the Senior Sisterhood girls at a breakfast in a downtown restaurant.

Before I close this letter, we, the Senior Sisterhood girls, would like to thank Mrs. Kerlin from the bottom of our hearts for giving her time so graciously to be our patroness.

Roberta Higgins, Secretary
Senior Sisterhood

from . . .

NEW LEBANON, OHIO

On Monday, March 28, the Sisterhood of the New Lebanon church held a meeting in which they invited their fathers and the Laymen.

The president, Brenda Rohrer, welcomed the men. This was followed by a special flute number given by Sue Coldiron, Debbie Rusk, Janet Metzger, Brenda and Dianna Rohrer.

Debbie Rusk gave a report on "Our Missionaries." Everyone enjoyed this. We all agreed that this was a very interesting and successful evening, and we were all blessed by it.

The folowing are the present officers:

President—Brenda Rohrer
Vice President—Debbie Rusk
Secretary—Janet Metzger
Corresponding Secretary—Dianna Rohrer
Treasurer—Sue Ellen Coldiron
Assistant Treasurer—Jill Blosser

We have rolled a good many bandages and sent them to Africa; we have sent gifts to our Kentucky mission; we are learning the song, "Spirit of Sisterhood" and Romans 12. To aid our project, we are starting to circulate a "Goodie Basket"—one girl will bake something and take it to another girl in a basket. This girl will contribute money in the attached box and bake something for the basket.

Dianna Rohrer, Corresponding Secretary



Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

WHEN SHALL WE SEEK GOD?

Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee (Job 22:21).

IT IS RECORDED that during those terrible days of the Nazi "blitz" over London, someone hung a sign by the London docks which read: "If your knees are knocking, kneel on them." That was good advice for such troubled times.

But should we wait until we are overcome by fear, by distress, loss, pain, anguish to turn to God? We do not wait until we badly need an earthly friend's help before we go to that friend. We enjoy frequently the associations, contacts, and mutual understanding that we have in fellowship with our associates. Break those ties and we soon lose contact with them.

And the same principles hold in our relationship with God. We know that He is merciful, and we are aware that He helps us daily, and is always ready to help us in every and all times of need.

Why not join the
TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

We should enjoy constant fellowship with Him, and not procrastinate until in fear or trouble to cry out to Him, "God help us"! The little child with hand firmly grasping the parent's hand walks confidently, but let that contact be broken and the child immediately senses that absence of the power by which it has been able to travel and looks about for the recapture of that strength and support. He knows that safety and support lie in that strong arm which has supported him, and confidence and content return to the troubled little heart only when that safe relationship shall be again established.

And how much better it is when we maintain that close personal relationship with the Heavenly Father, unbroken by waywardness, forgetfulness, sin; a daily fellowship with Him.



A Hymn of Thanksgiving

For all the blessings of the year,
For sunshine and for showers,
For seedtime and for harvest rich,
For bird songs and for flowers;
From hearts overflowing with Thy praise
Accept, O Lord, the thanks we raise.

And for the gift of Thy dear Son,
From sin to set us free,
No tongue can tell, no words express
The praise we offer Thee,
For Christ, who came for us to die,
Accept our thanks, O God on high.

For grace and glory which He gives,
For pardon, joy, and peace,
Our voices raise to Thee, O God,
In songs that never cease,
For victory amid the strife
Accept our thanks, O Lord of Life.

And for the hope of His return,
Dear Lord, Thy Name we praise,
With longing hearts we watch and wait
For that great Day of Days,
For Christ, our coming Lord and King
To Thee, O God, our thanks we bring.

Alice E. Sherwood

World Religious News in Review

N. Y. FILM CENSORSHIP RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

ALBANY, N. Y. (EP)—The Court of Appeals here ruled that New York State's movie censorship procedure was unconstitutional under the Fourteenth Amendment.

It held that the basic state education law's section on censorship was "null and void" because it conflicted with the amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

Effect of the court's ruling was that motion picture distributors will not have to submit films to a state agency for censorship before public exhibitions.

It does not, however, affect any of the state criminal laws against the exhibition of obscene films. Exhibitors are still liable to arrest under their provisions.

'NEW MORALITY' HIT BY BILLY GRAHAM

MIAMI (EP)—"If we had more preaching of hell in the pulpit, we might have less hell in the community," Billy Graham told 60,000 people in the Orange Bowl here.

The evangelist, speaking before the Baptist World Alliance congress, rejected current claims of a "new" theology, a "new morality," or a "new" evangelism.

"I go along with Solomon who said, 'There is nothing new under the sun,'" he declared.

As for the "new" theology which "doubts the authority" of the Bible, discards the idea of judgment and hell, and propounds humanism, "there is nothing new about any of it," Mr. Graham added.

The same ideas were suggested by Satan in his encounter with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, the evangelist said. He mentioned these quotes attributed to the Devil in the Biblical account: "Yea, hath God said . . ." (doubting the authority of God's Word); "Ye shall be as gods . . ." (humanism); and "Ye shall not die . . ." (discarding the idea of judgment and hell).

Over the years, Satan's tactics have never changed, Mr. Graham told his huge audience.

AIRLINE HELD MAPPING FLIGHT OF POPE PAUL TO THE U. S.

ROME (EP)—Airline personnel here said that plans are being mapped for a visit of Pope Paul VI to the United States in October.

Staff aides of Alitalia, the Italian airline, reported they have been asked by the Vatican Secretariat of State to draw up plans for papal flights to the U. S. in October and to Poland in 1966.

Alitalia has been involved in all of the precedent-setting air travels

of Pope Paul—to the Holy Land, where he met with Patriarch Athenagoras; to India, where he attended the Eucharistic Congress at Bombay; and, more recently, to Pisa.

PASTORS SEE AMERICANS 'DAMNED' IF THEY IGNORE INTEGRATION NEEDS

CHICAGO (EP)—A leading Presbyterian churchman warned here that Americans will be "damned" if they do not recognize the need for integration.

"We are in the midst of the third American revolution," said the Rev. George Docherty, pastor of the historic New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. "Unless you are relevant to it, you will be damned."

He spoke to delegates at a statewide meeting of the Illinois Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

The revolution—the civil rights movement—has been "marked by non-violence and Christian love," Mr. Docherty said.

It has been constitutional; "the mayors and the police have often been the rebels to the Constitution," he charged.

And it has "challenged the Church" as nothing has before, he said. "We have a lamentable heritage of ecclesiastical apartheid. When we deny Negro rights in society, we are denying Christ. Christ is speaking to us today in a Negro accent."

The New York Avenue Church was once headed by the late Rev. Peter Marshall, famed U. S. Senate chaplain.

The synod delegates adopted a resolution calling for "freedom of residence" legislation to be passed by the Illinois General Assembly.

CLERGY, DOCTORS ASSESS COMMON MORAL PROBLEMS

ESTES PARK, COLO. (EP)—"When does a man fitted with a plastic heart die if his heart never stops beating?"

This was one of the provocative questions posed to 125 physicians and clergymen from 27 states at the first postgraduate conference on Medicine and Religion held here at the YMCA Conference Grounds.

The Rev. Paul B. McCleave, director of the Department of Medicine and Religion of the American Medical Association, presented this question as he described the deep ethical and moral problems involved in treating the "whole man."

Plastic hearts, it was said, are only a few years away and are examples of the rapid advance in medical and surgical techniques which carry with them increasing moral and ethical problems with which doctor and clergyman must struggle together.

Doctors who attended the conference could claim 13 hours of accredited postgraduate work — the first time, officials said, such a course has been accredited by a medical school.

Sponsors of the conference, in addition to the AMA and the Committee on Medicine and Religion of the Colorado Medical Society, was the Office of Postgraduate Medical Education of the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

"This is a pilot program and we are very enthused about the attendance and interest," Mr. McCleave said.

DECLARES 'NO COMMUNISTS' AMONG VISITING RUSSIAN CLERGY

MIAMI BEACH, FLA. (EP)—There are no Communists among the membership of Russian Baptist churches, five Baptists from the Soviet Union flatly declared here Thursday morning.

The Russians, attending the 11th Baptist World Congress at Convention Hall, made the statements in a press conference during the convention's opening session.

The Rev. Ivan Motorin of Moscow said that anyone who becomes a member of a church cannot be a Communist. "If he is a believer, he cannot be a Communist," Motorin declared.

Speaking through an interpreter, Motorin fielded most of the questions from reporters covering the meeting which is attracting 20,000 Baptists from all over the world.

Motorin added that many Russian Baptists are government employees and workers with industrial concerns, but they are not required to be Communists.

Asked if Russian Baptists ever felt compromised by living in a Communistic state, Motorin said that Christians in the Soviet Union acted "according to the gospel, while atheists acted against God. They have nothing in common."

"But as citizens," he added, "We (Christians) live in a world where there are laws and we must obey them."

EYEWITNESS DESCRIBES MASSACRES IN CONGO

LEOPOLDVILLE, CONGO (EP) — The horrifying story of the massacres of some 30 Dutch and Belgian Catholic priests in May and a group of Protestant missionaries in October by Congo rebels was reported here by a British missionary nurse.

She was Margaret Hayes, 41, of London who escaped being killed herself on two occasions and who had been reported missing. Miss Hayes was held captive by rebels for six months but was rescued by government forces with 18 others at Buta in the northern part of the Congo.

The group, 17 women and two children, arrived here. In an interview Miss Hayes confirmed the death of many missionaries captured by the rebels including those of the priests and an American missionary missing for some six months.

Miss Hayes said that Mary Baker, 51, born in Virginia, had been among a group slain in October at a mission station in Bopepe, near Banalia, in northern Congo. Miss Baker was a missionary nurse for the Unevangelized Fields Mission of Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.

Although she was among those arrested at that time, Miss Hayes reported, she was released after pleas from the villagers who spoke of her medical assistance to the people.

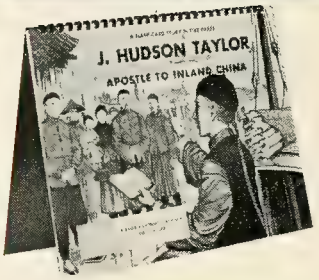
Four days after her release, she said, she heard that "all our friends in Banalia were murdered." These included, she said, the Parrys (man, wife and two children), a Miss Grey, Dr. and Mrs. Sharpe and their three children, and Mary Baker.

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NOTES and COMMENTS

REV. CECIL JOHNSON'S CONDITION REMAINS THE SAME

IN JUNE Rev. Cecil Johnson of Manteca, California, suffered a very severe stroke of paralysis which left his right side completely paralyzed. He has not improved much during this time and has been in the hospital at Santa Cruz until recently.

He has been moved to:

Driftwood Convalescent Hospital
675 24th Ave.
Santa Cruz, California

Be sure to remember him in your prayers.

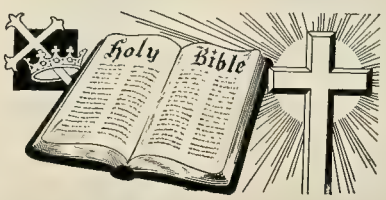
AS THE TWIG IS BENT

A little girl with shining eyes,
Her little face aglow:
Said, "Daddy, it is almost time for Sunday school,
Let's go;
They teach us there of Jesus' love,
Of how He died for all
Upon the cruel cross, to save
Those who on Him will call."

"Oh, no," said daddy, "not today,
I've worked hard all this week
And I must have one day of rest,
And fishing's fine, they say,
So, run along, don't bother me—
We'll go to church some day."

Months and years have passed away,
But daddy hears the pleas no more:
"Let's go to Sunday school."
Those childhood days are over;
And that daddy's growing old
When life is almost through,
He finds time to go to church,
But what does his daughter do?

She says, "Oh, daddy, not today . . .
I stayed up most all night,
I've got to have some sleep
Besides, I look a fright."
Then daddy lifts a trembling hand
To brush away his tears,
As again he hears the pleading voice
Distinctly through the years;
He sees a small girl's shining face
Upturned, with eyes aglow,
As she says: "It's time for Sunday school,
Please, daddy; won't you go?"



CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Peter, James and John

Memory Scripture — I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

A Change

"It's raining," sighed Linda.

"Now we can't have our picnic after church," added Gary.

"We will see," said Mom. "It's still early."

"Things change quickly sometimes," Dad reminded them. "Do you remember the story of how Peter, James and John saw Jesus changed?"

"Yes, on the mountain," nodded Gary.

"I never understood why," said Linda.

"Jesus wanted those three disciples to know then what His coming glory would be like. He had great work for those men to do. They have written books of the Bible which help people even today to learn of our Lord."

"It was a way of preparing them for their work," said Mom. "We must use our eyes and ears to learn all we can. God will show us the work He has for us to do."

"Sun shining," laughed Betsy. "Go on picnic!"

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the wonderful world about me. Help me to use my eyes and ears to observe the good things You have planned. Help me to be preparing for the work You have for me to do. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1965

Read Scripture: I Peter 1:3-9

He Will Come

"Today's the day!" shouted Gary as he came downstairs.

"What day?" teased Dad.

"The day we're going to the circus," laughed Linda.

"But I have to go to work," said Dad.

"And I have to stay home with Betsy," added Mom.

"Grandpa's taking us," said Gary. "He's coming at one o'clock."

"Are you sure?" asked Dad.

"Of course," declared Linda. "He told us he would."

"And he will," laughed Dad. "I have to go to work now. Have fun at the circus!"

The children helped Mom. They played with their friends. All morning they thought of Grandpa's coming. They had an early lunch and at one o'clock they were on the porch ready to go to the circus.

"There's Grandpa," shouted Gary as he saw the car turn the corner.

The children knew Grandpa would come. They had faith in his promises. This is the kind of faith we should have in God's promises.

Do you believe God's Word?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my Bible. Help me to understand and to believe the promises You have given me in it. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1965

Read Scripture: I Peter 1:17-21

Saved

"Did you have fun at the circus?" asked Steve.

"The most exciting thing happened," said Gary. "A little boy crawled under the fence and went right up to the lions' cage. Then he started to climb up on the cage."

"What happened?" wondered Steve.

"A big lion came towards the side of the cage where the boy was," continued Gary. "The little fellow put his hand in the cage as though he wanted to pet the lion."

"Did the lion bite him?" questioned Steve.

"A clown saw the boy," said Gary. "He risked his life to help the boy. He gave a loud yell and jumped on the other side of the cage. The lion with a roar turned from the boy and sprang towards the clown. Someone pulled the boy down. The clown jumped just as the lion's paw struck at him. He was badly scratched, but he could have been killed."

"That clown saved the boy's life," said Steve.

Jesus not only risked His life, He gave it so we could have eternal life. How much we should love Him for it!

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for giving Your life to save me. Help me to find ways this day to show my love for You. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1965

Read Scripture: I Peter 1:22-25

An Old Letter

"Oh, my! Look what I've found!" said Mom.

Linda was helping Mom clean the attic. Mom was holding a yellowed paper she had taken from an old trunk. "What is it?" asked Linda.

"It's a letter," explained Mom. "A letter that was written a long time ago. It's one your great, great grandfather wrote to his mother. He went to California in a covered wagon. This letter tells of the trip."

"Just think how long that letter has been saved!" exclaimed Linda.

"Yes, indeed," agreed Mom. "We'll read it tonight when Gary and Dad are home. You know, though, we have a letter much older than this one."

Linda shook her head. "No. Where is it? In this trunk?"

"We read from it every day," said Mom.

"Oh, you mean the Bible," laughed Linda. "It's God's letter to us."

"Yes," Mom said. "God said His Word would last forever. And it will."

Prayer:
Thank You, God, for Your Word. Help me to remember the things I read in it and to obey it. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1965
Read Scripture: I Peter 2:9-10

Praises

"Listen at Betsy sing," giggled Linda.

Mom went to the doorway. Betsy was singing "Jesus Loves Me." She sang it over and over.

Mom smiled. "She's doing what the Bible tells us to do."

"The Bible doesn't tell us to sing 'Jesus Loves Me,'" said Linda.

"No," agreed Mom. "But it tells us to show His praises. The best way Betsy can do that is by singing the songs she has learned. We can sing and do other things as well to praise Him. You're praising Him now, too."

Linda looked surprised. "I am? How?"

"You are cheerfully helping me," replied Mom. "Whenever we are kind and thoughtful we are praising God."

How many ways can you find to praise God today?

Prayer:
Thank You, God, for Your love and care. Thank You for my parents and home. Thank You for the many good things You have given me. Help me to find ways to show my thankfulness today. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1965
Read Scripture: I Peter 2:15-17

The Meaning

"That's funny," said Gary with a frown.

Dad noticed Gary was reading the Bible. "Is there something you don't understand?"

"It says here 'fear God,'" replied Gary. "Why should I be afraid of Someone who is so good to me?"

"The word 'fear' is misleading," explained Dad. "It has a meaning which we don't usually think about. It also means to show awe or reverence. It means the kind of love we have for God."

"That makes sense," said Gary. "I can understand that."

"Each time we read the Bible," said Dad, "we understand it better. That's why it's important to read it often."

Prayer:
Thank You, God, for the Bible. Help me to think about the things I read in it and to talk about them with others. I want to understand Your Word better so I can be a good Christian. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1965
Read Scripture: I Peter 2:21-25

The Shepherd

The Kellers were on their way to Grandpa's farm.

"Look coming down the road," exclaimed Dad.

The children looked out the car windows.

"Sheep! Sheep!" laughed Betsy.

"What a large flock!" said Gary.

"Yes," answered Dad. He stopped the car. The sheep went on past them.

"Good morning," called Dad to the shepherd. "You have a nice flock."

"Good morning," answered the shepherd. "There are two hundred sheep in this flock. Oh, there goes Midnight!"

The Kellers saw a young black sheep wandering across a field.

"Rover, bring Midnight back," the shepherd called to his dog.

Rover ran after the sheep. Soon he came back to the shepherd bringing Midnight with him.

"Good dog!" the shepherd told him. "Midnight, you stay close to me."

Then the shepherd went down the road with his sheep.

Dad started the car. "Midnight is like us," he said.

"How?" wondered Linda.

"The Bible says we have all wandered away," answered Dad. "We need to be brought back to our Shepherd."

Gary was looking out the back window. "Midnight is walking close to the shepherd," he said. "That's the way we should stay close to Jesus."

Prayer:
Dear Jesus, forgive me for the wrong things I do each day. Help me to stay close beside You. Amen.

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

Who's Afraid in the Dark?

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms (Deut. 33:27).

A WEE LASSIE, and a friendly little soul, was enjoying a train ride with her mother, and passing the time running to and fro visiting with the other passengers.

Suddenly a strange (and to the child an unfamiliar event occurred), the train ran into a tunnel. One can imagine the terror which struck the heart of the child, and the anguished cry of "Mother! Mother!" which sprang from the childish lips. But the mother-arms were near and smothered the childish fear for the few moments until the train ran out again into the sunlight.

And thus it is with all of us in our earthly journey. We may, like the child, be afraid when there is no real cause for fear.

The need, which causes our cry for help, may be weariness, fatigue caused by overwork, or from pain or loneliness when it seems nobody understands or cares. Or grief, or sin may drive us to cry out "Father! Father!" And it may be our need arises because of being too poor or too rich—or maybe because we are too self-satisfied.

Whatever the cause of our fear, the Heavenly Father is watching over us. And just as the mother's arms were waiting to minister to the needs of her darling, so also God's "Father-arms" are ever "Able and Willing" to shield us from harm or danger. If we seek Him we shall find the help we need.

In Memory of ELDER C. C. GRISSO

by ELDER ALBERT T. RONK

HOW INEXORABLE the changing scene and fleeting time move men along the stage of action, and as resolutely move them off again. Like yesterday seems the time this writer knowingly met Elder Clarence C. Grisso. It was at the Indiana District Conference of 1909, and we were both young preachers. The waters that have coursed our stream of life—waters in which we both have fished—have carried precious lading on their bosom. Itemed in this cargo are the memories. For sixty years Elder Grisso was a Brethren Minister and I knew him all but four of them.

It is regrettable that when retirement years somewhat set a minister on the sidelines, the younger men coming into the ministry are often denied the fellowship and counsel of the veterans of the Church.

Grisso was an able preacher and a good pastor. A part of his ministry he especially enjoyed was the music and he liked to sing. Some of my memories revolve around his singing. It is no wonder that his daughter Vada (Mrs. Kenneth Seiler) has distinguished herself as an organist and choir director. Further, the parental direction shows in all his children, the two best known to the church at large being Vada referred to, and the Reverend Vernon D. Grisso of Tucson, Arizona. Less known but none-the-less beloved are two other sons, Lowell of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Charles of Tucson. Other daughters than Vada are Herma (Mrs. W. E. Tritch) of Fremont, Ohio, and Vera (Mrs. Maynard Lindsay) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Among the grandchildren of Brother Clarence is Mrs. Julia Flora, whose husband, the Reverend Jerry Flora, pastors the Washington, D. C., Brethren Church.

Elder Grisso was not only a successful pastor but was an evangelist as well. He conducted many campaigns through the years. Among the larger churches he served were Warsaw, Indiana; Sunnyside, Washington; New Lebanon, Ohio; and Smithville, Ohio. Quite a few smaller congregations were also directed in their spiritual progress by Grisso's ministry of over a half century.

Around Mexico and North Manchester, Indiana, Grisso was known in his retirement as the "Strawberry Man." He was an expert in growing the luscious fruit and many of his customers had standing annual orders on file. Yet, the special fruit of his ministry was not the delightful berry of the soil but the spiritual sons and daughters whom he directed to the Savior—the Christ he loved and preached.

This writer remembers Elder Grisso as a personal friend. We, he and I, knew the Brethren Church in the struggles of this century's first decades. We preached in those days for less than seven hundred dollars a year, and it was always a wonder to me how C. C. could maintain his family of six on what the churches could pay in those days, but he did it and it was an excellent job.

Elder Grisso passed away on Monday, May 17, 1965 at his home in North Manchester, Indiana. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon, May 20, in the church with Rev. Woodrow A. Immel in charge assisted by Rev. Herbert Gilmer.

Elder Grisso is survived by his widow, Anna Culp Grisso of North Manchester, Indiana; all six of his children; twelve grandchildren; and twenty-two great grandchildren; his mother, Elnora Balsbaugh Grisso having deceased in 1952. Elder Grisso was eighty-three at his passing.

REV. RICHARD KUNS
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EACH day of General Conference will begin with a time of prayer. There will be forty minutes of meditation and prayer beginning at 7 o'clock each morning except on Sunday at which time this period will begin one hour later.

Rev. Richard Kuns, pastor of the Chandon Brethren Church, Herndon, Virginia, will be the leader during these sessions. Rev. Kuns is a graduate of Ashland College and the Ashland Theological Seminary. He also has a Masters degree from Brandeis and is well qualified to lead these times of devotion.

We trust that many of the delegates will take advantage of these sessions.

SISTERHOOD

The SMM Mailbag . . .

from . . .

DERBY (Kans.) COMBINED

Greetings from the Derby Brethren Sisterhood of Mary and Martha. We now have a total of nine members in our group. Our officers are as follows:

President Gwen Grieve
Vice President Donna Delcamp
Secretary-Treasurer Thelma Grieve
Correspondence Secretary ..Sherry Pray

For raising money we designed such projects as Christmas cups, bakeless bake sale, patch aprons, and Christmas stockings.

All of our meetings have been interesting and we have had a good many activities to keep us busy. In May we invited the Laymen and had a weiner roast. We met at the Grieve home at 6:30 for the weiner roast and at 7:30 we had our meeting and devotions.

Sherry Pray
Correspondence Secretary

from . . .

LOREE (Ind.) COMBINED



Greetings from the Loree Brethren Sisterhood girls.

This picture was taken at our March meeting at the home of Miss Connie Einseln, our vice president. In this picture from left to right are (top row) Mrs. Mary Ann Shinn (Patroness), Shirley Graber, Beth Ann Shinn, Connie Einseln, and Mrs. W. E. Thomas (our pastor's wife). Middle row, left to right: Karen Deisch, Nila Boone, Kay Bargerhuff, Connie Miller, and Judy Gallien. Bottom row, left to right: Linda Zerbe, Sherri Phillipy, and Gail Shinn. This meeting was a "come-as-you-are" party.

The officers for 1964-1965 are:

President Shirley Graber
Vice President Connie Einseln
Secretary Kay Bargerhuff
Treasurer Beth Ann Shinn
Recording Secretary Michelle Ballard
Patroness Mrs. Mary Ann Shinn

At the present we are working on the remaining goals for this year. We are also trying in many different ways to make money. The group decided to have a meeting with the Laymen which was held in June. In this meeting bandages were rolled.

Kay Bargerhuff, secretary

from . . .

WILLIAMSTOWN (Ohio) COMBINED

We of the Williamstown S.M.M. started our year off with a weiner roast, followed by a meeting in the church basement.

The following meeting was in October so we went masked and had a hard time telling who was who. Following that meeting we had a hayride. At our next meeting we each brought an old purse and sold it to someone else in the group for a quarter. Perhaps we should explain the old purse. This was our way of earning money this year. As you read on you will see that over a period of time we collected a complete outfit and also helped our treasury grow. Our Christmas meeting was highlighted by the traditional exchanging of gifts and then it was out into the weather to go caroling. At this time each of us brought a gift and packed them into a big box for our friends at Lost Creek, Kentucky. At the first meeting of the new year we purchased a hat for our wardrobe.

As one of our goals this year was to invite the Laymen's organization to a meeting, we chose February to do this. We being a small church and having no official Laymen's organization invited all the men of the church. We played games after the meeting then served homemade ice cream and Valentine cake as refreshments. Another interesting note that might be added was that our roll call was a school day memory. We asked the men to add their memories and it proved most interesting.

Our next meeting was thrilling as we brought an old dress and had them in paper bags. This way no one could tell what she was getting. We must admit that some of them didn't fit too well!

Next was the April meeting for which the roll call was answered by our favorite hobby. May was our

annual Mother-Daughter banquet. This was highlighted by a style show given by our S.M.M. girls. They wore the outfits that had been collected during the previous meetings!

At the June meeting we wore our outfits and answered the roll call by repeating a verse from the Bible beginning with the first letter of our first names. We continued working on our goal of bandages. Our final meeting of this year will be a picnic at one of our local parks with out-of-doors entertainment planned afterwards.

We have enjoyed working for God this year. We hope that all of the other Sisterhood societies share our feelings as another year nears its end.

from . . .

ELKHART (Ind.) JUNIOR

The Junior Sisterhood of the Elkhart First Brethren Church has had a very successful year. In October we, along with the Senior society, entertained the Laymen, having a chili supper and devotional meeting. At Christmas time we went Christmas caroling to our shut-ins. We also took gifts and cookies to them. At one of our meetings we rolled bandages and then attended the Brethren Youth skating party. For our June meeting we attended Bible School in the morning. At noon, then, we took a sack lunch to Baker Park, eating there and holding our regular meeting and election of officers.

Becky Manahan, secretary

from . . .

ELKHART (Ind.) SENIOR

Our Elkhart Senior Sisterhood has been quite active this past year and we want to share our activities with others. We have met all of our national goals but one and all but one of our district goals.

We started our year with an executive meeting and came up with some good ideas. A chili supper with the Laymen and the Junior Sisterhood started our activities. Our November meeting was a "backwards" meeting at which we wore our clothes backwards and did everything else backwards. In December we had a short devotional period and then went caroling at the homes of some older people of our church. Besides our regular meeting in January we held one Saturday open for some bandage rolling, a fellowship lunch, and bowling.

In April we had our public service at which time we gave a play and heard a report on missions. We feel that we have had a very prosperous year in the Lord's service.

Judy Roush, secretary

from . . .

BURLINGTON (Ind.) COMBINED

The combined Sisterhood group of the Burlington church met July 6 at 7:30 P. M. at the home of Norma Ray, the sister of two of our members, Betty and Sally Goad, who served as hostesses. After the meeting was called to order, Jerrilyn Garrison, as leader of this meeting, led in the devotional program which consisted of singing, prayer, Bible Studies, and topics. Our president, Joyce Payne, then led in the business meeting.

A very interesting book review on *Children of the Bush Country* was given by our pastor's wife, Rita Hollinger.

We also elected officers as follows:

President Joyce Payne
Vice President Joyce Stout
Secretary Jerri Garrison
Assistant Secretary Betty Goad
Treasurer and Patroness
Mrs. Rita Hollinger
Assistant Patroness Mrs. Arlene Payne

The meeting was dismissed with the Sisterhood benediction and refreshments were served.

This was a "come-as-you-are" meeting, our patroness having called each girl at strategic times, which made for an interesting meeting. Other meetings have been "backwards meeting," a bandage rolling, an Easter egg hunt, a picnic and a "little kid party."

A VIGIL OF PRAYER



August 18 — 8 P. M.
to
August 19 — 8 P. M.

Plan to have a part!

"Pray without ceasing"
I Thessalonians 5:17

Sponsored by
National Ministers' Wives

Brethren Youth Crusaders

YOUTH RALLY — OHIO

The Northeast Ohio Junior Brethren Youth Rally was held Saturday, June 5, 1965, at the Park Street Brethren Church in Ashland, Ohio.

The Welcome was given by Brad Weidenhamer who also led in group singing, "Go Tell It on the Mountain" and "Onward Christian Soldiers." The Scripture was taken from I Samuel 16:1-7 and was read by Sarah Keffer. Bruce Ronk led us in prayer. The offering was then taken with the offertory sentence given by Cathy Harding.

Rev. Phil Lersch gave an object lesson on I Samuel 16:7 "for the Lord seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." He had a book with the outside cover stating that it was "All the Parables of the Bible." However, when he read from it, it gave instructions on how to build a dog house and how to make and sell artificial flowers, etc. It illustrated that you cannot always believe what you read on the outside. He also tried to give the Juniors a drink from a cup but no one would volunteer because the cup was dirty inside yet the outside was nice and clean. So it is with man. We can have a nice suit of clothes and look fine on the outside but inside our hearts can be unclean. The Juniors gave some examples of being unclean such as being a cheater, liar, having hatred, envy and being selfish. We need to ask forgiveness and cleansing from these sins for God looks not on the outside of man but what is in the heart.

The song, "Spirit of the Living God" was then sung.

The advisors and officers met before the lunch hour. Mrs. Solomon led us in prayer. It was noted that the milk project, which we had chosen for our project, was no longer available by the time our money reached Nigeria. It was used for two seminary students. It was agreed that we would send our money to Nigeria to continue helping these students. The age issue was again discussed and 8 through 12 will remain the NEO Junior Youth ages. However, the grade system seemed to work better than the strict age limit and could be worked out in the individual churches. Louisville had extended an invitation to come there for the Fall Rally but Akron inquired why it had not been held there for several years so it was decided to go to Akron. The tentative date is Saturday, October 2, unless notified otherwise.

The lunch was served by the women of the Ashland Park Street Brethren Church.

The afternoon business meeting was opened by the President, Becky Solomon, who led us in prayer. The newly elected secretary was not present so Sarah Keffer read the minutes for the last rally and also read a letter from the Bischofs explaining about the milk project. The treasurer's report was read. There was no balance as the money was sent to the Missionary Board earlier. The morning's offering was $10.07. The banner was presented to Louisville who had a total of 219 points. Mrs. Solomon closed the business meeting with prayer.

The Quiz contest was then held with three churches competing: Louisville, Canton and Ashland Park Street. Quizmaster was Brad Weidenhamer and the judges were: Terry Morgan, Royce Gates and Helen McConahay. Park Street drew a bye so Louisville and Canton competed first. They were tied 70 to 70 so 5 more questions were asked with Louisville coming out on top 100-90. Louisville and Ashland then competed with Louisville winning by a large margin. Louisville represented the Northeast Ohio Junior Brethren Youth at the District Conference.

Brad Weidenhamer then dismissed us with prayer.

—Phyllis Glasgo, ass't. secretary

CHURCHES ANONYMOUS



This southern Ohio church is an older congregation located in the Miami Valley region. The building is of white frame construction.

The Ohio District Conference was held there in 1962.

Can you name this church and its pastor? Answer will appear in next week's *The Brethren Evangelist* on these pages.



HOT LINE FROM . . .

. . . WABASH, IND.

We had a party February 20 and on March 17 we went to Parrott's Nursing Home.

Easter morning the youth were in charge of the Sunrise service.

On May 2 we went to Tiosa for the Youth Rally and the Bible Quiz over Acts. We won the Bible Quiz and we came in second for the banner with 17 present.

June 16 we went to Shipshewana for the state quiz and lost to Ardmore. We wish them luck at the National Finals and will pray for them.

We cleaned the church on May 29 and had a party afterwards.

May 30 the youth were in charge of the Sunday evening service and Miss Sue Miller showed slides of her visit in Northern Africa. Her talk to the youth was also interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. David Etheridge came and talked and showed slides about Mexico on June 13. They are going to be missionaries there.

Rosalie Behrends, secretary

. . . JOHNSTOWN, PENNA.

We, the Second Brethren Youth, have closed our Bible study on the book of Acts. We studied hard all year and now will be reviewing what we have learned and are looking forward to District and National Conference.

We participated with Masontown in a two part quiz on Acts. Masontown was the winner on the first fourteen chapters and we were the victors on the last fourteen chapters. This gave both of us practice as well as sharing of two evening services.

Our group will be holding a Swim Party in July and a Hayride in August. These are fun activities for the summer months.

—Carolyn Miller, president

. . . ST. JAMES, MD.

In the past year we have had two money raising projects. The projects were a donut sale and delivering Christmas cards. In the near future we are planning a car wash.

We had our Public Service in May. The service was very nice and then we received the collection.

For the summer months of June, July and August we have our meetings once a month. Every Saturday our quiz team gets together and studies.

Our leaders are Elaine Martin and Jo Kellbaugh. Our officers are:

President Lorrie Starliper
V. President Norma Draper
Secretary Brenda Hutzell
Ass't. Secretary David Clark
Treasurer Jo Kellbaugh

—Brenda Hutzell, Jr. BYC

. . . NAPPANEE, IND.

Recently our youth group had charge of our Sunday night service. All three groups in our church took part. We took an offering which will help us meet the goal "fill the DERBY hat."

This was our last meeting until fall.

—Jr. Hi BYC

. . . ARDMORE, IND.

We have been working hard to raise money to fill the Derby Hat. We are having a foodless bake sale to raise additional funds.

We have given money to many of our church funds. We had a public service in which we had a quiz on Acts between two teams. It was quite successful.

Our group went swimming and had a wonderful time.

On April 23 we went to the First Church for a joint meeting with their youth and had a good meeting.

—Wendy Kring, secretary

FOOD FOR FAITHFUL

Billy Booth invites you to share and care—for the folks at the Flora Home. Bring your food stuffs (no home canned items accepted due to regulations) or money to National Conference, August 16-22. Checks should be made payable to: **Brethren Youth.**
SHARE AND CARE WITH BILLY BOOTH!

Answer to last week's
Spotlight on Scripture . . .

I CORINTHIANS 15:54, 55

"fill the DERBY hat" — $10,000

MISSIONARY NEWS

THE NEW TEN DOLLAR CLUB CALL is for the FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH Mansfield, Ohio

by REV. SPENCER GENTLE

THE MEMBERS of the First Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio, have launched out upon a program of faith. And with a membership of 45, according to the new Ohio District statistical report, it was quite a decision for the church to decide to relocate and build a new building, but faith can do wonders for any congregation!

Before we tell you of the plans of the church, let us go back and review the history of the congregation. The church has been established for many years in the city of Mansfield. The present church building was moved to the present location at the turn of the century and has served the congregation well these many years, however it has "outlived" its usefulness for our present congregation.

You can see by the accompanying picture that the church is badly in need of repair and paint on the outside. Within the past year the auditorium has been redecorated. The basement of the church is attractive and well kept but it is not adequate for our Sunday School or for other activities of the church, therefore we are limited in certain events of fellowship which any local congregation needs as well as hosting various district rallies. In such cases it is necessary to rent other facilities.

The membership of the church has dipped to a new low within the past five years. The following figures will show the average membership for the last twenty-five years:

1940-1949 — 105 average membership
1950-1959 — 133 average membership
1960-1965 — 51 average membership

There are several reasons for this decline but the greatest hindrance is the location of the present



church building. This section of the city has become predominately Negro in population therefore our outreach has been limited. Let it be said now that our church has made it clear that these people are welcome to worship with us and calls have been made on many of these families encouraging them to come

to our church, but they tell us that they want to attend their own churches and are not interested in becoming members of our church. We have a few Negro children who attend regularly and sing in our junior choir but they are not interested in becoming members. You can see, therefore, that our potential in this section of the city ts limited.

With this in mind the congregation has been talking of relocating for several years but nothing definite has been done—until a year ago. After looking at many sites for a new church building, the committee recommended to the congregation that a three-acre plot of land be purchased which is located approximately six miles west of Mansfield on highway 30 North. In fact, the site is about one mile west of Ontario on 30 North on the north side of the highway. The church will be located on a hill where it can be seen for some distance from any direction. (If you come to General Conference on highway 30, be sure to watch for the sign east of Crestline about three miles.)

Even with the purchase of the acreage, it seemed that the actual building of the church would be several years away. But things have changed!

Last September this writer was hired as part-time pastor of the church. Within a very short time plans were in the making to conduct an Every Member Canvass program and to create a definite budget with one of the larger items being the building fund. This program was completed in March and the response was excellent and the budget is being met! Along with this program new interest has been created and the membership decided that we should begin to investigate further plans for building.

Early this year a representative from the Evangelical Church Building Corporation of South Bend, Indiana, met with us to discuss the possibility of beginning a building program.

The Building Committee on Monday, April 12, voted to recommend to the Official Board that the E.C.B.C. be engaged as consultants and that their architect be hired to draw up plans for the new church. This recommendation was accepted by the Official Board and presented to the congregation on Wednesday evening, April 21. The congregation voted unanimously to accept the recommendation.

May 15 was a big day for us at Mansfield! The Building Committee and the Board of Trustees met with a representative from the E.C.B.C. for the purpose of signing contracts engaging them as consultants and for architectural services. This company has been in Mansfield investigating the area and are about ready to present reports to our congregation as to the potential of the work that can be done by our congregation.

It is believed that final plans for the first unit of our new building will be ready to let for bids in January of 1966. It is our plan to begin building in early spring of next year.

The attendance at our services has increased considerably these last few months. Before the usual "summer slump" our Sunday School was enjoying an attendance in the eighties with the highest for a regular Sunday being eighty-nine. Our midweek services are attended by over twenty people with a service for the children as well as for the adults. Our Sunday evening services are attended very well. This is an indication that our people are interested in the work of the Church of our Lord and are willing to support the work in every respect.

Our new budget includes every denominational interest which is something new for the congregation. Besides the budget, the church gave a sizeable sum to the Tornado Disaster Fund for the County Line Church. We are receiving a new insight to the importance of our stewardship of possessions.

Our Sunday School is a graded Sunday School and classes are provided for children of all ages. A new class has been started for post high school graduates and young adults which has created new interest among the young people of the congregation. We are planning a teacher training program for the fall for the teachers of our Sunday School.

We were very happy, of course, when the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church at their May meeting voted to make the July Ten Dollar Club call available for the Mansfield Church! This will help us considerably in the building of the new church. By the time we are ready to let bids for the building, the debt on the site will be paid. (The site cost approximately $6,000.) Along with this, the old parsonage has been sold and we are hoping that we will be able to receive a fair price for the old church building.

More should be said about the location of the new site. A large sign, which was constructed by two men of our church and painted by one man who has attended our church for many years, identifies the site. The accompanying picture will show the sign.



The site is only a few miles from a General Motors plant where many men from the immediate communities are employed. There are at least three new development areas where new homes are being built in the immediate vicinity of the site. It is a known fact that Mansfield and Ontario are expanding to the west of their city limits, therefore the potential for new families will be limitless. As far as is known now, our church will be the first to build in this area, therefore the advantages will be great!

Our congregation is in one accord with this program and we covet your prayers as we continue to plan for the future of our church. We are truly grateful for the members of the Ten Dollar Club and as you send in your checks utter a prayer for us that the Holy Spirit might direct us in the many decisions that will have to be made within the next few months.

The SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL CONFERENCE

August 16-22, 1965

All Sessions on Eastern Standa

Theme: "Loving His Appearing"

Text: II Timothy 4:8

MONDAY — August 16

Evening

(Delegate credentials will be received from 6:30 to 7:30, and following the evening program. Credentials must be signed and accompanied by fee.)

7:30 Opening of the 77th General Conference of the Brethren Church by Moderator, Rev. Charles R. Munson
Music Inspiration
Organ Prelude Mrs. Jean Lersch
Hymn: "All Hail the Power" No. 21
Scripture and Prayer Rev. R. Glen Traver, Pastor, Akron, Ohio
Special Music Conference Quartet

8:00 Vice Moderator's Address ...Dr. Harold Barnett, Lost Creek, Kentucky
"A Brethren Legacy"
Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign" No. 59
Benediction

TUESDAY — August 17

Morning

7:00- 7:40 Prayer period ..Rev. Richard Kuns, Leader

8:00- 9:00 Simultaneous Sessions: Ministers, Laymen, W.M.S., Sisterhood, Brotherhood

9:10- 9:30 Musical Meditations ...Conference Quartet
Hymn:
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ..No. 2
Scripture and Prayer
Rev. John Brownsberger, Pastor, Winding Waters Church Elkhart, Indiana
Special Music

9:30-10:35 Moderator's Address
"Shaking the Little Boxes"
Rev. Charles R. Munson
Professor, Ashland Theological Seminary

10:30-10:35 Hymn:
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ..No. 64

10:35-12:00 BUSINESS SESSION
Announcements—Sec'y. of Ex. Committee
Membership Committee Report
Election of Conference Officers
Election of New Conference Executive Committee
Conference Treasurer's Report
Brethren Book and Pamphlet Commission (10 minutes)
Special Committees Reports
Report of Conference Executive Comm.

Afternoon

1:30- 2:30 INSPIRATIONAL HOUR BY THE W.M.S.
Call to Worship
Mrs. Russell Rodkey, presiding
Organ Prelude
Songs
Prayer Rev. Robert Bischof
Marimba Solo Mrs. Woodrow Immel
Message Mrs. Lorie Gooding, Killbuck, Ohio
"The Stewardship of the Gospel"
Trio and W.M.S. Benediction

2:30 Conference Committee meetings

4:00 Conference Choir rehearsal—Little Theater

Evening

6:40- 7:15 Combined Youth and Adult Vespers
Speaker Rev. Jerry Flora, Pastor, Washington, D. C.

7:30- 7:45 Youth Parade—National Brethren Youth

7:45- 9:00 LAYMEN'S INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE
Organ-Piano prelude
St. Clair and Pauline Benshoff
Hymn:
"Come, Thou Almighty King" ..No. 102
"Standing On the Promises" ...No. 108
"Stand Up for Jesus" No. 109
Song Leader: James Mackall, Vinco Penna.
Devotions Mr. Richard Reed, Kokomo, Indiana
Speaker Mr. Ken Anderson, Religious Film Producer Winona Lake, Indiana
Benediction

BRETHREN CHURCH

shland, Ohio



ral Sessions Held in Memorial Chapel on the Ashland College Campus

WEDNESDAY — August 18

Morning

7:00- 7:40 Prayer period ..Rev. Richard Kuns, Leader

8:00- 9:00 Simultaneous Sessions: Ministers, Laymen, W.M.S., Sisterhood, Brotherhood

9:10- 9:30 Musical Meditations ...Conference Quartet
Hymn: "This Is My Father's World" ..No. 29
Scripture and Prayer ..Rev. Gene Hollinger, Pastor, Burlington, Indiana
Special Music

9:30-10:10 Bible Lecture Dr. Ralph Earle, Olivet Nazarene Seminary Kansas City, Missouri
"The Crowd at His Coming"

10:10-10:15 Hymn: "Trust and Obey" No. 112

10:15-12:00 BUSINESS SESSION
Announcements—Sec'y. of Ex. Committee
Membership Committee Report
Conference Minutes
Report of Conference Election of Officers
Brethren Publishing Company session (20 minutes)
Nominating and election of membership on: Mission Board, Benevolent Board, Sunday School Board, Brethren Youth Board
Central Council Report
Peace Committee Report
Other Reports

Afternoon

1:30- 2:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP
Speaker Dr. Charles Blair, Pastor, Calvary Temple, Denver, Colo.
"How to Build a Sunday School in Times Like These"

3:00- 4:00 Simultaneous sessions: W.M.S. and Laymen

4:00 Conference Choir rehearsal—Little Theater

Evening

6:40- 7:15 Combined Youth and Adult Vespers
Speaker Rev. Jerry Flora

7:30- 7:45 Music Inspiration
Organ Prelude Mrs. Jean Lersch
Hymn: "Rise Up, O Men of God" ..No. 37
Conference Choir
In Him I Abide Traver

7:45- 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE OF INSPIRATION
Speaker Dr. Charles Blair
"Understanding Our Times"
Hymn: "He Leadeth Me" No. 104
Benediction

9:15 Camp Rally

THURSDAY — August 19

Morning

7:00- 7:40 Prayer period ..Rev. Richard Kuns, Leader

7:00- 9:00 Minister-Laymen Breakfast

8:00- 9:00 Simultaneous sessions: W.M.S., Sisterhood, Brotherhood

9:10- 9:30 Musical Meditations ...Conference Quartet
Hymn:
"For the Beauty of the Earth" ...No. 19
Scripture and Prayer Rev. Amos Mast, Pastor, Udell, Iowa
Special Music

9:30-10:10 Bible Lecture Dr. Ralph Earle
"The Church at His Coming"

10:10-10:15 Hymn: "Take Time To Be Holy" ..No. 111

10:15-12:00 BUSINESS SESSION
Announcements—Sec'y. of Ex. Committee
Membership Committee Report
Conference Minutes
Report of the Executive Committee on Moderator's Address
Benevolent Board Session (20 minutes)
Financial reports:
National Sunday School Board (5 minutes)
Missionary Board (5 minutes)
Statistician's Report (10 minutes)
Polity Committee Report (20 minutes)
Committee on Committees (10 minutes)

Nomination and Election of Membership on Retirement Board
Stewardship Committee Report
Report of Special Committees

12:30 W.M.S. Luncheon—First Christian Church

Afternoon

1:30- 2:45 Meeting of boards and committees
3:00- 4:00 Laymen's Meeting
4:00 Conference Choir rehearsal—Little Theater

Evening

6:40- 7:15 Combined Youth and Adult Vespers
Speaker Rev. Jerry Flora
7:30- 7:45 Music Inspiration
Organ Prelude John Gilbert
Hymn
7:45- 9:00 ASHLAND COLLEGE AND SEMINARY INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE
9:15 Film: "LUCIA" Memorial Chapel
(Sponsored by Brethren Youth)

FRIDAY — August 20

Morning

7:00- 7:40 Prayer period ..Rev. Richard Kuns, Leader
7:00- 9:00 Laymen-Boys' Brotherhood Breakfast
8:00- 9:00 Simultaneous sessions: W.M.S., Sisterhood, Ministers
9:10- 9:30 Musical Meditations ...Conference Quartet
Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus" No. 20
Scripture and Prayer
Rev. Herbert Johnson,
Pastor, West Alexandria, Ohio
Special Music
9:30-10:10 Bible Lecture Dr. Ralph Earle,
"The Christ at His Coming"
10:10-10:15 Hymn: "I Am Thine, O Lord" No. 105
10:15-10:30 Greetings:
Church of the Brethren
Church of God (Anderson)
Churches of God of North America
10:30-12:00 BUSINESS SESSION
Announcements—Sec'y. of Ex. Committee
Membership Committee Report
Conference Minutes
Report of Moderator's visit to Church of the Brethren Conference
Executive Committee Report
Fraternal Relations Committee Report
Financial Report—Brethren Youth Board
Report of Retirement Board
Probable adjourned Shareholders' meeting of the Brethren Publishing Company
Report of special committees

Afternoon

1:45 Camp Directors meeting
3:00 Conference Committee meetings
3:00- 4:00 Simultaneous sessions: W.M.S. and Laymen
4:00 Conference Choir rehearsal—Little Theater
5:00 Missionary Banquet
First E. U. B. Church—Claremont Ave.

Evening

6:40- 7:15 Combined Youth and Adult Vespers
Speaker Rev. Jerry Flora
7:30- 7:45 Music Inspiration
Organ Prelude Mrs. Jean Lersch
Hymn: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" No. 113

Conference Officers

Moderator - - - - - Charles R. Munson
Vice Moderator - - - - - Harold Barnett
Secretary - - - - - - - Jerry Flora
Assistant Secretary - - - Robert Keplinger
Treasurer - - - - - - A. Glenn Carpenter
Statistician - - - - - - C. William Cole
Committee on Committees
W. St. Clair Benshoff, Mrs. John Porte, Richard Best
Statutory Agent - - - - - Spencer Gentle

Music Personnel

Conference Song Director — Marlin McCann
Tuesday Evening Song Director — James I. Mackall
Conference Choir Director — Leo Jones
Conference Choir Accompanist — Mrs. Jean Lersch
Conference Organists and/or Pianists — Mrs. Jean Lersch, Mrs. Julia Flora, Mrs. Pauline Benshoff, Earl Miller, John Gilbert, St. Clair Benshoff.
Conference Quartet — DeAnn Benshoff, Julia Tritch Flora, Richard Kuns, Marlin McCann

Conference Choir
Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him Prichard
7:45- 9:00 MISSIONARY BOARD INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE
Speaker Dr. Clyde W. Taylor,
Executive Secretary
Evangelical Foreign Missions Ass'n.
National Association of Evangelicals
Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West" No. 55
Benediction
9:15 Film: "LUCIA" Memorial Chapel
(Sponsored by Brethren Youth)

SATURDAY — August 21

Morning

7:00- 7:40 Prayer period ..Rev. Richard Kuns, Leader
8:00- 9:00 Simultaneous Sessions: Ministers, Laymen, W.M.S., Sisterhood, Brotherhood
9:10- 9:30 Musical Meditations ...Conference Quartet
Hymn:
"The Church's One Foundation" ..No. 41
Scripture and Prayer
Rev. Thomas A. Schultz,
Pastor, Gratis, Ohio
Special Music
9:30-10:10 Bible Lecture Dr. Ralph Earle
"The Crown at His Coming"
10:10-10:15 Hymn: "Spirit of God" No. 25
Special Music
10:15-12:00 BUSINESS SESSION
Announcements—Sec'y. of Ex. Committee
Membership Committee Report
Conference Minutes
Time and Place of 1966 General Conference
Action on printing of Conference Annual
Report of Goals Committee
Report of Resolutions Committee
Other Reports
Unfinished Business

Installation of new Conference Officers
Adjournment of Business Session—sine die

Afternoon

12:15 Ministers' Wives Luncheon
1:00- 2:00 Business Session (if necessary)
2:15 National Finals—Bible Quiz
Brethren Youth Memorial Chapel
4:00 Conference Choir rehearsal—
Memorial Chapel
5:00 Youth Awards Banquet

Evening

6:40- 7:15 Combined Youth and Adult Vespers
Speaker Rev. Jerry Flora
7:30- 7:45 Music Inspiration
Organ Prelude John Gilbert
Hymn:
"I Love To Tell the Story" ..No. 106
Vocal Solo: DeAnn Benshoff
7:45- 9:00 BRETHREN YOUTH INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE
Speaker Dr. Clyde W. Taylor
Hymn: "Breathe On Me" No. 49
Benediction

SUNDAY — August 22

Morning

8:00- 8:40 Prayer period ..Rev. Richard Kuns, Leader
9:20-10:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL
Organ-Piano Prelude
St. Clair and Pauline Benshoff
Hymn:
"Come, Thou Almighty King" ..No. 102
Special Music
Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" No. 101
Adult Superintendent Walter Wertz
Adult Teacher Rev. James Black
Young People's Superintendent
Rev. Glenn Grumbling
Young People's Teachers ..Brian Moore, Larry Bolinger, Ronald Ritchey, Harold Barnett, Keith Bennett, Russell Gordon, and John Brownsberger
Children's Department
Park Street Church Staff
10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE
Organ Prelude Mrs. Jean Lersch
The Doxology
Invocation ...New Conference Moderator
Conference Choir
Cherubim Song (No. 7) ..Bortniansky
Missionary Consecration Service
Missionary Offering
Conference Choir
I Am Alpha and Omega Stainer
Message Dr. Clyde W. Taylor
Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" No. 27
Benediction and Choral Response



AUXILIARIES

Woman's Missionary Society

Theme—Loving His Appearing
Scripture—II Timothy 4:8

Tuesday—Business Session—8-9 A. M.
LOVING HIS APPEARING
AS FAITHFUL DAUGHTERS

Song Leader Mrs. Arthur J. Tinkel
Pianist Mrs. W. St. Clair Benshoff
Prelude
Devotions Mrs. Arthur Baer
Appointment of Committees
Report of the Credential Committee
Vocal Solo Mrs. William Cole
President's Message Mrs. Russell Rodkey
Trio Mrs. Virgil Barnhart, Mrs. Jack Brown, Mrs. Donald Rowser
W.M.S. Benediction

Public Service—1:30 P. M.
(Mrs. Russell Rodkey, presiding)

Prelude
Songs
Prayer Rev. Robert Bischof
Marimba Solo Mrs. Woodrow Immel
Message Mrs. Lorie C. Gooding, Killbuck, Ohio
Trio and W.M.S. Benediction

Wednesday—Business Session—8-9 A. M.
LOVING HIS APPEARING
AS PROFITABLE STEWARDS

Prelude
Songs
Devotions Mrs. Joe Garrison
General Secretary's Report Mrs. H. M. Jordan
Adoption of Goals
Reports, Signal Lights Mrs. Alberta Holsinger
Trio and W.M.S. Benediction

Inspirational Program—3-4 P. M.

Musical Memorial
A tribute to the late Mrs. U. J. Shively and others
Organ and Piano Prelude
Rev. and Mrs. W. St. Clair Benshoff
Remarks Mrs. Russell Rodkey
Prayer
Memorial Service Dayton W.M.S.
Vocal Solo Mrs. Herbert Johnson
Marimba music Mrs. Woodrow Immel
Trio and W.M.S. Benediction

Thursday—Business Session—8-9 A. M.
LOVING HIS APPEARING
AS EXPECTANT SERVANTS

Prelude
Songs
Devotions Mrs. Glenn Grumbling
Election of Officers
Appointment of Officers
Report of Outlook Editor
Report of Business Manager
Report of Literature Secretary
Trio and W.M.S. Benediction

Luncheon—12:30 P. M.
Place—First Christian Church
Hostess Loree, Indiana, Societies I and II
Project Offering The Brethren's Home

Friday—Business Session—8-9 A. M.
LOVING HIS APPEARING
AS OBEDIENT SUBJECTS

Prelude
Songs
Devotions Mrs. Harold Barnett
Report of Financial Secretary ..Mrs. J. Garber Drushal
Report of Treasurer Miss Dorothy Carpenter
Adoption of Budget
Recognition of Banner Societies
Trio and W.M.S. Benediction

Friday—3-4 P. M.

Prelude
Songs
Prayer Margaret Lowery
Special Music Rev. Harold Barnett
Message Mrs. Bea Bischof
Thank Offering Service Washington, D. C.
Trio and W.M.S. Benediction

Saturday—Business Session—8-9 A. M.

Prelude
Songs
Devotions Miss Catherine Benshoff
Unfinished Business
Panel Discussion on Missions: Mrs. J. M. Bowman, Mrs. Dorman Ronk, Mrs. Dwight Miller
Remarks from Kentucky Missions
Installation of Officers
Trio and W.M.S. Benediction

Sisterhood

Theme: "Loving His Appearing"

Song Leader Cathy Logan, Bridgewater, Virginia
Pianist Kathy Miller, Louisville, Ohio

Tuesday—8:00 A. M.
"Profitable Stewards"

Announcements
Devotions Barbara Ross, Fremont, Ohio
Special Music"The Melodaires" West Alexandria, Ohio
Meditation Mrs. Ralph Davis, Ashland, Ohio

Wednesday—8:00 A. M.
"Thankful Sisters"

Announcements
Devotions
Special Music In charge of National Officers
Meditation

Thursday—8:00 A. M.
"Faithful Sons"

Announcements
Devotions Connie Miller, Peru, Indiana
Special Music ..Becky Harmon, McGaheysville, Virginia
Feast of the Ingathering Rev. Donald Rowser, New Lebanon, Ohio

Friday—8:00 A. M.
"Expectant Servants"

Devotions Candy Dickson, Tempe, Arizona
Special Music"The Joy Belles" Tempe, Arizona, and Burlington, Indiana
Business Meeting
Election of Officers

Saturday—8:00 A. M.
"Obedient Subjects"

Induction of Officers
Film—To be announced

Laymen

Theme: "Men and brethren, what shall we do" (Acts 2:37)?

Tuesday—8-9 A. M.

Credentials accepted
Hymn
Devotions
Introduction of Delegates
Greetings and Announcements
Election of Nominating Committee
Inspirational Address Rev. Robert Bischof

Tuesday—2:30-3:30 P. M.

Introduction of New Delegates
Prayer Requests
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Old Business
Goals Report
Presentation of Nominees for Office

Tuesday—7:45 P. M.
Inspirational Service

Organ-Piano prelude ..Rev. and Mrs. St. Clair Benshoff
Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King".....No. 102
"Standing On the Promises" No. 108
"Stand Up for Jesus" No. 109
Song Leader James Mackall, Vinco, Pennsylvania
Devotions Mr. Richard Reed, Kokomo, Indiana
Speaker Mr. Ken Anderson, Religious Film Producer Winona Lake, Indiana
Benediction

Wednesday—8-9 A. M.

Hymn
Prayer Requests
Announcements
Secretary's Report
Election of Officers
Old Business
New Business
New Goals

Wednesday—3-4 P. M.
(At the Seminary)

Devotions
Inspirational Address
Feast of Ingathering
Tour and Inspection of Seminary Facilities

Thursday—7-9 A. M.

Ministers-Laymen Breakfast—Panel Discussion
"Mission of the Church"

Thursday—3-4 P. M.

Hymn
Prayer Requests
Special Session David Bowers, leader

Friday—7-9 A. M.

Laymen-Boys' Brotherhood Breakfast and Conference
Brotherhood in charge

Friday—3-4 P. M.

Prayer Requests
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Announcements
Installation of Officers
Old and New Business

Saturday—8-9 A. M.

Hymn
Devotions
Inspirational Address Richard Kuns
Benediction

Boys' Brotherhood

Tuesday—8-9 A. M.

Singing
Devotions
Business
Speaker

Wednesday—8-9 A. M.

Singing
Devotions
Business
Sword Drill

Thursday—8-9 A. M.

Singing
Devotions
Business
Sword Drill

Friday—7-9 A. M.

Breakfast meeting with the Laymen
Presentation of Awards
Installation of New Officers

Saturday—8-9 A. M.

Singing
Devotions
Business
Sword Drill Finals

Brethren Youth

Catacomb Conference
Theme: "Loving His Appearing"—II Timothy 4:8
Theme Hymn: "Jesus Is Coming Again"
Youth Speaker: Rev. Jerry Flora
Song Director: Mike Drushal
Pianist: John Gilbert

Monday Afternoon

4:00 Registration (Founders Hall)—75¢
Brethren Youth must have Credentials to register.

Monday Evening

7:25 Attend General Session—Vice Moderator's Address
9:15 "Surprise Time"—Student Union

Tuesday Morning

8:00- 9:00 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Sessions
9:10- 9:30 "Praise through Song"—Mike Drushal
9:30-12:00 "The Lord's Business"—
Moderator Jim Gilmer
"The Lord's Word"—Bible Quiz, all divisions
Little Theatre; Founders Hall, Room 310;
Miller Hall, Room 26

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30 "Messages of the Early Church"
—Rev. Jerry Flora
2:30 "The Lord's Work"
Soul Winning Workshop
—Rev. Herbert Gilmer
Miller Hall, Room 26
Program Planning—Beverly Summy,
Kettering Auditorium
Junior Hour—Mrs. William Ankrom,
Lower floor—Library
For all BYC'ers up to 13 years old
4:00 Conference Choir rehearsal—Little Theatre

Tuesday Evening

6:40 Vespers—Rev. Jerry Flora
7:25 Attend General Session—Laymen's Service
"Youth Parade"
9:15 Antiphonal Singing—front lawn of campus
Leaders: Richard Kuns, Robert Keplinger

Wednesday Morning

8:00- 9:00 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Sessions
9:10- 9:30 "Praise through Song"—Mike Drushal
9:30-12:00 "The Lord's Business"—
Moderator Jim Gilmer
"The Lord's Word"—Bible Quiz

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30 "Messages of the Early Church"
—Rev. Jerry Flora
2:30 "The Lord's Work"
Soul Winning Workshop—
—Rev. Herbert Gilmer,
Miller Hall, Rm. 26
Program Planning—Beverly Summy,
Kettering Auditorium
Junior Hour—Mrs. William Ankrom,
Lower floor—Library
For all BYC'ers up to 13 years old
4:00 Conference Choir rehearsal—Little Theatre

Wednesday Evening

6:40 Vespers—Rev. Jerry Flora
7:25 Attend General Session—National Sunday School Program
9:15 Camp Rally

Thursday Morning

8:00- 9:00 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Sessions
9:10- 9:30 "Praise through Song"—Mike Drushal
9:30-10:30 "Nigeria and You"
—Missionary Robert Bischof
10:30- 4:00 "Feasting Together"—picnic
4:00 Conference Choir rehearsal—Little Theatre

Thursday Evening

6:40 Vespers—Rev. Jerry Flora
7:25 Attend General Session—Ashland College and Seminary Program
9:15 "Breaking of Bread"—Communion at Park Street Church—Elder George Solomon (Half of Youth attend)
"Lucia"—film, Memorial Chapel (Half of Youth attend)

Friday Morning

8:00- 9:00 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Sessions
9:10- 9:30 "Praise through Song"—Mike Drushal
9:30-12:00 "The Lord's Business"—
Moderator Jim Gilmer
"The Lord's Word"—Bible Quiz

Friday Afternoon

1:30 "Messages of the Early Church"
—Rev. Jerry Flora
2:30 "The Lord's Work"
Soul Winning Workshop—
Rev. Herbert Gilmer, Miller Hall, Room 26
Worship Workshop—
Rev. and Mrs. Phil Lersch
Kettering Auditorium
Junior Hour—Mrs. William Ankrom, Lower floor—Library
For all BYC'ers up to 13 years old
4:00 Conference Choir rehearsal—Little Theatre

Friday Evening

6:40 Vespers—Rev. Jerry Flora
7:25 Attend General Session
Missionary Conference—Dr. Clyde Taylor
9:15 "Breaking of Bread"—Communion at Park Street Church—Elder William Anderson (Half of Youth attend)
"Lucia"—film, Memorial Chapel (Half of Youth attend)

Saturday Morning

8:00- 9:00 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Sessions
9:10- 9:30 "Praise through Song"—Mike Drushal
9:30-11:00 "Having All Things in Common"
Project Ingathering—"fill the DERBY hat"

Saturday Afternoon

1:00 "Messages of the Early Church"
—Rev. Jerry Flora
2:15 National Finals—Bible Quiz, Memorial Chapel
4:00 Conference Choir rehearsal, Memorial Chapel

Saturday Evening

5:00 "Feasting Together"—Youth Award Banquet
6:40 Vespers—Rev. Jerry Flora
7:25 "Mission Challenge"—Dr. Clyde Taylor
Memorial Chapel

Sunday Morning

9:30 Sunday School—Little Theatre
10:30 Missionary Conference—Memorial Chapel
Dr. Clyde Taylor

Ministerium

Theme: "Loving His Appearing"

Devotional Leader: Elder William Anderson
Nappanee, Indiana

Tuesday—8:00 A. M.

Devotions
Business:
Appointment of Nominating Committee
Introduction of Guests
Memorials
Committee Reports
Action on New Membership Applications—Vice Presidents
Announcements

Wednesday—8:00 A. M.

Devotions
Business:
Action on New Membership Applications—Vice Presidents
Report of the Nominating Committee
Election of Officers
Election of Vice Presidents
Hospitalization Insurance Report
Other Business
Announcements

Thursday—7:00 A. M.
Laymen-Ministers Breakfast

7:00-7:05 Scripture reading and grace
7:05-7:30 Breakfast
7:30-8:10 Presentation by the panel
"THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH"
8:10-8:50 Open Forum
Laymen: "Where would you like to serve?"
Ministers: "Where would you like laymen to serve?"
8:50-9:00 Summation by the panel

Friday—8:00 A. M.

Devotions
Presentation by Elder A. T. Ronk
"Brethren Tradition—Trust and Mission"

Saturday—8:00 A. M.

Devotions
Appointment of Committees
Unfinished Business
Elder Robert Bischof Missionary to Nigeria

Prayer Meeting
Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

"THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD"
Isaiah 40:31

They shall mount with wings as eagles
When young lifeblood fills the veins,
And ambition ever soaring

Points to heights hard to attain.
They shall mount nor fear the future,
Joyful on their upward way,
Strength renewed for every conflict,
Grace sufficient for each day.

They shall run and not grow weary
When with cares of life oppressed.
Though the days be long and dreary
Eventime brings promised rest.
In the fields white to the harvest
Enter they with glad accord;
Strength renewed to bear life's burden,
When they wait upon the Lord.

Stella L. Dodd

GOD HAS AN ANTIDOTE for all our fears, a remedy for all our frustrations (Isa. 40:31). People who have learned to wait upon the Lord enjoy His best, His wisdom, power and leadership in their lives (Ps. 27:14). Not to run ahead of the Lord is to be "honored" (Prov. 14:13). Even when God's people were in a terrible straight they were to fear not, "stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord" (Ex. 14:13).

Elijah was subject to the same temptations and trials as we are (James 5:17). After the great victory on Mount Carmel he ran away to hide because his life was threatened (I Kings 19:1-3). He had unwarranted fears and wanted to die (v. 4). Verses 5 to 15 relate how the Lord graciously reassured him and restored him to His service. It seems that prior to this the Lord had tried to fortify him against such a breakdown (I Kings 17:3). He had just announced how God was going to deal with wayward Israel by means of a drought (v. 1). In preparation for what was to come, God told him to hide himself—to wait in loneliness and obscurity by the brook, Cherith. God taught him that He had not forgotten where he was (17:5-9). Then in God's good time He said, "Show yourself" (18:1).

John the Baptist learned to wait on God (Luke 1:80). From his experience of waiting, John regarded himself as a mere "voice" (3:4). Jesus was often alone with God His Father (Matt. 14:23). Paul spent three years in Arabia where he "conferred not with flesh and blood" but with God who taught him that he would suffer (Gal. 1:15-17). God sees that somewhere in life His saints come to know the meaning of suffering (I Peter 4:12).

There are three dimensions of strength for God's people: inward (Eph. 6:10), upward (Ps. 103:5), and outward (Gal. 6:9). Now read Isaiah 40:28-31).

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

DR. CHARLES E. BLAIR
Conference Sunday School Speaker

"How To Build a Sunday School in Times Like These"—this is the subject which will be dealt with by Dr. Blair in a Sunday School workshop on Wednesday afternoon (August 18) at 1:30 o'clock.

Dr. Blair is particularly well qualified to speak on this subject because of his own success in "building a Sunday School." Seventeen years ago, Dr. Blair was the pastor of a church with a total membership of 100 people. During the past seventeen years this church has grown and grown until it now numbers 3,000 members and is considered one of the leading churches in the nation.

In addition to his afternoon workshop, Dr. Blair will also be speaking at the Wednesday evening session of General Conference. At this time he will bring a message on the subject "Understanding Our Times." Make sure you plan to hear Dr. Charles Blair at this year's General Conference — August 16-22!



TIPS ON VISITATION

Following are several helpful "tips on visitation" as printed in *Sunday School Progress*:

1. Carefully time your visit. (Times when the family will be home, but not at mealtime.)
2. Prepare for your visit.
3. Introduce yourself to the prospect and explain the purpose of your call.
4. Address them by name, if possible.
5. Learn as much as possible about the prospect.
6. Begin your conversation by talking about things you know they are interested in.
7. Enthuse them about your Sunday School.
8. Inform them about other activities in your church in which they may be interested.
9. Leave a tract and some literature about your Sunday School.
10. Do not do all the talking—be a good listener.
11. Make a definite date to pick up the person or persons and bring them to Sunday School.
12. Don't become discouraged—if at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

The Brethren Layman

Views and Comments

Floyd S. Benshoff

LET'S LOOK AT THE GOALS

IT'S A BIT LATE for this editor to remind you'all that as we meet in General Conference shortly in laymen's sessions we will be taking a close look at the goals. We will be listing, on the big blackboard, the accrued percentages of each local organization for the last twelve months. We would like to take this occasion to urge each of you men to see that your group's percentages are on that board. The goal sheets you have before you now are the product of considerable thought on the part of a small committee and the larger group at last year's annual conclave. Out of respect for their efforts, let's figure out our achievements according to the goal sheets and get them to the Ashland meeting, August 16-22.

It's not too late to up your point total. As I look at the buff card that says: "1964-1965 Goals of the National Laymen's Organization of the Brethren Church, Inc.", I see three of the goals that any enterprising group, though tardy, can fulfill.

Number 4 deals with representatives at our General Conference sessions. We trust there will be a real outpouring of men and enthusiasm as we meet. I'll say it once again; any male member of the Brethren Church over 18 years of age, not having the term "Reverend" before his name, is an equal member of our national meeting, by his attendance there.

Number 6 is still in reach of any group, and the Mission Board of the Brethren Church, as well as the church at large, would be delighted and heartened by an influx of laymen memberships in the $10 Club.

Number 7 asks that a contribution be brought from each local organization to the laymen's session on Thursday morning for "The Feast of Ingathering." Can do.

What the 1965 meeting of the laymen will produce I do not know. From extensive correspondence and several meetings with our president, John W. Porte, I gather that a revising of goals and methods, of a sizeable degree, are in his thinking. He has spent considerable time on the laymen work. He has traveled much in its interest. He, alone, cannot engineer helpful changes; the body of laymen assembled at Ashland, Ohio, can. Brother, be a part of it, and, if possible, become involved. The Lord has need of you.

Lacking a direct manuscript from brother Porte for publication, I would venture to pull several paragraphs out of his letters and out of context, and have him say:

"I cannot help but think that the future of the Brethren Church lies in the hands of the laity itself." "I would like to see the laymen of the church involved directly in the Christian Education program of the church. I have reference to more men teaching Sunday School classes in every department of the S.S." "I would like to see the Laymen's Organization involved in a Missionary Education program . . ." "I would like to see the Laymen's Organization involved deeper in the leadership of the church on a district and a congregational level . . ." "I would like to see the laymen going out two-by-two and doing personal evangelistic work . . ."

You say you'd like to see certain things happen in the Brethren Church? Fine. You say you'd like to see certain trends halted in the Brethren Church? Fine. But what are you doing about it? Are you content to take your fill in just wishing, letting the planning and pushing to the great imaginary figure, "George"? Or are you willing to get into the fray, and gladly see it cost you of time, energy and money to let your views be known?

Men, today is our day. Let's carry it for the Lord. Let's have a commitment, not just a pious groan. F.S.B.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE BOYS' BROTHERHOOD

VINCO, PENNA.

I AM WRITING on the behalf of the Senior Boys' Brotherhood of the Vinco Brethren Church. My news report concerns the car wash we had earlier in the year. We washed the cars in the church parking lot and made over $40. There were at least eight to ten boys and two advisors working on the cars. One didn't have much of a chance to loaf since the cars kept coming in one right after the other and they kept us very busy. We washed from eight in the morning to five in the evening and washed over twenty cars. All in all we had a great time in Christian fellowship.

Gregory Rorabaugh

GRATIS, OHIO

THE BOYS' BROTHERHOOD of Gratis, Ohio has been meeting each month this summer with a devotional and business meeting.

So far we have had a picnic at the Germantown Dam. Everyone had fun walking the wooded paths and wading in the water.

We have decided that we may need to split into Junior and Senior groups.

This year at General Conference the Boys' Brotherhood everywhere are going to have a "sword drill." A book will be called in the Bible, a chapter and a verse which must be found. The rules will be in *The Brethren Evangelist* soon.

The boys and advisors and pastor have had two paper drives which have brought quite a sum of money. On the first paper drive we had 6,980 pounds of paper, and 4,190 pounds of paper on the second drive. We had much fun riding on the paper and even loading it.

Dave Barnhart
News Reporter

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

DERBY, KANS.

THE DERBY GIRLS Sisterhood and the Laymen held their joint meeting in May at the Grieve home. There were six girls and four men present.

They started with a picnic supper at 6:30 in which the Laymen sure enjoyed themselves with all the good eats. Afterwards each group met separately and had their regular lesson.

All the laymen think this is a very good goal, and a very fine gesture by the girls.

PROJECT INGATHERING

"fill the DERBY hat"

Little Theater



Why not join the TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

from the Woman's Outlook

Your National President Speaks . . .

Why I Attend National Conference

MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

SOME OF YOU might think that Mrs. Rodkey goes to conference because she is an officer and has to go. This really is not true, as conference would go on as usual whether or not I was there. I attended conference many years before I became an officer. One of the main reasons I go is because I am interested in our denomination and the work we are trying to accomplish. I like to hear reports and to learn what is being accomplished by the various boards and auxiliaries. Also I want to learn how our local congregation can do its part. I love to fellowship with Christian people and renew acquaintances. Then I go to learn as I listen to the Bible lectures, Sunday school speakers, and missionary speakers.

One who attends conference is usually an informed person. That is why I encourage you W.M.S. members, and especially the officers, to attend our W.M.S. sessions. I am always excited about our thank offering and project offering. You will note on this page the letter from the Missionary Board acknowledging the money we gave to them last year from our national budget. Will we be able to give them more this year? Are you excited about our project offering? Can we go over the $9,000 mark again this year? Remember that our luncheon and project offering will be on Thursday this year.

We will have a speaker from the Nigerian mission field. I am sure we have a host of good things in store for us. One has to plan in advance, or I know I do when I plan to be gone for a week. I did not get any ducks. Russell objected, as the time I wanted to get them we had sickness in the family. I do have two white angora kittens that will have to have special care while we are gone. I think my sister will keep them. Where there is a will there is a way. I believe that if anyone wants to go to Conference bad enough they can go as long as their health permits. Perhaps someone could write an article entitled "Why I cannot attend Conference."

I am sure that many of you will want to come this year to see the new boys' dormitory and the dining hall. I do hope to see YOU there.

A LETTER from THE MISSIONARY BOARD

Mrs. Russell Rodkey, President
National Woman's Missionary Society
R. 1, Kokomo, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Rodkey,

Again we have been delightfully overwhelmed with the magnificent contribution from the Woman's Missionary Society for the missionary program.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of $3,350 for Home Missions, $3,350 for World Missions and $1,000 specifically designated for the library books at Eden. We shall pass this information along to Kenneth Solomon concerning the books for Eden.

Your society continues to understand and provide for the great need in missions. May the Lord continue to bless all these dedicated workers.

Sincerely in Christ
Mrs. Marion M. Mellinger

RECEIVES W. M. S. SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the National W.M.S. gives a $200 scholarship to a Brethren girl who will be a senior in Ashland College. This year the scholarship was awarded to Miss Trudy Steen, a member of our Brethren Church in Akron, Ohio. Quoting from the information sent to me, "Trudy is a fine Christian girl, a good leader and student as well. Her average grade for 2½ years is 3.7 and 4.0 would be a straight A." So congratulations to Trudy, and we are happy to encourage her in this way.

The following letter was forwarded to me:

Myers Hall
Ashland College
Ashland, Ohio
June 1, 1965

Miss Helen Shively
Ashland College
Ashland, Ohio

Dear Miss Shively,

I recently received official notification that I am the recipient of the National Woman's Missionary Society Award for the 1965-66 school year. I wish that you, as an officer of the organization, would convey my sincere appreciation for this scholarship to all of the members.

The coming year will be my fourth and therefore final one at Ashland College. I shall remember these wonderful years as times of fun, growth, and learning. I have many wonderful memories of my years here, and you may be assured that the reception of this W.M.S. Award will rank as one of the most memorable events of my college career. I hope that I may grow as a Christian and as a student in the coming year to prove worthy of your confidence in me. Thank you again.

Sincerely
Trudy Steen

MRS. LORIE C. GOODING
Tuesday Afternoon Conference Speaker

LORIE C. GOODING (Mrs. Raymond) has several special reasons to be concerned about the stewardship of the Gospel and particularly by women to women. Converted as an adult, she is fully conscious of the difference the knowledge of salvation through Christ makes in a person's life. She attributes her conversion to the unassuming ministry of a neighbor lady who showed her the way.

She lives in Killbuck, Ohio, where she faces the problems of homemaking, child rearing (nine children) and being a grandmother; her poetry (for which she is best known) therefore grows out of activity, not leisure. Mrs. Gooding has the happy gift of seeing beyond the unusual, the trivial, the temporal to the more abiding values of a thing or an event, but enjoys reasoning through puzzling questions as well. She has one book of devotional poetry published: "Let There Be Music." She has been writing for Christian papers since her conversion twenty years ago.

Mrs. Gooding will speak on Tuesday afternoon of General Conference. You will not want to miss hearing her!

news ... from the Brethren

Vinco, Pa. Rev. Henry Bates reports that five persons were brought into membership of the church recently. Three were brought in by first-time confession and baptism, and two were brought in by reaffirmation of faith.

Ashland (Park Street), Ohio. Rev. Phil Lersch reports that during the month of July five persons were received into membership of the church by baptism and one by transfer of letter.

Smithville, Ohio. Rev. Donald Rinehart reports that Dr. Glenn Clayton was a guest speaker on Sunday, August 1. Dr. Clayton is the president of Ashland College.

Goshen, Ind. Rev. Richard Allison reports that an Architectural Study Committee has been appointed for the purpose of making a study of Sunday School needs relative to space for classes.

Derby, Kans. Rev. M. W. Dodds reports that completion date for the new church has been set for September 1. Dedication services will be conducted on November 1.

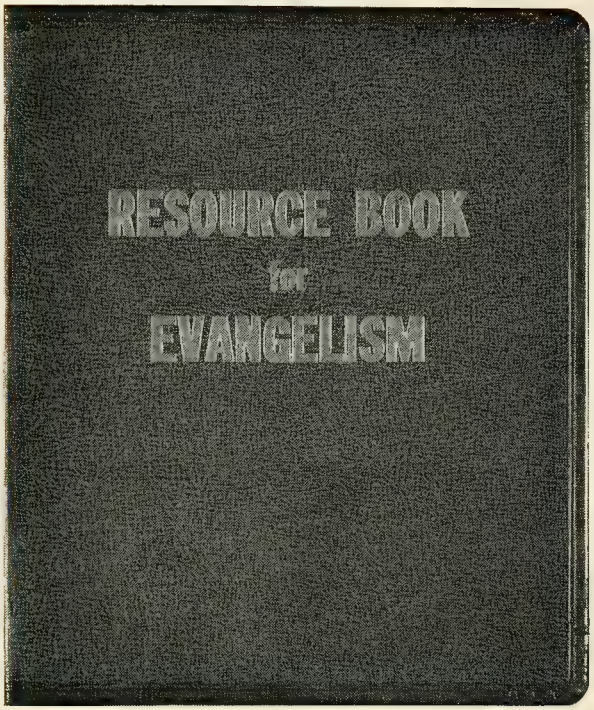
Masontown, Pa. It is reported that Rev. James I. Naff has been a patient in the Huntington Hospital but has now returned to his home.

COMING EVENTS

Bethlehem, Va.
Fall Revival
August 29 - September 5
Rev. William Walk, Evangelist
Rev. John F. Locke, Pastor

College Corner, Ind.
Revival Services
August 23 - September 5
Rev. W. E. Thomas, Evangelist
Rev. Glenn Grumbling, Pastor

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NOTES and COMMENTS

THE YOUTH YOU OUGHT TO BE

This is the youth you ought to be—
A Christian in your heart,
Quite willing in your home and church
To do a vital part
Of all it takes to carry on
The work that each should share,
And bless the ones with whom you live
Through love and faith and prayer.

This is the youth you ought to be—
In mind and thoughts sublime,
A student wise who values much
Your precious days of time;
Who studies wisely to prepare
For future usefulness,
And trusts the wondrous grace of God
To give you grand success.

This is the youth you ought to be—
Dependable and true,
Quite honest with your fellowmen
In what you say and do;
Who forms no habits that are bad
That undermine your health,
And in whose inner, outer life
There's moral strength and wealth.

This is the youth you ought to be—
A leader in the right,
Whose conduct and examples fine
Make you a shining light,
That help your fellow-youth to see
Life's richer, higher goals,
And thus set forth with noble aims
That shall enrich their souls.

This is the youth you ought to be—
To make a better earth
By lifting up a banner high
That's great in moral worth;
And greater still it ought to be
In helping others win
The victory in their hearts and lives
That triumphs over sin.

This is the youth you ought to be—
Who sows the best of seed,
So when the harvest time arrives
On God's rich food you'll feed;
And in so doing bless your land
By helping humankind
Go forth to eat God's manna sweet
Where earthly saints have dined.

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.

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"Armstrongism"

AGAIN, just recently, I happened to hear a portion of a radio program entitled "The World Tomorrow" by broadcaster Herbert W. Armstrong. As I listened I found that that which he said was most Biblical; however, I had to remind myself of the fact that this man is most anti-Biblical in his teaching. I also recall that many of of our Brethren families listen to his broadcasts or receive into their homes his magazine entitled: **The Plain Truth.** Both the broadcasts and the magazine contain mostly "half truths" and all Christians should be warned of this way of error.

Also, just recently, I ran across an article by Dr. R. T. Ketcham entitled: "Armstrongism—A Warning!" which again pointed up to me the seriousness of the error of the teaching of this man. Let me quote a portion of this article.

"We list here just a few of Mr. Armstrong's wild claims and blasphemous teachings.

"1. He holds that nothing of any importance in church realms happened on this earth from A.D. 70 to January 1, 1934.

"2. He holds that on that date Herbert W. Armstrong came upon the scene and started 'The Radio Church of God.' He says that his Radio Church of God is the only true church since A.D. 70. If this be true then every church, every missionary advance, and all else during these eighteen and one-half centuries is a false church and a false message!

"3. Herbert W. Armstrong demands that his followers keep the old Jewish Passover.

"4. Herbert W. Armstrong demands that His followers keep the Jewish Saturday Sabbath.

"5. Herbert W. Armstrong is what is known as a 'British Israelite.' He holds that Great Britain and the United States are the ten lost tribes of Israel!

"6. Herbert W. Armstrong teaches that Jesus Christ had to be born again.

"7. Herbert W. Armstrong teaches that present-day believers are not yet born again. They are 'conceived' but they will not be 'born' again until they get to heaven.

"8. Herbert W. Armstrong teaches that men are saved by believing in the future 'government' of God.

"9. Herbert W. Armstrong teaches that we are saved by keeping the law.

"10. Herbert W. Armstrong has no place in his teachings for 'the Name of Jesus.'

"11. Herbert W. Armstrong teaches that God planned to wreck His creation by sin.

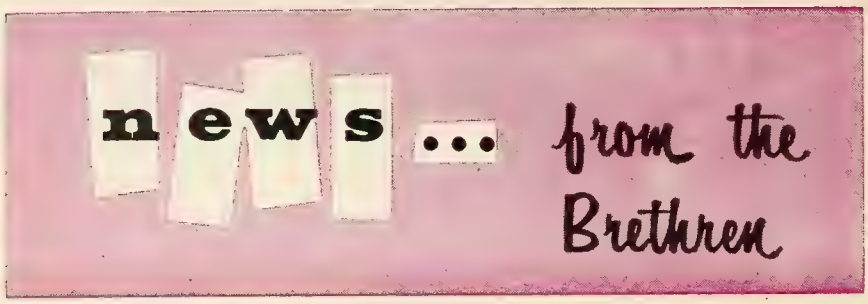
"12. Herbert W. Armstrong teaches that we will eventually become God."

Many times we support "religious" programs which we hear on the radio without even taking the time to investigate the background of the broadcast. Many good Christian people throughout our nation support this false prophet by their money without even giving a thought as to what is actually being taught. The budget for this particular program is nearly eight millions of dollars per year and many of our people help to support this work!

The Scripture has something to say about this, I'm sure, for we read in I John 4:1 these words: **Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.**

We as Christians have the responsibility of "testing" such men as Herbert W. Armstrong and his teachings and if we find them to be less than that which the very Word of God teaches, then we must protest such errors!

Again, let it be said here that every Christian must sift out those radio programs which are Biblical in nature and listen only to them. S.G.



Levittown, Pa. Rev. Robert Keplinger reports that the final papers for the building of the new educational unit were signed on July 20 and that construction will definitely be under way by August.

Dayton, Ohio. In the August 1 Hillcrest Brethren Church bulletin it was reported that the congregation gave a surprise party to the Rev. and Mrs. W. Clayton Berkshire in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. A money tree beautifully decorated was given to the Berkshires.

Elkhart, Ind. Open house at the parsonage was observed on Sunday afternoon, July 25. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Lowmaster have just recently moved into the parsonage.

Sunday, August 15, was observed as "Karen Mahoney Day," at which time a consecration was held during the morning worship, dedicating Miss Mahoney as home missionary to serve in Lost Creek, Kentucky. Miss Mahoney will leave for Lost Creek on Saturday, August 21.

Nappanee, Ind. This item is to give a report of the work of Rev. C. A. Stewart, a "retired" pastor living in Nappanee.

Beginning in April, Bro. Stewart preached for the congregation at New Paris until the arrival of their new pastor, Rev. Waldo Gaby. Other preaching engagements found him in the pulpit of the First Brethren Church in Flora, Ind.; in the United Missionary Church in Goshen, Ind.; in the First Brethren Church in Nappanee, Ind.; and the First Presbyterian Church in Nappanee, Ind. He is now filling the pulpit in Roanoke, Ind., until they find a pastor.

Weddings

PRICE - KINMAN. Miss Linda Price, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Price of Nappanee, Ind., became the bride of Mr. Phillip Kinman of Petersburg, Ind., on Sunday, July 25. Mr. Kinman is a medical student in Indianapolis and Mrs. Kinman is a registered nurse. They will be making their home in Indianapolis.

The undersigned, an uncle of the bride, performed the wedding ceremony. Mrs. Kinman is a member of the First Brethren Church, Nappanee, Ind.

Rev. C. A. Stewart

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CROOK-STELLA. On Saturday, July 31, Miss Mary Jane Crook of Flora, Ind., and Mr. Michael Stella of Lafayette, Ind., were united in Holy Wedlock in the First Brethren Church, Flora, Ind. The undersigned read the ceremony in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends.

The couple will reside in Flora where Mrs. Stella is employed as a teacher in the consolidated school. Mr. Stella is the manager of a music store in Lafayette. The bride is a member of the First Brethren Church, Flora, Ind.

Rev. C. A. Stewart

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McCONNELL - MARKER. Miss Brenda McConnell and Hans Marker were united in marriage on June 20 in the First Brethren Church in Ashland by the undersigned. Brenda is employed as a sales clerk, and Hans is employed with a plumbing concern in Ashland.

Rev. Phil Lersch, pastor

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MEYER - ROLOFF. Miss Janet Meyer and Carl Roloff were united in marriage on July 24 in the First Brethren Church in Ashland by the bride's father, assisted by the undersigned.

Janet is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Meyer, Director of Religious Affairs at Ashland College. Both Janet and Carl are students at Ashland College and employed at Samaritan Hospital.

Rev. Phil Lersch, pastor

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KIMMEL-LONG and KIMMEL-KEEFER. In a double wedding, two sisters were married at the First Brethren Church in Ashland on June 19. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kimmel.

Miss Mary Kay Kimmel became the bride of Ronald Long, and Miss Barbara Kimmel became the bride of John Keefer. Both couples now reside in Ashland. Ron is employed at the First National Bank, John and Mary Kay are Public School teachers, and Barbara is completing her education at Ashland College. All attend the Park Street Church.

The wedding was conducted by the undersigned, assisted by Rev. C. A. Stewart, uncle of the brides.

Rev. Phil Lersch, pastor

Memorials

PETERS. Mrs. George (Mary) Peters, age 103, passed away July 3 at the Johnson Nursing Home in Shannon, Illinois. A member of the Lanark First Brethren Church, the funeral services were conducted in the Frank Funeral Home with Rev. C. Y. Gilmer officiating. Surviving are three sons and one daughter, six grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Ruth Diffenderfer

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JENNINGS. Rev. Novel W. Jennings who lived at 1419 Rutan, Pasadena, California, passed away on Friday, July 16, 1965. His memorial services were conducted from the Immanuel Baptist Church in Pasadena on Tuesday, July 20. Burial was in the Mountain View Cemetery.

Rev. Jennings had been an evangelist and pastor in the Brethren church many years ago. He had served as pastor in Pittsburgh, Pa., Roanoke, Va., Los Angeles, Calif., and Turlock, Calif. Brethren churches.

Mrs. Jennings survives. The Jennings had recently celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Most people believe in law and order as long as they can lay down the law and give the orders.
—Irish Digest.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Peter, James and John

Memory Scripture — I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 1965

Read Scripture: I Peter 3:10-12

Watching and Listening

After her nap, Betsy went outside to play. She stooped to smell the pretty flowers growing at the side of the house. She played in her sandbox, filling cups with sand and dumping it out again.

Queenie came to see what Betsy was doing. She patted the dog's head and said, "Nice Queenie."

Betsy walked to the swing. Queenie follower her. "Push. I need a push," said Betsy as she got on the swing.

"I'll help you, Betsy," answered Mommy as she came out of the house. "I'll give you a push."

Betsy knew Mommy was near. Until she came out of the house Betsy could not see her. But Mommy was watching Betsy. She was listening for her, too. When Betsy needed her, Mommy was there.

We cannot see God, but we know He is near. He is watching and listening. He is always ready to help.

Prayer:

Dear God, it is good to know You are near. I'm glad Your eyes and ears are over me. Help me to always remember You are watching and You will hear when I call. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1965

Read Scripture: I Peter 3:13-15

Gary's Answer

"Hi, Gary," called Paul.

"Hi," answered Gary. "Where are you going?"

"Nowhere. Just walking around," said Paul.

"Stop awhile then," invited Gary. "What have you been doing this summer? I haven't seen much of you."

"We took a trip to California," replied Paul. "We just got back last week. I was over to see you yesterday morning, but you were gone. Did you go on a picnic or something?"

"Now, Paul," reminded Gary. "You know where I go Sunday mornings. I've asked you often enough to go with me."

"You still go to church—do you?" asked Paul. "Do your folks make you go?"

"They go, too," Gary told him. "But I go because I love Jesus and want to serve Him."

"You sound as though you really mean that," said Paul.

"Of course I mean it," declared Gary. "I would like for you to go with me. Then you would find out why church is so important to me."

"I will go," said Paul. "I will go next Sunday."

"Good!" exclaimed Gary. "We'll stop for you at nine-fifteen."

Prayer:

Dear God, I want to always let others know of my faith in You. Help me never to be ashamed to tell them. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1965

Read Scripture: I Peter 4:8-11

Betsy's Cookie

"Cookie, please," said Betsy as she came in from the sandbox.

"Yes, you may have a cookie," said Mommy. "But first let's wash your hands."

After Mommy washed Betsy's hands, she gave her a big sugar cookie from the cookie jar.

Betsy laughed as she held the cookie in her hand. "Good cookie! Mommy have some." Betsy broke off a small piece of her cookie and handed it to Mommy. "Linda have cookie, too." Betsy gave Linda a small piece also and then ran outside to play.

"Betsy is funny," giggled Linda. "We could have a whole cookie. She didn't need to give us part of hers."

"She did it to show she loves us and was thankful for the cookie," Mommy said.

In much the same way we show our love and thankfulness to God. All that we have are gifts from Him. Do you give back to Him a share of your spending money for His work? Do you share with others the glad news of Jesus' love?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the many things I have. Help me to find ways to show my love for You and to share with others. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1965

Read Scripture: I Peter 5:5-7

Dad's Problem

Daddy was frowning as he came home from work.

"Hi, Dad," greeted Gary.

"Hi, Son," replied Dad.

"Daddy home! Daddy home!" shouted Betsy as she ran to him.

"Hello, Betsy," said Daddy, and he stooped to give her a hug and a kiss. Then he went into the house.

Some time later Daddy came out of the house again. He was smiling. "Who will play catch with me?" he said.

"I will," said Gary eagerly. "But, Dad," he asked thoughtfully, "are you sure you feel like it? You seemed unhappy when you came home from work."

"I was upset," admitted Dad. "Something happened at the shop that seemed like a big problem. Since I came home I have been talking with God about it. As I prayed the solution of my problem came to me. You know God tells us to bring all our cares to Him. This is something I hope you, too, learn to do."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I can bring all my troubles to You. I'm glad I know You can and will help me. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1965

Read Scripture: II Peter 1:16-18

An Eye Witness

The tires screeched loudly as a car came to a stop in front of the Kellers' house.

Mom and Linda came running to the door. Gary was in the front yard.

"Did you see that?" he exclaimed.

"No, what happened?" asked Mom.

"Doug rode his bike right in front of that car," explained Gary. "It's a good thing the driver had good brakes or Doug would be badly hurt."

"Where is he now?" asked Linda.

"Riding his bike down the street," answered Gary as he pointed in the direction Doug had gone. "He didn't even stop to tell the driver he was sorry."

Gary knew what had really happened. He was there. He saw it happen. He was an eye witness.

Peter is telling us in today's Bible reading that he knows Jesus is the Son of God. He knows it because he was with Jesus. He heard God's voice say, "This is my beloved Son." Shouldn't we believe this eye witness?

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I know the stories in the Bible are true. I'm glad people who really saw these things happen wrote about them so I can know and believe. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 1965

Read Scripture: II Peter 3:8, 9, 17, 18

Gary Thinks About School

"School starts Monday," sighed Gary.

"It will be fun to see all our friends again," said Linda.

"Yes," agreed Gary. "But we've had so many good times this summer and I don't like to see them end."

"Our family has good times the year around," reminded Linda.

"School is important," added Mom. "It is there you learn many things you need to know. We should be thankful for our schools. One of the things our missionaries do is start schools."

"Why?" asked Gary.

"To teach the people to read," answered Mom. "They need to be able to read the Bible for themselves. This is one of the best ways we have of growing in the knowledge of God."

"I never thought about that," said Gary. "But it's true. If I couldn't read there are many things in the Bible I wouldn't know."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for my school. Help me in this coming year to study as I should and learn the things I need to know. Help me to grow in a knowledge of You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1965

Read Scripture: James 1:2-7

Betsy's Bear

"Mommy fix," said Betsy. She handed to Mommy her teddy bear. One leg was almost off.

"Oh, my, he does need fixed," said Mommy. She put down her dust cloth and took the bear. "Come, Betsy, we will find some brown thread and a needle. Then I can fix your bear."

Betsy and Mommy went to the sewing room. Mommy found a spool of thread the same color as the bear. She threaded a needle with it. Then she sat down and began sewing. Soon the bear's leg was sewed in place. Mommy clipped the thread and handed the bear back to Betsy.

"Mommy fix. Thank you," laughed Betsy as she ran off to play.

Betsy knew Mommy could and would help her when she asked her. This is the way we should pray to God, knowing He can and will help us. We should ask in faith.

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I know You are powerful enough to do anything I ask. Help me to always have faith You will answer my prayers in the way that is best. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

ALL FOR ONE

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS are surrounded by unchurched people who need to be reached and brought into the fellowship of the Church. There are many different methods which can be used to reach these people if we will only use these methods. The following is one good approach for reaching the unreached which was suggested by Mrs. A. H. Richards of Poyallup, Washington, as reported in *Link* magazine.

"Three Sunday school members working in the same place of employment chose a fellow-employee, who was not a church attender. Together the three would pray for this one claiming the promise, 'If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven' (Matt. 18:19).

"Then Christian number one would invite the 'chosen one' to Sunday school the next Sunday. If his invitation was not accepted that Sunday, Christian number two gave the invitation the next week. If his invitation did not bring results Christian number three would then invite their 'choice' to Sunday school. Often the invitation was accepted by this time but if not, the rotation was repeated—several times if necessary.

"As soon as the 'chosen one' was added to the Sunday school the same method was begun on the next desired recruit. Not only did the Sunday school grow, by this method, but souls were added to the Kingdom of God. So enthused were the workers that they began to meet an hour before the Sunday evening service to exchange testimonies! And great was the blessing of the Lord.

"I'm sure you see the possibilities in such a program and how easily this could be adapted to any size Sunday school. This could easily be worked out as a family project. Let three couples adopt this method of reaching an unchurched family. Or high school or even grade school children might try it in inviting their

school chums. And don't forget to 'follow up' with the invitation to offer to *take* the invited one to Sunday school."

NEVER TOO OLD

THIS SHORT ARTICLE, also taken from *Link* magazine, contains an example and a challenge for each of us:

"Mr. William B. Uphold, 83, Peoria, Illinois, made more than 4,000 calls during 1961. As a result the Mount Olive Missionary Church of which he is a member grew from 240 to over 400.

"Mr. Uphold has probably been in more homes and is known personally by more people than any other person in Peoria. The Sunday school at Mount Olive Missionary Church has grown because of his consistent visitation, following up absentees, and contacting prospects.

"Besides seeing his own Sunday school grow, his visitation has encouraged many people to become regular in attending their own Sunday school. Mr. Uphold says, 'I work for the Lord, not for one church or Sunday school.' "

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for August 22, 1965
THE PASSIONS OF THE FLESH
Text: Galatians 5:13-26

THE PROBLEM of fleshly passions is as old as man. Eve toyed around with the forbidden tree until her curiosity became a burning desire. All people have passions, some good and some bad. Passions are our emotions. Most often we think of passions as being emotions which have a compelling force. One may have a passionate love for Jesus and for a variety of services in His honor. This is a good type of passion. On the other hand we may have a driving passion to explore the forbidden, to do what we know God said not to do. There lurks within the flesh of man evil desires which crave satisfaction. These lusts of the flesh are in constant opposition to all that is good, pure and holy.

Paul is writing this letter to the Galatians to show these Christians how it is that they are free from the rules of the Old Testament. He hastens to add that freedom from the Old Testament laws does not give license to sin. We are free but only free to live and love in Jesus Christ. The sum of the law under which a Christian lives is this, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself** (5:14). In loving our neighbor as ourselves, the strength which we would waste on violating the rights and sanctity of our neighbors would be harnessed for a positive good.

Walk in the Spirit

The good that we can do can be discovered by living as the Spirit of God directs. We can do this only when we are convicted of Christ and His Gospel. No one in the world can fathom the extent and possibilities of a Spirit led life.

Living in the Spirit gives us power over the lusts of the flesh. Selfish impulses and desires rise up against the Spirit of God, but by confidential faith in Him, we have the victory over the flesh. "When the Holy Spirit places a course of conduct upon the heart of the believer, the flesh opposes the Spirit in an effort to prevent the believer from obeying the Spirit—the choice lies with the saint. He must develop the habit of keeping his eye fixed on the Lord Jesus and his trust in the Holy Spirit. The more he says no to sin, the easier it is to say NO, until it becomes a habit. The more he says YES to the Lord, the easier it is to say YES, until that becomes a habit."—K. S. Wuest.

In What Ways Lusts Reveal Itself

Sexual vices—5:19. Fornication: illicit sex relationships and prostitution. Uncleanliness: moral indecency, filthy conduct and habits. Lasciviousness: such abandon to sexual intercourse and lewdness that one ceases to care what God or man thinks of him.

Mean, selfish and misguided attitudes and conduct (5:20)—all of these lusts tend to destroy fellowship with God and each other.

The Fruit of the Spirit—5:22-26

Love is the basic fruit of the Spirit. Out of love comes the ingredients for a full and rich life; an abundant life. Wherever you see joy, peace, great patience, kindness, love in action, confidence, meekness and temperance, you know the people are walking in the Spirit.

Spiritual Meditations

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WE NEED THE SUN

If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin (I John 1:7).

A LITTLE GIRL, who lived in the London slums, won a contest for raising the most beautiful flowers. Where she dwelt the rays of the sun were seldom seen because of the tall buildings, and people were curious how she raised such beautiful flowers.

Her explanation was this: "Each day when the sun shone there was a certain small spot where the sun's rays shone through. As the spot moved, I would move the plant. As much as possible, I kept the flower in the center of the sunlight."

Now God's will for us is the only force that can bring out the beauty and attractiveness of our Christian character. No matter what may be the difficult circumstances of our surroundings, it is necessary to keep in the center of God's will. As the flower developed into a thing of joy by being kept in the center of the light's rays, so we need to take advantage of the light God sends our way. Whether there is little or much light, we need to take advantage of the little God sends our way. There is cleansing in the light, and power over sin, and radiance and beauty of character. And "the Son of Righteousness has arisen, with healing in His wings, shall we walk in the everlasting light."

Brethren Youth Crusaders

IDEA BOX



Here is a game you might like to use at a party or banquet. It would also be suitable for use at a youth meeting.

Here are twelve Bible stories and parables. Try to unscramble them in 15 minutes!

1. Het Toem dan mabe
2. Eht renrab igf reet
3. Hawet dna raset
4. Hte sartdum dsee
5. Teh gliapord osn
6. Het speeh nad eht agsot
7. Eth ent natlest
8. Teh ieesraph dan bialncup
9. Aeveln diednh ni amel
10. Arpel fo aretg ciepr
11. Eth adrg etn
12. Ihcr amn nad Suazarl

Look for the answers in next week's *The Brethren Evangelist* on the Youth pages.

SUNNY SARASOTA

Senior and Jr. Hi BYC'ers enjoyed a swimming party in the "Lord's" pool on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Richard A. Lord and family generously opened their home and pool for the use of the young people. While they were swimming, the Junior BYC'ers met at the church and enjoyed a treasure hunt. At 4 o'clock all met at the church for a weiner roast. Rev. Hamel conducted a Bible Quiz during the devotional period. This—with a regular meeting on the "4th"—were the last planned activities for BYC'ers until September.

BOYS' BROTHERHOOD SWORD DRILL CONTEST

Eliminations will be held during the week of General Conference at Ashland, Ohio. The finals will be Saturday afternoon along with the Bible Quiz finals.

Following are rules and information pertaining to this Sword Drill Contest for Boys.

1. Any boy (in age limits) attending conference may compete if he desires. This will be individual competition rather than as a team, because many churches only have one boy attend conference, therefore he may enter individually.

2. There will be a Jr. and Sr. division. Jr. ages will be from 9 through 13, and Sr. ages will be from 14 through high school.

3. The hand and arm holding the Bible will be fully extended above the head. The other hand in lap.

4. The Bible book and verse will only be given once, will not be repeated.

5. At command, "Swords Up," all talking will cease, arm with Bible will be lifted above head.

6. Book and verse reference given, then at word "go," contestant brings Bible down to start looking.

7. Contestant will stand as soon as reference is found and wait for recognition before reading.

8. Chair system of lights or buzzers will be provided as means of recognition.

9. Contestants will not jump up or ring buzzer until book and verse are found. If this happens, he is disqualified for this particular verse, and penalized 5 points.

10. 10 points given for correct reference read. 5 points deducted for incorrect reference read.

11. If incorrect reference is read by one contestant, the next one (with light on or buzzer sound) may read correct one if he is ready at that time. If both of these are incorrect, both will be deducted 5 points each, and no further chance on this particular reference will be allowed.

12. Twenty references will be given per contest with 5 addition if a tie results.

13. A copy of references will be furnished judges so they may check correctness of references read by contestants. Judges decisions will be final.

14. Winner of each division will receive a Bible, and the church will receive a plaque for their bulletin board. Runner-up of each division will receive a Christian book, and their church will also receive a plaque.

MEYERSDALE JUNIORS

The Jr. BYC of Meyersdale enjoyed a picnic on June 22nd at Burnt Cabins in Negro Mountain. Mt. Davis, the highest point in Pennsylvania is nearby.

We enjoyed a hike and baseball, and of course, plenty of good food.

The group worked hard in the study of Acts but did not have a team at District Conference.

—Sidney M. Lenhart

YOUTH BANQUET AT VINCO



One of the highlights of Brethren Youth Week at the Vinco church, and one of the highlights of our year's youth program, was our "dress-up" youth banquet.

Approximately forty senior B.Y.C.'ers and several guests were seated about the tables in the beautifully decorated Fellowship House of our church. A committee from the Senior B.Y.C. was responsible for the decorating and arrangement of the Fellowship House for this occasion.

The Berean Sunday School Class (composed of married couples) prepared and served this banquet, and then did the necessary cleaning up, dishwashing, etc. This service by the Bereans was greatly appreciated by our young people for it made it possible for all of us to enjoy the entire evening together.

Following the meal we had a brief program which included a beautiful travel film; group singing; devotions; a few words from our pastor, Rev. Bates; and a few words from one of our advisors, Mr. Duane Metzger. The group also expressed their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Metzger for their work as advisors during this past year.

The enclosed photographs show some of the youth gathered about the banquet tables, and also several of the Bereans busily occupied in the kitchen (l. to r. Lavelle Horner, John Cobaugh and Alex Lynch).



COUNTY LINE ACTION

Due to the loss of our church, things have been a little disorganized but we are still managing to keep our BYC together. Thanks to our parents, we have been meeting in a different home for each meeting.

We are working hard to meet our goals for this year. We hope to be a Banner Society.

Over the 4th of July we had a booth set up at the Lakeville High School to sell Dilly Bars (ice cream) for a money-making project. (Our thanks to the Jim Fords for donating the ice cream.

We have set our goal quite high for National Project. With only a car wash and rummage sale yet to go for money-makers, we hope to make it. In fact, we are sure we will make it.

We had a Jr. Hi Quiz team: Keith Isenberg, Jean Donahue, Debby Penrod, Fern Beard. Although they did not win, we felt they deserved something for their wonderful enthusiasm and study right up to the last minute. So we presented them with a trophy to be put in our new church.

We congratulate the winning teams; we know how hard they must have worked.

We enjoy reading of the other groups, especially any new ideas.

PLEASANT HILL HIGHLIGHTS

Our Jr. Hi group has not been very large this year. Although we do not plan to have regular meetings this summer, we do plan to have a few parties.

Even though we did not have a large group, we rated our BYC group as a success. To show our advisors and leaders what we really wanted out of a meeting, each person planned and led one or more meetings.

People from our own group played the piano, led singing, read Scripture and prayed. We studied Acts by making questions into TV, radio or other games. Everyone has learned that he can do something for Christ and the church even if he is only a teenager.

—Miss Jan Kraus

MEYERSDALE SR. MINUTES

Our Public Service was held on Youth Sunday. Devotions were conducted by members from Jr. and Sr. groups. Two teams from the Sr. group participated in a Bible Quiz. This gave the church congregation a chance to observe our study of the book of Acts.

The same evening the Sr. Quiz team went to Johnstown to compete with the team from the Third Brethren Church during their evening worship. We came home the losers but truly enjoyed the fellowship with them.

—JoAnn Martin

Answer to "CHURCHES ANONYMOUS"

Gratis, Ohio. Pastor, Rev. Tom Schultz

SISTERHOOD

KINDNESS...

Is it on your "Things to Remember" list?

by Miss Ruth E. Diffenderfer

IN THE WEBSTER DICTIONARY the word "kindness" is defined as the act or habit of being kind. It is a habit that, if we practice it wisely each day, will reap rich dividends now and in the future. In our almost overwhelming rush to go places and get things done, we sometimes neglect the little courtesies that are quite important. Kindness can begin with just a sincere smile or a friendly greeting.

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians (4:32), we read that we should be *kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.* We know that Christ was a perfect example of kindness by the many miracles He performed for others during His lifetime. And think how kind God was to us by letting Christ suffer and die on the cross.

With this perfect example to follow as a guideline, it will help us to study several different ways that you, as Christian girls, can practice the habit of being kind to others. First, being friendly is a valuable and noticeable trait that is not too hard to acquire. You all have probably known some person who seemed rather aloof and shy, and seemed not to have too many friends. Yet, this same person, after you had gotten to know her, was a warmhearted and sincere individual.

Perhaps you need to improve the act of being friendly. I sincerely hope you are not one of those people who, when a new girl comes into the church or school, says, "Oh, I'll wait until someone introduces us. Then I'll invite her to our next S.M.M. meeting." Is this a way of showing Christian kindness even though you, yourself, may be a little shy? Often just a smile can break the ice and make that person feel at home in a new situation. It can also start some wonderful and lasting friendships.

Doing the deeds you are asked to do without complaining is another valuable asset of Christian kindness. This begins right in your own home when you are asked to do some task such as dusting the furniture, cleaning a room, or doing the dishes. Although you probably would rather do something else, it is better to say, "I'll do it right now," than to sit and mope around or say, "I'll do it some other time," and some other time never comes. Or you have to be constantly reminded. Of course you do not need to be asked. A cheerful volunteering to do the task will make the job seem less tedious, and you will feel better for having done it.

If you learn at home to do work cheerfully, it will be a much easier task to serve willingly on that committee at school or to say "yes" when you are asked to be the new officer of your Sisterhood society.

Showing a Christian concern for other people is another trait of being kind. We can look at the example of the story of the Good Samaritan to see what happens when we are concerned for someone else. A man had been beaten, robbed, and left to die along a road. The first man to come along was a priest, but the priest showed no concern for the injured man. Then came a Levite who also passed him without stopping. Finally a Samaritan came along and stopped to help him. He cleaned his wounds and took him to a nearby inn where he also paid the injured man's room. This Samaritan had shown a deep concern for the stricken man and had tried to help him.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all had great concern for others like the Samaritan had? I read some time ago of a man who was coming home from his job and was stabbed along a well-traveled street in one of our larger cities. Many people passed by, glanced at him, and went on their way without trying to help or call for assistance. Finally a policeman came by, saw the man, and called for an ambulance. But it was too late to save him. The man died before the ambulance could reach the hospital. If someone would have taken interest in this man, he might be alive today. It is unfortunate that events like this occur, but they do quite often. People seem to shrug their shoulders and go on their way lest they become involved.

Being generous with time and talent is another way of showing kindness. How much time do you spend for the Lord each week? If you would take a survey of yourself for a week you might be rather surprised to find that a very small portion of your time is spent in doing the work of the Lord.

And that special talent that God has given you—are you using it wisely? There are many ways that your services can be used within the church. Are you

a good mathematician? Then you could possibly be used as Sunday school secretary or treasurer for your local Sisterhood society. Does the choir need some extra sopranos or altos? Here is another place where your service could be used to advantage. Help could probably be used in the Sunday school department by passing out materials, or you could work in the nursery during the worship hour. Remember—God has given each of you a special talent to use for Him, and it is up to you to use it.

Kindness, then, is not just one particular thing but rather has many facets. If each of you go that extra mile to be kind to others, you will find you are happier and better-liked individuals.

KINDNESS

Be swift, dear heart, in saying
The kindly word;
When ears are sealed thy passionate pleading
Will not be heard.

Be swift, dear heart, in doing
The gracious deed;
Lest soon, they whom thou hold dearest,
Be past thy need.

I WITNESSED A MIRACLE

by MRS. RALPH KULLMAN

ONE OF MY FAVORITE gospel singers, "Mary Jayne," has an album out entitled, "I Believe In Miracles." I love to sit and listen to the words of this song, but the true meaning of those words became very real to me a few months ago. The following is an actual account of a miracle that took place in our town of Lathrop, California.

Late one Friday night as we were getting ready for bed, the phone rang. I answered, and a friend of mine was on the other end frantically inquiring about the whereabouts of our pastor. She went on to explain that her sister's baby daughter was in a Stockton hospital with spinal meningitis and not expected to live. If she did live, she would have permanent brain damage. I could hardly believe my ears, because just a few weeks prior, I had taken care of the little girl. All I could see for that few moments was tiny little Kathy lying in a hospital bed balancing between life and death. How I wished then I could go back a few weeks to when she was playing happily in my girls' playroom. When I finally came to my senses and realized my friend was waiting for an answer, I relayed the message to my husband. He immediately went to look for our pastor, Rev. Bob Madoski.

Rev. Madoski was on his way home when he found him and told him of little Kathy's illness. He rushed immediately to the hospital. In the meantime I called my friend to get a little more information about the nature of Kathy's meningitis as the Fort Ord cases kept coming into my mind. It was at this time that she made the statement, "The doctors said only the Lord could save her now, it's out of our hands. If you know anyone who can pray, they better start now."

I know many prayers went up for Kathy that night, and she did survive the long night. Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. there was a special prayer meeting at the church on behalf of Kathy. This special prayer was requested by Kathy's family and other interested friends. There were around fifteen or twenty Christians there. What a humbling experience that was. Christians meeting together in one accord to petition God for a life.

The grandmother came to the prayer meeting directly from the hospital and said, "The doctors cannot break Kathy's fever, and unless it breaks soon there is no hope for her." The service lasted around a half-hour, and the grandmother immediately left for the hospital to check on Kathy's condition. Upon her arrival at the hospital, Kathy's mother said, "Look, Mom, she is wringing wet, what happened?" Kathy's fever broke at the approximate time our prayers went up. She was on the way to a full and complete recovery.

One week from that Sunday, Kathy was in church with her mother looking healthy and very much normal. A living example of the love and power of God.

I don't believe some of the people that see her now realize just how sick and near death this little girl was. But we who were there know the seriousness of the illness. Not only did we realize the seriousness of the illness but the power of God that He alone could bring her back to a normal life.

Imagine this little soul hovering between life and death on Friday night and back home with her mother on Monday morning. Days of sadness, yes, but, oh, the joy that followed! The name Kathy has a very special meaning to me now. It has strengthened my faith in God, drawn me nearer to the center of His Almighty will and made me a much stronger Christian.

Now when I hear, "I Believe In Miracles," *I really do.* Praise God for His countless blessings.

I am writing this article because I wanted to share this wonderful experience with others in the Brethren denomination.



Kathy (the smaller child), her sister and her mother.

from the Woman's Outlook

Bible Study for September

WALKING AFTER HIS COMMANDMENTS!

by REV. GENE HOLLINGER

THE GRECIANS were noted for their intelligence and pride, the Spanish and Latin Americans for their quick tempers, the Orientals for their patience and humbleness. The Americans have several things for which they are noted. Especially if you ask foreigners, you will hear that Americans are always hurrying, impetuous and discourteous.

It does seem that our lives are filled with imperatives: Stop Here! Buy Now! Join Up! Help Fight Cancer! Send Now! Attend Church This Sunday! The list could be much longer but the world floods us with imperatives, not that they are necessarily bad, but it does point up the fact that life has its demands. When you go to a post office or other federal building you see posters calling for young men to join the Army. A young man before he is drafted, is left to his own choice whether he will join or not, but once enlisted, he is no longer left to his own course. If Uncle Sam says for him to go to Greenland or Viet Nam, there he must go. Commands and imperatives are a part of the life of a military man. If he disobeys continually, he is dismissed from the service dishonorably. The same is true when we enlist under the Captain of our Salvation.

An imperative is defined as: expressive of command —not to be avoided or evaded.

The dictionary also says, Command and order imply authority; enjoin, direct, instruct are less imperative, but ALL connote expectation of obedience.

And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it (II John 6).

We take the imperatives, commands of everyday living and either ignore them as not for us, or we obey.

But we cannot "take it or leave it" when it comes to the imperatives, commands of the spiritual life. Walk after His commandments! Jesus had this to say, *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him . . . If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him* (John 14:21, 23).

In verses three and four of II John, we find a very close connection of truth and love. Walk in love and walk in truth. We walk in His commandments in this fashion. Even in human society, we learn that love and truth ought to be united: truth without love becomes cold, stern, and even cruel; love without truth becomes unstable and capricious. Truth is to abide in us and love is to abide in us, which is what Christ promised, "we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

We saw earlier that command expects obedience. God expects obedience but He does not demand it. Obedience is the product of love. Obedience which comes from fear or from self-interest is not true. The genuine evidence of affection is not profession, but obedience, not words, but deeds. We walk in obedience out of love. *By this we come to know (recognize and understand) that we love the children of God: when we love God and obey His commands — orders, charges; when we keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and His teaching. For the love of God is this, that we do His commands—keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and teaching. And these orders of His are not irksome—burdensome, oppressive or grievous* (Amplified New Testament —I John 5:2, 3). Notice it says "His commandments are not grievous," this does not mean that they are easy to keep. The walk after His commandments is on a narrow road. The meaning is, that His laws are not unreasonable. Of course if you are not disposed to listen to God, and think you know best, you will find it hard to obey the commandments of God. But out of love that is unselfish, the Christian chooses to obey. So walk in obedience out of love.

You may say that the law and commandments can only bring death. Paul said that "the wages of sin is death"; James said, "sin when it is finished bringeth forth death." Our sins brought about the death of Jesus Christ. The commandment of love gave Christ death; because of His love for us and of His obedience

to the Father, He went to the cross for us. But *because* He obeyed the commandment of love, He arose with life everlasting. Paul testified to this when he said, *love is the fulfilling of the law* (Rom. 13:10). F. B. Meyer said, "Whatever of outward service or obedience we render to God or man, if love is withheld the law is not fulfilled." Love *is* the fulfilling of the law, and Jesus Christ the Son of God came to fulfill the law, but He did it with love and obedience. *If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love . . . Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you* (John 15:10, 14).

Christ and John in all these passages were talking to disciples of Christ. The commandments were to be obeyed for growth in the Christian life, not for salvation. Children are noted for their disobedience, but adults are to be mature, able to take and follow commands. You can grow up and walk by obeying the commandments He has given.

Yes, brethren, our lives are filled with imperatives and commandments. But are they imperatives and commands of the world or of God? Christ emphasized very strongly the commandment of love. If we be God-pleasers instead of men-pleasers, we will fulfill the times by walking after His commandments.

Topic for September

TAKE TIME TO LEARN — TO BROADEN HORIZONS

by MRS. L. E. LINDOWER

HAVE YOU EVER FOUND yourself looking with envy upon Queen Elizabeth of Britain or Princess Grace of Monaco because she is monarch of a kingdom or principality? The prospect of being ruler of a kingdom has great appeal to many of us; yet, in reality, each of us *is* the ruler of a kingdom. A sixteenth century poet, Edward Dyer, once wrote, "My mind to me a kingdom is." This concept we would do well to explore.

What a magnificent kingdom is the mind! It contains innumerable experiences, memory gems, and learned facts which we may draft into service when we need them; it marshals reasons to work out problems that arise constantly. Hence, this great kingdom can be a blessing to us and to others, if we respect it, improve it, and use it effectively.

Unfortunately, many of us do not possess our kingdoms as completely as we might, by increasing our learning more and using this knowledge. One of the great tragedies we witness today is the total cessation of learning among some girls and women after school days are past. Frequently girls, as soon as they graduate from high school—or even college—lay aside the books and indicate, either by word or by attitude, "My education is over; no more studying for me!" They are looking to marriage, housekeeping, and children—or a career—and they can see nothing more.

To be sure, these experiences are definitely an essential part of a girl's life; we expect her to look forward to them and to center her life around them. However, even though her time for doing so may be limited, she should allow some time for continued learning to improve and beautify her mental kingdom. Actually, the young woman who continues to study and read with discrimination will discover that she is a better wife and mother; she will experience less ennui because of domestic routine, and she will be a more intelligent and stimulating companion to her husband. Naturally, one doesn't expect her, while constantly facing skinned knees, torn t-shirts, and mountains of laundry, to perform like a verbal stunt pilot; but she should be able to discuss subjects a bit more challenging than the braces on Junior's teeth or the increased price of T-bone steaks.

Occasionally, a woman who does find time away from household duties, occupies it with such mental sedation as reading literary trash from slick magazines, watching TV programs of low caliber, playing cards by the hour, or sunning herself endlessly, thereby reducing her chassis to leather-like texture. How much better it would be for her to use some of that time refinishing or renewing her mental furniture!

All one needs do to realize the value of the mental kingdom is to envisage life after all of the children are grown, married, and living their own lives. Then domestic duties will be reduced and household gadgets increased to the point where housekeeping will require very few hours during the week. What does one do with her time then?

If she doesn't want to become a bore, intruding on

her friends continually, or a neurotic, with countless —real and imaginary—aches and pains, she will have to develop interests in which she may find mental delight and in which she may experience real fulfillment. How rewarding then will be those precious hours and days of a more leisurely life! Of course, she will not be entirely selfish in using them. She will have more time to study and explore the Bible; she will discover new means of helping others; and she will achieve a greater understanding of the world around her.

To amplify this point, let me quote from John Ciardi, poetry editor of *Saturday Review*: "A human being is defined by what he does with his attention—How much easier it is to let one's mind into a lawn chair of the advertised life and to tune it there to Hollywood scenarios, or to let it drift into what Aldous Huxley called 'the endless idiot gibberish of the reverie.' It is easier to be inane, but the price is boredom, emptiness, and finally the inability to communicate meaningfully with any human being." Here is a picture of what we may become if we allow our minds to contain only trivia. On the other hand, if we want to be alert, stimulating people, we must TAKE TIME TO LEARN about the world around us, about the people in it, and even about ourselves.

One of the best ways of achieving such a purposeful life is to keep learning as long as we live, and we do this by continuing to read and study. James Addison once said, "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." Another wise man said, "If we do not read extensively, we bind our minds in straight jackets." Also, one might add, if we want our mental development to be a continuing experience, we must keep seeking a higher level—to stretch our minds and make them grow. We shouldn't always be looking for "easy reading"; rather we need to reach a bit beyond the easy, to stand on our mental tiptoes. The principle proposed by Robert Browning that "our reach should exceed our grasp" sounds logical.

A final reason for increasing our learning may seem a bit irrelevant, but it really isn't: We need increased learning to make ourselves more attractive. Most of us want to be attractive, and nobody questions this desire. We struggle—sometimes without too much success—to keep our figures trim; we spend hours—and dollars—to arrange our hair becomingly; we labor tirelessly to make or buy beautiful clothes. These things bring us satisfaction and a feeling of self-possession, but how much do we work to enhance ourselves mentally?

Let's face it, women: Eventually our hair will get gray; our steps will become less sprightly, and wrinkles will appear. However, if we adorn our minds, fill them with volumes of knowledge and interests, quite likely the wrinkles will not be noted—and certainly their presence will not disturb us so much. Maybe this is what Shakespeare had in mind when he said of one of his great women, "Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale her infinite variety." This sounds like more than physical attraction, doesn't it?

God gave us these kingdoms, our minds, to use. With them we can help others; we can find greater fulfillment for ourselves, and we can serve Him better. If we would do all these things, we must TAKE TIME TO LEARN!

Special Study
Brethren Missions in Review

The MISSIONARY BOARD of the BRETHREN CHURCH

Part V

AS WE CONCLUDE our first year's study on the work of Brethren Missions, it would be well for us to review a few of the facts which we have gleaned from our study thus far. During the first two months we explored the Biblical basis for missions. We learned that we receive the authority for home and world missions from the Lord Jesus Christ, himself. The commands to evangelize the world are found in both the Old and New Testaments and particularly in the words of Christ, *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature* (Mark 16:15). Each of us as Christians is to be a bearer of the good news for *every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit* (John 15:2).

Christ, by the perfect life He lived and by the commands He gave His followers, is the supreme example from which we receive our authority for world-wide evangelism.

We recognized that the aim of missions is to make disciples, to baptize the believers and to teach them how to live Christ-like lives.

During the fourth month, we considered the obligations and rewards of missions. Some of the rewards are: His presence will be with us, His promise of fruit for our labors, and He will give us blessings unnumbered.

Our next consideration was a history of missions in the Brethren Church from its beginning in Schwartzenau, Germany, in 1708, until the present time. At first there was little or no mission work done, and following the migration of the Brethren to America in 1719, the people were so occupied with economic problems, establishing homes, etc., that very little effort was made. It was not until 1880 that a general mission board was formed and mission work was carried on in Denmark, Sweden and Germany.

Following the division between Conservatives and Progressives in the early 1880's, the mission program remained under the control of the Church of the Brethren. In 1900 at the National Conference at Winona Lake, Indiana, the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church was born under a giant oak tree. Work was begun in Africa and Argentina, but the church lost most of its mission stations following the 1939 division within the denomination. Dr. Yoder remained with the Brethren Church and salvaged a few of the churches in Argentina. With the sending of Rev. and Mrs. Rob Byler to Argentina in 1947 and Miss Veda Liskey to Nigeria in 1948 (under the Church of the Brethren board), our work was begun with renewed vigor and has been growing ever since.

To complete our first year's study, we glimpsed the working and personnel of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church. The Board consists of fifteen members elected by General Conference from the various districts and two members elected by the Woman's Missionary Society. This Board is responsible for a mountain of tasks which are necessary to carry on an effective mission program at home and abroad. The person hired by the Board to be its representative is the General Secretary, Rev. Virgil Ingraham. His able office assistant is Mrs. Delbert Mellinger. Their task is great, and as members of the Woman's Missionary Society we also have a great task—to support the mission program of our church with our gifts of money and supplies, our prayers, and by giving our sons and daughters to the Lord to be used in the greatest work in the world.

Our study beginning next month will be concerned with our home mission areas.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

STILL

"Stand still," redeemed of God, when circumstances,
Like Pihahiroth's mountains shut you in;
When anxious thoughts, like Pharaoh's hosts, press on you
To harass your faint heart by fears within;
When trouble, like the Red Sea, looms before you,
Be not afraid, the might of God will win;
"Stand still."

DON'T JUST DO something—stand there (I Sam. 12:7)! When at the corner of "Walk" and "Don't Walk" stand still for the "go" signal (Isa. 30:21). It is not laziness to wait patiently for the Lord to meet a need rather than to turn to any other source (II Chron. 20:17). David did this all the years he waited for God to set him on the throne of Israel (I Sam. 27:1). He refused to get rid of Saul by his own devices even though the wicked king was twice at his mercy (I Sam. 24:3-7; 26:11). David knew that the removal of Saul for David's enthronement was something that should be left in God's hands (I Sam. 24:12). Error and rebellion comes from those who act on their own wilful, presumptious, insubordinating ways (I Sam. 13:11-14). Abraham and Sarah went ahead of the Lord's promise of an heir and brought trouble into their own home and for Israel to this present day (Gen. 21:9-12). Life has many tight corners to squeeze the man of faith (Exod. 14:11). It took a brave leader to stand still and admit that he had no immediate plans to cope with impending danger (vs. 13, 14). Job 37:14 was practiced here.

"Sit still," beloved of God, if you would enter
Your rich inheritance in Christ, your rest
Which He for you so graciously has purchased
By His own blood, the purest and the best;
Down at the feet of your more loving Boaz,
The Lord who longs to grant you your request,
"Sit still."

Divine Love has made believers to "sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:4-6). Christ, our Boaz, has made every provision for us (Ruth 3:18). Rather than to trust in vain help our strength is to sit still (Isa. 30:7), and commune with our own hearts (Ps. 4:4) on the reality of God (Ps. 46:10). We need to sit still in the place of God's protection and healing forgiveness (Isa. 8:14).

"Be still," children of God, when all around you
The noise of Babel overcomes your peace;
This maddening rush, this vaunted human progress,
So long foretold, shall yet the more increase;
But He who sits upon the throne is ruling,
And in His time will bid the rush to cease:
"Be still."

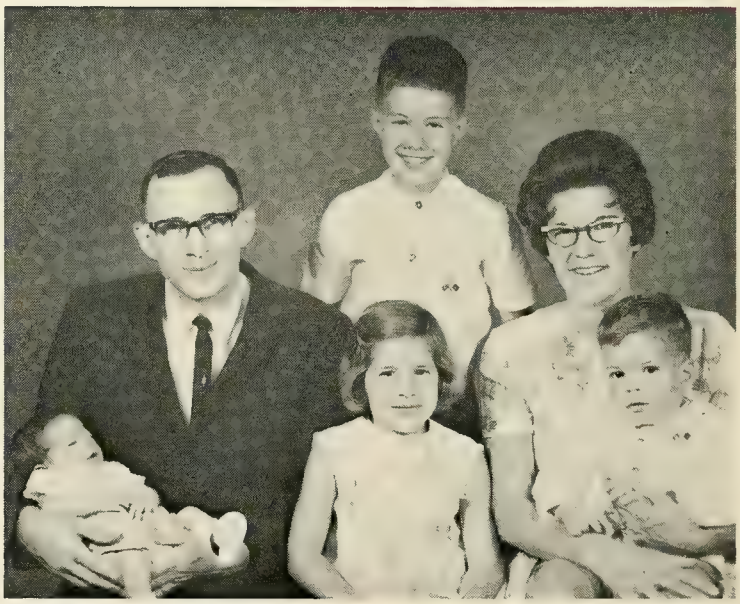
—H. Cockrell

The One who commanded peace to the waves (Mk. 4:39) can quell the turmoil of the restless heart (Matt. 11:28, 29). With Him are the secrets of serenity (Ps. 32:1, 2). We are told how to lose anxiety (Phil. 4:6, 7), by putting God ahead of things (Matt. 6:31-33). There is one thing we are not to keep silence about before God (Ps. 32:3). When God has a controversy with us we are to make a clean breast of things (v. 5). Another secret of serenity is taking life a day at a time (Matt. 6:34). We trust the Giver of our days for needed strength (Deut. 33:25). We await God's time for the unveiling of His ways (Jn. 13:7). We can wait God's time, if we are His children (Rom. 8:28).

MISSIONARY NEWS

MISSIONARY PROGRAM

General Conference

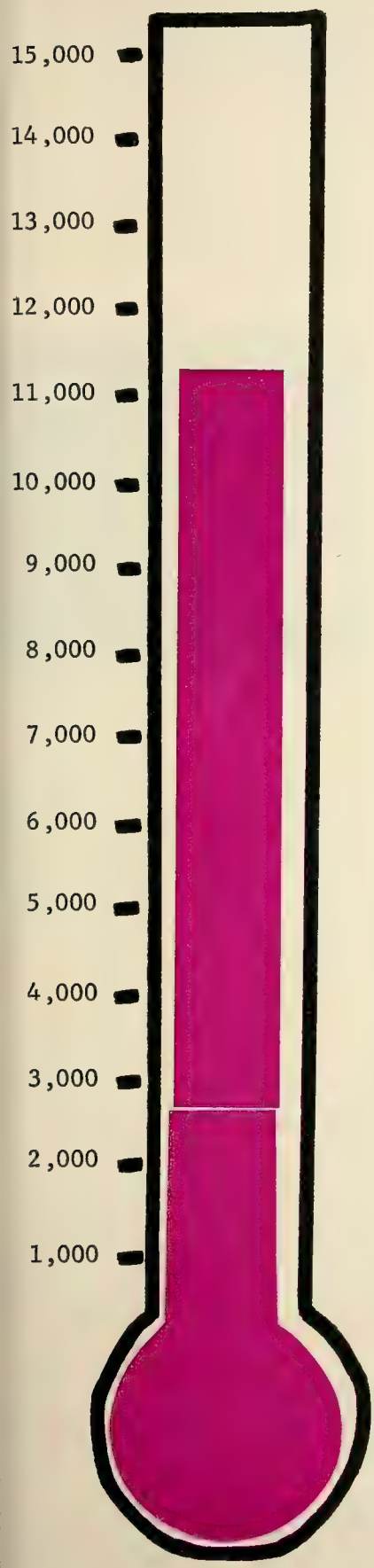


The Bolinger Family

GENERAL CONFERENCE this year presents a week-end of special missionary emphasis. Robert Bischof, furloughed missionary from Nigeria, will be the missionary banquet speaker. Missionary Conference speaker, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Executive Secretary of Foreign Missions of National Association of Evangelicals, will offer challenging messages Friday evening, Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Dr. Taylor, now well known in evangelical circles everywhere, has traveled extensively both in this country and abroad. These journeys in the interest of world missions have taken him to 92 countries visiting mission fields, serving boards, and co-ordinating mission activities. This gives Dr. Taylor firsthand information concerning world conditions everywhere.

The Missionary Offering on Sunday morning of General Conference has been designated for "Bolinger Candidate Training Fund." Larry and Rose Bolinger are preparing for missionary service in Nigeria. The need for further language study and other related subjects at the Language Center, Michigan University will involve them in further training. This extremely large budget item can be greatly alleviated by the Sunday offering. Be prepared to give generously or make a pledge so that we might continue to train workers for African service.

Since the Church is in the world for the purpose of preaching the Gospel to every creature and to teach all nations the Word of God, we must not fail in carrying out Christ's commission. We must help the young evangelical churches in Africa during this age of great peril.

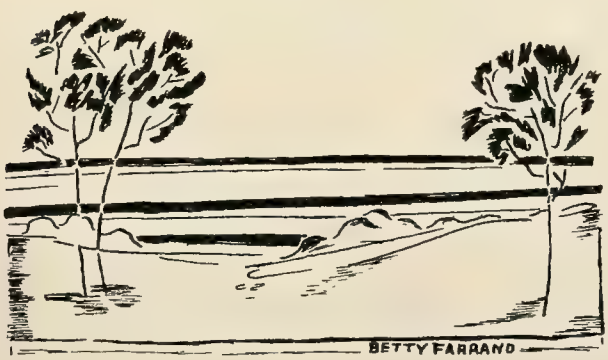


The COUNTY LINE CHURCH TORNADO DISASTER

THE PRESENT total of contributions is $11,250.59 with $2,046.00 having been received from individuals. We list herewith additional contributions from the churches.

There is still time to add your contribution if you have not done so as yet!

Berlin Church, Pennsylvania	$ 462.81
Brighton Chapel, Indiana	60.50
Dutchtown Sunday School, Indiana	30.00
Flora Church, Indiana	973.79
Fort Scott Church, Kansas	22.99
W. M. S.	7.00
Goshen Church, Indiana	735.79
Highland Church, Pennsylvania	25.00
Johnstown Second Church, Pennsylvania	120.25
Johnstown Third Church, Pennsylvania	35.00
Lanark Church, Illinois	99.00
Lathrop Church, California	35.00
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Daily Vacation Bible School	55.00
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W. M. S.	25.00
Mulvane Church, Kansas	37.63
Nappanee Church, Indiana	20.00
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Sarasota Church, Florida	150.00
Trinity Brethren, Canton, Ohio	133.00
Waterloo Church, Iowa	810.65
Wayne Heights Church, Pennsylvania	36.05
Previous Church gifts reported	4,849.26



The Brethren Layman

Searching the Psalms

PSALM 42

David Cries Out To God!



by HAROLD E. PARKS, SR.

PSALM 42 is somewhat similar to many of the Psalms in that it shows the desperation of a man *almost* overwhelmed by circumstances and spiritual distress. His despair is *never complete*, but he *seeks God* and finds help.

The Psalmist describes his desire for God as thirst, panting as the hart (deer) panteth after water.

No doubt we all have experienced a severe thirst for water sometime during our lives. Water, like many more wonderful things we receive from God, is free; but so many times during our lifetime, we would be willing to pay in monetary value many times the value of water because we need it to survive.

Many people have died from thirst; some from a material thirst, some from a spiritual thirst. The most important thing about our spiritual thirst is that it can be satisfied. It doesn't cost anything but through the Grace of God, nothing. It is hard to understand why man desires the "hard to get things" and refuses to recognize the importance and necessity of the free things in life. Perhaps it is vanity or a desire for conquest. How true it is.

"The best things in life are free." These things are lasting, too—when God redeems you, you are just as much redeemed thirty years later as you were one second after He redeemed you, covered by the blood.

In these first few verses, we cannot refrain from sympathizing with David. It would rather appear to us that David is sorrowful, downhearted, in agony, but just a minute, beloved—should we not ask ourselves, how great is our longing for God? Do *we* always feel as close to God and practice His presence in our lives as we should? Have *we* in our weaker moments, questioned God's answer to our prayers?

In verse 3, the psalmist says, *My tears have been my meat day and night.* There are those who would tell you that tears are an indication of weakness. I believe this is far from the truth. If you will excuse the personal reference, my blood brother, just before he went to be with the Lord, made the following remark: "Not all tears are tears of sadness, mine are tears of gladness." He knew where he was going. Let us not forget, Brethren, the greatest man that ever walked this earth cried upon two occasions. Tears could be a sign of weakness if you shed them because your car isn't as nice as your neighbors, your house not as pretty, or your job not as good.

God is a good God who works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform, and it is perhaps a good thing for us that our finite minds are not capable of comprehending the vastness of God. One thing we do know, salvation is not complicated. Even a fool cannot err, it is so plain.

David did not blame God because he was so miserable and dejected. He still hung on to that great faith of his when in the fifth verse he said, *For I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.* Again in the eleventh verse, he repeats, *For I shall yet praise him.*

How would we answer our fellow men when they ask us, as they asked David, "Where is thy God?"

It certainly is a wonderful trust David had in God, to continue to have faith that God had not really forsaken him.

We have been asked many times during our physical sickness, by those who would belittle our faith and our God, "Why are you in your present condition, you love God, you teach Sunday school, you serve

Him, you pray, doesn't He hear you? Why doesn't He answer your prayers?" To which we reply, "God is good to us. He doesn't give us burdens we cannot endure. He is interested in us; "not even a sparrow falleth unnoticed." He has never promised us we would be free of sorrow, sickness, heartaches, etc. We aren't looking for our reward down here, although there are many.

If we live over our normal span of years, we can bear our suffering through Christ. This normal span is but a short time compared to eternal life where we will know no heartaches, sickness, tears or sorrow. This is a promise that Christ has given to us.

In verse eleven, with God's very honor at stake for the moment, the psalmist's recourse to hope rises to a higher, though still not triumphant, expectant note. His suffering has led him to a deeper concern for God's honor than evidently he had in happier days.

Has it not been the same with us? Have we not been brought closer to Christ through suffering?

It is only through our trials and tribulations that we become dependent upon God, hence an unusual sense of satisfaction in knowing there is one who *personified love* in giving of *His Son* that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Praise God for men like David that had great faith in the face of adversity. He and other great men of God inspire us to "Keep looking up."

WE MUST MOVE OUR CHURCH

by RALPH L. FAIRBANKS

WHAT THIS WRITER has to say is not really new in the minds of the Brethren, but perhaps just needs to be said or repeated. I have given a great deal of thought, consideration, prayer and conversation on this matter before deciding to write this article which will only skim the motives for this writing. I would like to have it perfectly clear that I DO NOT INTEND TO RUN DOWN OUR DENOMINATION BUT, we must look at ourselves realistic. We must learn what we can from the past and look forward into the future. For I do believe, we, as a Brethren Church, have a real future. I do not write this to bring strife or controversy into the church, but to "move our church."

I have heard many of the Brethren say or ask questions such as some of the following: "Our church isn't doing anything," "Why doesn't our church grow (meaning our denomination)?" "Will there be a Brethren Church in the next ten to twenty-five years?" "How come it costs so much to send our Brethren to Ashland College?" "Why the lack of ministers in the church?" and many more similar statements or questions. You might think this a dark picture but I think it a healthy one. It shows to me that the people in the Brethren Church are reawakening to their purpose. Afterall, who is the church besides the people? So the previous statements or questions must be answered by ourselves, for we are the cause of them.

Let us take the first statement and question, for they mean the same or answer one to the other. "Our church isn't doing anything," and "Why doesn't our church grow?" Let us make it very simple. A church that is not willing to do something will not grow. A church that will not grow will not do something. Let me suggest that all of our Sunday schools must have training in all phases of the Sunday school work. All officers of the Sunday school and church need to know the responsibilities and obligations of their office and how to administer and execute the same. Here lies an area where we need and must have proper training. I am sure that books are available in your local library that will be of great help to the local church. For more information you can write the "Brethren Publishing Company," and in this way you can help "move our church." We must provide good leadership in the church.

We must move our church through good programing. The first business of the church is to "evangelize the area around itself." When you have reached all that you can in that area, then it is time to stem out into other areas. I remember talking to our missionary, "Doc" Shank, just shortly before he left for his first assignment on the field. He said this to me and our local church here in Mansfield. "Our mission field is only as strong as our home field." How true this is.

The next question, "Will there be a Brethren Church in the next twenty-five years?" The answer to this is without equivocation "yes." Reading *The Brethren Evangelist* and seeing the work being done for Christ and the Brethren Church through our mission board and the wonderful Rev. Virgil Ingraham and other Brethren, we can see that there is a definite future for our church. We are building new churches in new areas and adding to some others. But we must do even more. This is where we need to grow and work — "United" in the "Ten Dollar Club." In the January 9, 1965 issue of *The Brethren Evangelist,* there was a mathematical form which shows us we could have at least $36,000 per call. Our calls have been bringing in an average of ten to fourteen thousand dollars per call. So you see, we could move nearly four times as fast if we would.

Let us move to the last two statements. "How come it costs so much to send our Brethren to Ashland College?" and "Why the lack of ministers in the

church?" I know some individuals and local churches have given financial support to Ashland College and Seminary. But here again not enough, or not all of us have. Our minister mentioned in his sermon that several Brethren would not be able to attend college because of the lack of financial funds. We must support the Student Aid Program and other financial programs of our college and seminary if we are to "move our church." If we don't, we not only lose students but could lose our church. Who will teach and train Brethren students to be Brethren ministers, teachers, missionaries, evangelists and other Brethren workers except Brethren. You can be sure interdenominational schools will not teach it for us. It is assured the other denominations won't do it for us, and most assured the State won't do it for us. So let us back up our college and seminary one hundred per cent.

We need and can "move our church" by participating in the "Revolving Fund." This is a very important function of the church.

We can and must "move our church" through our Benevolent Offering. This needs our utmost support.

We can and must "move our church" through the Brethren Publishing Company. We need to order all the materials that we possibly can through this agency. We must and can inform our Brethren through *The Brethren Evangelist.* Our subscriptions need to go up.

Most certainly, not all has been said in this conversation that could be said as far as some of the general talks go in and throughout the Brotherhood. But perhaps now that it has been said, we can once again "move our church."

I hope that many of you good Brethren will "move" up, down, or over (whatever the direction may be) to the National Conference this year August 16-22, 1965. In this way you can help "move our church."

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

VINCO MEN AND BOYS ENJOY OUTING

THE HIGHLIGHT of our July Laymen's meeting was an outing for the boys and men of the church at the Pleasant Hill recreation grounds. Hamburgers and hotdogs baked over charcoal, were the order of the evening with ice cream to follow. Once again we heard the clang of horse shoes and the shouting of those young strong voices while engaging in different activities. The swings were adding their merry tones to the laughter and the usual noises that come with every good picnic.

The main event, so far as athletics were concerned, was a soft ball game. We had grandfathers trying to prove to the younger set how youthful they were, and the younger ones showing dad and granddad just what they could do with that little round piece of stuffed leather.

When it became too dark to play outside, we went into the shelter and had a devotional period. During our business session, we elected our officers for the coming year. Then the twenty-four boys and twenty-two men headed for home.

James I. Mackall, Secretary
Vinco Laymen Organization

PENNSYLVANIA LAYMEN MEET IN BERLIN



AS THE SEVENTY-FIFTH Pennsylvania District Conference of the Brethren Church met in their annual meeting in the First Brethren Church, Berlin, Pa., on July 19-22, 1965, the laymen of this district also convened. At 8:30 each morning of the above mentioned dates, the men (about twenty of us) met in the "Sewing Room." With planned programs for each session, led by president James I Mackall, the meetings were interesting and helpful. Reports were heard from the represented local organizations, plans were made to meet our district goals and a forward look to General Conference and the N.L.O. meetings there, was taken. An announcement was made that the Laymen's Fall Rally would be held in The Third Brethren Church, Johnstown, on Thursday, October 7, with sessions at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. D.S.T. We appreciated the presence of brother John Porte, N.L.O. president each day.

The district laymen conducted their public conference service at 1:30 on Thursday afternoon and featured a fine address by Chester D. McFarland, publisher from nearby Somerset, Pa., who is an active Christian layman in his own denomination. A male quartet, Rev. Jerald Radcliff, Rev. James Naff and laymen James Mackall and Norman Grumbling sang several selections.

Officers for the ensuing year as elected Thursday morning are: President, James I. Mackall; Vice President, Austin Shumaker; Secretary, Floyd Benshoff; Assistant Secretary, Leroy Boyer; Treasurer, Lester Leidy; Assistant Treasurer, Clarence Howard.

The accompanying picture was taken by Lem Berkey, assisted by Mary Ann Walker.

Floyd Benshoff

WHAT IS A FAIR SALARY FOR A MINISTER?

by HAROLD SEDREL

MOST PEOPLE want to be fair. Christians, especially, strive to be fair. Congregations are often perplexed when they try to establish a fair salary for their minister. What criteria can they use? Where do they start?

They should *not* start by making a comparison with other ministers' salaries, for ministers are poorly paid . . . But how should the congregation proceed?

The Bureau of Census in a June 1964 report stated that family income rose 5 per cent in 1963 over 1962. Did your minister's salary rise 5 per cent in 1963? Or in 1964? How much will it raise in 1965 over 1964?

From 1953 to 1963 the average (median) family income rose 47 per cent, the Bureau of Census reports. Did your congregation raise your minister's salary 47 per cent in that period? If it did, you "kept pace."

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BUT, DID YOU START at a fair point? . . . The average (median) family income in 1963 was $6,200. (Half the families received more; half received less.) With the responsibility that a minister has, fairness would demand that he get more than the median. As a bare minimum it would seem he should get the $6,200 plus the rent free use of the manse or parsonage.

Families with the "head a year-around, full-time worker," have a median income of $7,483. Those with a "professional, technical or kindred worker" as the head have a median income of $9,837. Most of the latter do not require the amount of education or experience of a minister; many do not require a college degree.

When you make comparison, consider the free parsonage and the cash salary of the minister as income. To be fair about it, other expenses paid by the church *cannot* be treated as the minister's income; the car allowance, convention expense, the church's share of pension payments, book allowances, etc.

Comparisons with national averages will often lead to improper conclusions. The minister in a large city where cost of living is higher and where average income is higher should, out of fairness, receive a higher salary than the minister in a small town where costs are less and income is substantially lower.

Income varies by part of the country, too. The Northeast is $431 above the national average; North Central is $169 above; the South is $1,140 below; and the West is $988.88 above.

Income in your city or community is more important. The Census Bureau published income data for every county in the United States after the 1960 census. There is a good starting point. The median income has raised 16 per cent since then.

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MAYBE THE MINISTER doesn't need a fair salary. Maybe he should be so dedicated that he shouldn't be concerned. Maybe money should not be important to him.

He should be dedicated; and so should every other Christian. Maybe money shouldn't be so important to any of us Christians. But excusing poor stewardship of the church members by saying the minister should be dedicated is poor for the church. The dollar the church member keeps in his pocket because the minister is dedicated and uncomplaining is not helping the work of the Kingdom.

Christian fairness demands that we pay the minister a fair salary. If the membership will be as dedicated (or even half as dedicated) as the minister with its money, its time, its talents, there will be sufficient to pay the minister a fair salary. *And, more important, the money available to the benevolent programs would be twice, three-times, or ten-times as much as we send now as an investment in spreading the work of God through the world, which is the mission of the Church.*

Used by permission from Mr. Harold Sedrel. Mr. Sedrel is a prominent layman in the South Park Presbyterian Church in Rock Island, Illinois, and a frequent speaker on compensation for the ministry and other aspects of Christian stewardship. He is employed as personnel director for the United States Army Weapons Command.

Why not join the
TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

County Line Brethren Church - - -

SINCE THE PALM SUNDAY TORNADO, the life of our church has moved very rapidly. We continued with the regular services of the church as much as possible. Communion was held, and Easter services were conducted. Arrangements were made to use the Lapaz High School Gym and several class rooms for our Sunday school and worship services. These arrangements continue. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Beeman graciously, generously offered to let us use their Kids Korral Bunkhouse for other services.

April 20, our regular church business meeting was held in the Lakeville Methodist Church. At this time heartfelt determination to rebuild as quickly as possible was the prevailing desire of the congregation. At the meeting the moderator, Richard Mangus, announced the committee to interview architects. We appreciated and were encouraged by the presence of Rev. Spencer Gentle, Rev. Virgil Ingraham, and John Porte at this important meeting.

On May 9, the insurance company settled the insurance claims on the church and parsonage.

Prompted by our moderator's challenge to raise $5,000 on May 30, we voted to put the entire Sunday school and church collection into the Building Fund. We accepted this challenge and raised the required amount. Immediately after church, true to his word, the moderator wheeled the money in a wheelbarrow all the way from the Lapaz School to the Lakeville Bank. The trip took one hour and forty strenuous minutes. Three men helped "bear the moderator's burden" by taking shifts on the trek down Highway 31. They were Jim Ford, Finance Committee Chairman; Charles King, Sunday School Superintendent; and Rev. Kent Bennett, Pastor. Along the journey, one of our young men ran into a neighboring house, borrowed a gun, and rode "shotgun" the rest of the trip. Several cars made up a caravan to follow the wheelbarrow. On the trip our tireless moderator collected thirty additional dollars.

June 3, another business meeting was held. After a presentation of the services offered by Evangelical Church Building Corporation and a discussion among the people, the congregation voted to sign a contract with them.

July 13, the regular business meeting was held, and Rev. Kent Bennett was recalled for another year. Due to the emergency circumstances existing here, it was officially decided to keep all the present officers for another year. One new office was added, that of corresponding secretary.

On July 22, the congregation of the church met for the first time with ECBC representative, Joe Cheney. Mr. Cheney presented the proposed building designed by ECBC for the needs of the community here. The proposed building was accepted in general structure with many interior and exterior changes yet to be made.

Several months prior to the tornado, our wise Father had led us to buy more ground. If this had not been the case, the task before us might well have been much more difficult. Despite this addition to our land, the ECBC consultants advised us to attempt to purchase more so that we could relocate the parsonage.

At this point Mr. and Mrs. Charles King, whose own home had been destroyed in the storm, purchased and presented as a sacrificial gift, the lot next to their home and across from the church. The church here is deeply thrilled by this gift and very grateful to the Lord and to the King family for it. As we look back we see again, and marvel, at the guiding hand of our God. Only He could move us to purchase more land just in time. Only God could lay it on the hearts of His people to present this gift of land, and the many other gifts which we continually receive.

This brief sketch brings us to the present date of August 1, 1965. We are having many committee meetings every week. Our people are working hard and co-operating wonderfully. It is thrilling to be in committee meeting after committee meeting in which Christian people sit down to plan, pray, discuss and work for the erection of a fitting monument to the love of Jesus Christ. We are so grateful to see people able to sit down and disagree in a Christian spirit and then be able to change minds or continue to disagree with no hard feelings or sharp words. Only the Spirit of God can produce such love and understanding and openness as this.

Our Sunday school attendance is holding up pretty well, though it has dropped some. Our church attendance is good. In fact it is higher than it has been any summer in the past three years.

We have, at times, shed tears caused by the overwhelmed feeling we experience because of the prayers, gifts and thoughtfulness of so many wonderful people throughout the denomination and in the surrounding communities.

Several new souls have been added to the Lord, and we are anticipating more. We are looking forward with increasing desire to the new church building which is to be raised on the Marshall-St. Joseph County line. We are convinced that our gracious Father has a much larger ministry for us in the years ahead. We are expecting and hoping for many new families in this growing community. Right now we are preparing for them, planning how to reach them, praying for God's Holy Spirit to touch them. We are thrilled at the prospects of seeing a new church building constructed to the honor of our Savior just across the highway from the attractive new Jr.-Sr. Lakeville High School. How significant it seems to us to see them going up TOGETHER!

Earlier this year, the moderator, coined the phrase "$5,000 in '65" Now, due to the providential hand of God, it has been changed to "A New Church In '66." Rejoice with us in the victory of our God over evil and tragedy!

Helen Gillis, Secretary

World Religious News in Review

MOVE TO BAR CHURCHES DEFEATED IN POVERTY BILL

WASHINGTON (EP)—An attempt to bar church groups from participating in the anti-poverty programs was defeated as the U. S. House of Representatives passed amendments to the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

Rep. John H. Buchanan, Jr. (Rep., Ala.), a Baptist minister, offered an amendment during floor debate on the anti-poverty bill which would prohibit grants to or contracts with "any church or other religious body" under the community action programs.

The amendment was aimed primarily at "headstart projects," a pre-school program for children of low-income families. Buchanan stated that 86 grants have been made to "public corporations formed by churches and church implemented programs."

Buchanan said he understood that the grants were not made directly to churches but to public corporations formed by the churches. Nevertheless, he said he considered such projects a "dangerous precedent" and a "clear violation of the first amendment" to the U. S. Constitution.

Speaking against Buchanan's church amendment, Rev. James G. O'Hara (Dem., Mich.) said that participation of a church-related organization in the anti-poverty programs does not mean "support of a religious activity or a church activity in any sense."

"We are talking about government using services provided under an agreement with a religiously oriented, or a religious organization or group to do the work of the poverty program in those instances where the church related group is best able to do that work, or, indeed, is uniquely qualified and able to do that work," O'Hara said.

Rev. John W. McCormack (Dem., Mass.), speaker of the House of Representatives, called the amendment "unwise and unnecessary." He said the only question of church-state separation involved in this issue was that injected into it by the proposed amendment.

5 MISSION HOSPITALS TAKEN OVER BY BURMA

RANGOON (EP)—During the first two weeks of July the Revolutionary Government of the Union of Burma nationalized five well-known private hospitals established and operated here by various foreign missions, and dispensed with the services of the foreign doctors and nurses on the staffs.

The first four hospitals taken over by the State were the Seventh-day Adventists Hospital operated by the American S. D. A. Mission, and Ramakrishna Mission Sevashram Charitable Hospital operated by a mission from India, both in Rangoon; the Ellen Mitchell Memorial Christian Hospital of Moulmein, run by the American Baptist Mission, and the Namhkam Hospital of Namhkam in Upper Burma, established as a private hospital by the late Dr. Gordon Seagraves, one-time Baptist missionary and well-known author who died this year.



ELO TO HOST MISSION MAGAZINE EDITORS

FORT WASHINGTON, PA. (EP)—Perhaps for the first time in the history of missions, editors of mission magazines for home audiences will have opportunity of a clinical study on the purpose and projection of the mission magazine as a public relations medium.

The Seminar will be held in conjunction with the ELO Regional Conference at the new Christian Literature Crusade Headquarters here November 30-December 3, 1965.

ELO, which normally convenes an Annual Conference for literature missionaries, is shifting to two regional conferences this year—the other being at Pasadena, California, in the late spring of 1966. The usual spring conference as held last April was aborted in favor of the World Congress on Missions to be held in April, 1966.

In convening the regional at Fort Washington and opening the sessions up to mission magazine editors, James Johnson, Executive secretary of ELO said: "Mission magazines have improved some over the years, but it is obvious today that there are far too many which do not communicate to the vast audiences of church people at home. American church members are suffering from the lack of the facts simply because the facts either aren't there in these magazines, or else communicated on dull, flat format and couched in unimaginative prose. This Seminar, we hope, will help clear the air and give some solid principles on how to make the mission magazine appeal more to the church masses and thus get more total involvement for the missionary cause as a whole."

BILL WOULD ADMIT MORE CLERGY TO SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—On the strength of a move by the Senate members of the House-Senate Conference Committee which reported its reconciliaton of the Medicare-Social Security Bill, the legislation, if finally approved, would make more ministers eligible for coverage.

And under the Medicare section of the measure, expected to clear Congress by the end of July, a compromise was effected concerning coverage in Christian Science sanitoria.

These constituted the main changes directly affecting the nation's religious interests.

The bill itself saw the cost reduced from an approximate amount of $7.5 billion asked by the Senate to $6.46 billion. One major provision called for a 7 per cent increase in Social Security benefits retroactive to Jan. 1, 1965. Implementation of Medicare, however, would not be likely before July 1, 1966.

We are pleased to announce the

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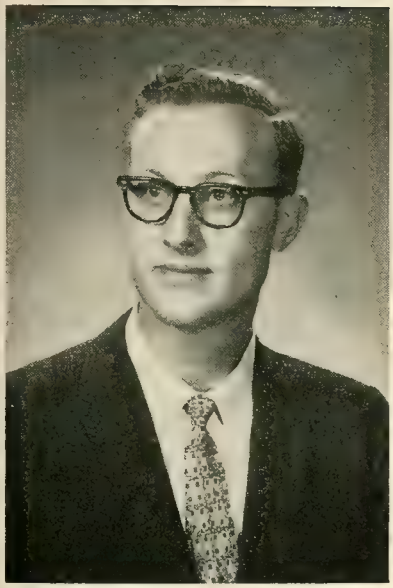
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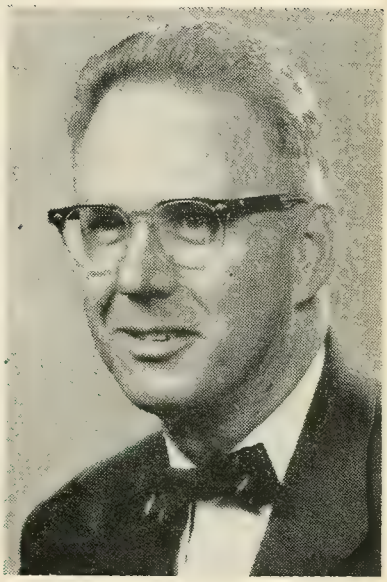
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THE MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

YOU WILL FIND in this conference issue of *The Brethren Evangelist* the address of Elder Charles R. Munson, our Moderator for this conference. All will agree that it is a message of inspiration and challenge. We need to be shaken to the realization that we have a message to present to the world and that God can use the Brethren Church as an instrument in His hands to spread the Gospel of our Lord throughout the world.

Be sure to read and re-read this address—it will cause you to think!

THOSE WHOM OTHER FOLKS PASS BY

I want to give a helping hand
To those whom other folks pass by,
And lift them up and help them stand
For something good and great and high,
Thus proving that within their lives
There's yet a principle sublime,
Where some have thought but evil thrives
That can well lead to shame and crime.

Sometimes we find within the heart
Of those whom other folks pass by
A strong desire to do their part
To bless the world before they die;
But men have dealt them blows and knocks
Along life's rugged, thorny way
Until it seems their many shocks
Have crushed and put them down to stay.

I want to speak a word of cheer
To wretched folks that sin has crushed,
And shed a sympathetic tear,
Though Satan seeks to keep me hushed.
I mean to breathe an earnest prayer
From day to day as moments fly,
And have within my heart a care
For those whom other folks pass by.

How sad the plight of those who fall,
Or those whom other folks put down,
Who seldom have an upward call,
But often see the world's cold frown!
These could be jewels in the rough
For whom we ought to pray and sigh,
Though classed by men as being "tough,"
And so they only pass them by.

If polished by the Master's touch
And filled with holy love and grace,
The Savior only knows how much
They might in life adorn some place;
Therefore I'll help such fallen men
The better way of life to try,
And hope to see both now and then
Great souls whom others folks pass by.

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Peter, James and John

Memory Scripture — I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

August 29 - September 4

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1965

Read Scripture: James 1:12-17

All Gifts

After church the Kellers went to the farm. Grandma and Grandpa had just gotten home from church. They were sitting on the front porch waiting for the family to come.

"Hi, Grandma! Hi, Grandpa!" called Linda from the car window.

"We're here!" shouted Gary as he jumped from the car.

"Hi! Hi!" laughed Betsy as she ran to her grandparents.

Soon the children were changed into play clothes. They went with Grandpa and Daddy to look around the farm while Mom helped Grandma finish dinner.

At the dinner table the children told of the things they had seen—the young chickens, the cow with her calf, the pear and apple trees in the orchard.

"I've seen some things, too," said Mom. "I saw the fruits and vegetables Grandma has canned. I saw some skirts and a shirt she is making for three children."

"For us?" asked Linda.

Grandma nodded.

"How nice!" said Linda. "You give us so many things."

"Don't forget," reminded Grandpa, "that all our good things come from God."

"Yes," agreed Grandma. "Everything comes from Him—even our dear family."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for my family and friends, for my food and clothes, for my church and school. Help me to remember that all I have are gifts from You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 1965

Read Scripture: James 1:19-25

Doers

"How was the first day of school?" asked Mom.

"Fine," said Linda. "There is a new girl in my room."

"We have a new boy," added Gary.

"Oh, my," said Mom as she looked out the window. "Look at Betsy!"

Betsy had been playing in her wading pool. Then she had played in the sandbox. Now she was covered with sand and coming to the house.

"She looks funny," laughed Linda. "You are busy canning peaches. I'll take care of Betsy."

Linda went outside. She rinsed Betsy with the hose. Then she took her in the house to put dry clothes on her.

While Linda was helping Betsy, Gary was sweeping the sand from the back porch and the walks.

Every day there are many ways we can show our love for Jesus by helping others. Do you look for these ways? Are you a doer as well as a hearer?

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I can hear of Your love. Thank You for my parents and my church. May I always look for ways to show others I love and follow You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1965

Read Scripture: James 2:14-17

Showing Love

"Mom," asked Linda, "may I invite the new girl in my room to come home and play after school?"

"That would be nice," said Mom. "Perhaps she does not have many friends here yet. She may be lonesome."

"I will make it for you after school," Gary was telling Betsy as they came into the kitchen.

"What are you going to make?" wondered Mom.

"Betsy wants a cradle for her small doll," explained Gary. "I'll make her one from the oatmeal box I have in my room."

Mom smiled. "She will like that, Gary. Now, Betsy, get your shoes and socks on. After the children go to school we are going to see Mrs. Randolf. She is sick. We will take her some chicken soup and do her washing today."

If we truly believe Jesus is God's Son we will show our faith by the things we do. We will be kind and thoughful. We will be friendly and helpful!

Prayer:

Dear God, I know Jesus came to be my Savior. I want to be more like Him. I want to be loving and kind and helpful. I want to serve You better every day. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1965

Read Scripture: James 3:3-5, 13

The Tongue

"I liked your new friend, Doris," said Mom to Linda.

"She was fun," added Linda.

"I liked the way she talked," said Mom.

"Yes," agreed Linda, "Doris was polite."

"Not only that," continued Mom, "but she spoke kindly of others. She told us how friendly the people have been to her. She talked lovingly of her own family. The things she said about them made us want to know them, too."

"Yes," nodded Linda. "I've heard some children talk about other people in a way that makes me think I wouldn't want to know them!"

"That's what I mean," said Mom. "That's what the Bible means, too, when it says our tongue is a small member of our body. Yet it is like the bit in the horse's mouth or the ship's helm—small but powerful enough to change the course."

"It really is important what we say," Linda declared. "From now on I'll be more careful about what I let my tongue speak!"

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the ability to speak. Help me to be careful of what my tongue says. May the words from my mouth be friendly, loving and kind. May I use my tongue to help and not harm others. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1965

Read Scripture: James 4:6-10

God is Near

Gary looked unhappy when he came home from school.

"What's wrong, Son?" asked Mom.

"Some of the fellows were fighting on the playground after school," answered Gary. "I tried to stop them and they called me a sissy."

"They surely knew no fighting on the playground is a school rule," said Mom. "If one of the teachers had come they would have been in more serious trouble."

Gary nodded. "They knew it alright. This is not their first year at our school."

"This is the time for you to draw nigh to God," continued Mom.

"Nigh," smiled Gary. "That's a funny word."

"It means near," explained Mom. "The Bible tells us if we draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to us. It is always good to know God is near, but especially so when we are troubled."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad You are always near. Help me to never forget You are always ready to help me. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1965

Read Scripture: James 4:13-17

Wrong

"Where are you going?" Mom asked Linda.

"To tell Judy I'm sorry," answered Linda.

"Sorry for what?" asked Mom. "What did you do?"

"That's just it," replied Linda. "I didn't do anything. Judy was helping old Mr. Peters carry his groceries home from the store. I saw them, but I didn't stop to help. I just rode my bike past without even looking. He had lots of groceries, too. I should have helped."

Mom nodded. "Yes, you should have. When we do not do something we know we should that is wrong—just as wrong as doing something we should not do. Run along and tell Judy you are sorry. Then the next time stop and help."

Prayer:

Dear God, every day I do things that are wrong. Forgive me, please. Forgive me, too, for not doing the things I know I should. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1965

Read Scripture: James 5:8-12

Patience

"Come quick!" shouted Gary. "Look what Mittens has!"

"Such darling kittens," said Linda when she reached Mittens' basket.

"Kittens! Baby kittens! Hold kittens," said Betsy as she reached toward the tiny animals.

"No, not yet," Mommy told her. "They are too little. For a few days we will just watch. Soon you may hold them."

The children spent most of their time that day at Mittens' basket watching her care for the new kittens.

"How does she know how to take care of her babies?" asked Linda.

"Many people call it instinct," answered Mom. "God has given all mothers the knowledge of what is best for their babies."

"Wouldn't you think Mittens would be tired?" asked Gary. "The kittens crawl over her all the time."

"Patience is a virtue we all need to learn," replied Mom. "It is easier to be patient with those we love, as Mittens is with her babies. It is more difficult to be patient with those who are unkind and unloving. As you watch Mittens notice her patience. Look for it in others—your teachers, the clerks in the stores, your friends, your parents. Practice patience and understanding towards others and you yourself will be happier."

Prayer:

Dear God, I want to grow as Jesus grew. Help me this day to be patient and understanding of others. In His name I pray. Amen.

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICE is now in its new location at 524 College Avenue (above the Brethren Publishing Company), and a nice new office it is! From this new location, the Sunday School Office is ready to continue serving the Brethren Church.

With the arrival of this new development in Sunday School Office "history," perhaps this would be a good time to review some of the services offered by this office. Here are some of the more important services:

Filmstrip Library

One of the most used services of the Sunday School Office is its filmstrip library. A number of new filmstrips have recently been added making the total number of filmstrips in the library well over three hundred. In addition there are more new filmstrips now on the way (watch for announcement of these in coming edition of this column), so we will soon have four hundred or more filmstrips. An enlarged Filmstrip Index including information about the newly purchased filmstrips will soon be available and will be sent to all churches.

Many people have been making use of the filmstrip library, but **many** more—Sunday school teachers, superintendents, youth leaders and pastors should take advantage of this service. These filmstrips are inexpensive to rent and easy to use.

Sunday School Library

In addition to the **filmstrip** library, the Sunday School Office also has a good sized library of **books** on nearly every aspect of the Sunday school—books on S. S. teaching, S. S. administration, publicity, and so on. These books are available on loan from the Sunday School Office. A listing of these books by author and subject will soon be compiled and sent to all churches.

Sunday School Information File

Work is presently under way on a file of Sunday school information. This file consists of significant and worthwhile articles clipped from Sunday school magazines and periodicals. There is a file on every S. S. department, files on such subjects as missions in the S. S., teaching methods, leadership training and many others. These files will provide source material for study in the various areas, and will be available to churches upon request.

Promotional Materials

In addition to the above, the Sunday School Office sends out, from time to time, various materials intended to help promote your Sunday school. These mailings include information about National Family Week (which begins September 26 this year), The Standard of Excellence, Camp Promotion, National Sunday School Week, National Sunday School Conventions, etc.

Camp Materials

The Sunday School Board supports our district Brethren camps financially, and in addition they have had printed a Brethren Camp Manual and Supplement to serve as guides to the Brethren Camping Program. These manuals are available from the Sunday School Office, as well as other information about camping including samples of source materials for camp courses.

Yes, the Sunday School Office is always ready to serve you, and we hope you will take advantage of its services. **In addition, Conference attenders are invited to stop in and see our new office at 524 College Avenue—atop the Brethren Publishing Company.**

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

FEAR NOT
Isaiah 25:8

Three forms of death my Saviour Christ
 Will swallow up in victory:
For He is God, the fount of life;
 And death, through sin, an enemy.

The dead in soul, who look to Him,
 He quickens by the Spirit's breath;
New heart, new Spirit they receive,
 Eternal life in place of death.

The body which in stillness lies,
 A broken thing, made out of dust,
He shall transform and resurrect:
 His victory in those who trust.

And I, the self who hinders Christ,
 I, too, must die, must willing be
To count all things but loss for Him
 That He may live His life in me.

O mighty conqueror of death,
 Let me not fear to yield Thee all.
An hundredfold Thou givest now,
 And Heaven shall Thy name extol.

—Dorothy J. Langford

JESUS MADE HIS RESURRECTION the cardinal doctrine of Christianity (Jn. 11:25; 10:17; 2:19; Lu. 9:22). For this He made a special post-resurrection appearance to doubting Thomas (Jn. 20:27). The successor to Judas had to be a witness of Christ's resurrection (Acts 1:22). "He was buried" (I Cor. 5:14). The authorities "made the sepulchre sure" (Matt. 27:66). His resurrection declares Him to be "both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:26). It is the only message that meets the need of a lost world (Jn. 14:19, 25). "He . . . was raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). The death of Christ to atone for our sins is only made valid by His resurrection from the dead (Rom. 5:10, 11). Saving faith includes credence in Christ's resurrection (Rom. 10:9, 10). Because He lives and is at God's right hand He can save (I Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:25).

Those who have identified themselves with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection as symbolized by the ordinance of baptism are thenceforth to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4, 6). The gift of the Holy Spirit makes this walk possible (Gal. 2:20; Matt. 28:18, 20; Phil. 3:10). Nothing short of the power of the risen Christ can make us victorious over the world, the flesh, and the Devil (I Cor. 15:57). This power is available only to those who are willing to suffer for His sake (Phil. 3:10). God expects every Christian to enjoy this power and its resultant victory (II Tim. 2:19).

The resurrection and the return of Christ are indissolubly linked (I Cor. 15:22, 23; Acts 1:11). Our resurrection depends upon His return (Phil. 3:20, 21; Col. 3:1-4). There need be no fears concerning those who have died in the Lord (I Thess. 4:16-18). By walking in fellowship with Christ we are ready for His return (I Jn. 3:2, 3).The whole creation of God awaits Christ's return when the curse shall be forever lifted (Rom. 8:18, 19, 21, 23). Is it any wonder that the closing words of divine revelation are vibrant with this hope (Rev. 22:20)?

Why not join the
TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

SISTERHOOD

Devotional Program for September

STARTING ANEW

Call to Worship:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Opening Prayer:

Sentence prayers, closing with a special prayer for our missionaries and their labors for the Lord.

Song Service:

New songs learned at camps and conferences this year, plus several favorite hymns.

Suggestions: "Faith in God"
"Christ for Me"
"Altogether Lovely"
"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
"Fairest Lord Jesus"
"Trust and Obey"

Meditation:

As we start our Sisterhood year anew, let's consider our commitment to the Lord. This meditation is taken from the book entitled, "Gems Of Gold," by R. E. Neighbour.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:5).

Take it to God, whatever your care,
Learn to commit, to leave it all there:
Why should you fret, when He undertakes?
Trust in the Lord; He never forsakes.
Why not smile on since God is your friend,
All of your sighs and troubles should end;
Simply commit; your burden He bears;
Trust in the Lord, He'll run your affairs.

It is suggested here that "commit" means "take it there," "place it there," and "leave it there." In the word "commit" is to be found an abiding and confiding trust.

When a client places his case in the hands of a lawyer, he is not supposed to be running every day to tell his lawyer what to do. The lawyer manages his affairs and handles the case.

The Lord is our Lawyer, our Advocate, He will neither break our confidence, nor neglect to undertake for us. The truth is that God can do it far better than we.

The soul, who truly commits, can smile on. Why should we be troubled? God will work for us.

The faith which commits is the faith that knows no fear, harbors no dread, and shelters no foreboding. A perfect committal means a complete acquittal from worry. If we are willing to commit our money to the banks, why not commit our way to the Lord. The banks may fail. He will never fail.

Comments and Discussion:

Consider this meditation and what may be done by your society in greater commitment to Christ.

Hymn:

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Bible Study:

Both groups use the same Bible Study this month - - - the concluding study in Romans.

Hymn:

"Spirit of Sisterhood"

S. M. M. Benediction.

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

by MRS. PHIL LERSCH

THE APOSTLE PAUL and his companions, along with other prisoners being taken to Rome and their guards, had endured a terrifying storm at sea. As the ship scraped bottom and crashed against the waves, each passenger scrambled on top of loose boards or swam to the shore where they had struck ground. Shivering with cold from their dip in the sea and the drenching rain, they were welcomed on the island of Malta by the natives who soon started a roaring fire to warm the soaked passengers and crew.

Stopover at Malta (or Melita)

This final chapter in Acts relates the last segment of Paul's travels. In the King James version, the island people who met the travelers are referred to as "the **barbarians** showed us no small kindness." That word is misleadng to us today. Barbarians would hardly show kindness. From the Greek translation is the meaning, "a man who said **bar-bar.**" In other words, a man who spoke in a foreign language. So those who met the ship were merely **natives** of the island of Malta.

The minute he came ashore, **Paul found something useful to do.** He helped build the fire. There he was, the greatest missionary of all times—one who wrote many books in the Bible—helping to build a fire. Many people wouldn't put themselves out to do such a menial task. But the really great men are useful, even in small details. "It is only the little man who refuses the little task."

As Paul was useful where he was, I have seen other men find ways to help even when it wasn't demanded of them. Every year at camp, our dean helps mow with the tractor, sink poles to relocate the volleyball court or paint in his spare time. He seeks ways to be useful even though he is not paid for it or gets no recognition. Also on our camp staff last year was a fellow (who is now in Nigeria making himself useful) who was always puttering around in his spare time fixing a creaky coat rack, building a cabinet or putting up a light somewhere—all to improve the camp. Even though nobody had requested his help, he looked for ways to be useful. Like Paul, these two stewards of God assist wherever they find themselves.

Paul trusted in the words of Jesus. In Luke chapter ten, Jesus had sent seventy men out to spread the good news of the Kingdom. After they returned from their mission, Jesus promised power to his missionaries. These are his words: "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." As Paul was helping to build the fire on the island of Malta, he experienced the literal fulfillment of this prophecy. A poisonous snake fastened itself to Paul's arm. The onlookers from the island were horror-stricken for they knew the result of such a deadly bite. But Paul calmly shook off the snake and went on with his job.

With breath sucked in and eyes rammed open, the natives waited for Paul to fall down dead. We can picture the group backing slowly away from him, not wanting to be near when it happened. Ignoring them, Paul probably continued his work as if nothing had happened. Slowly they realized that this visitor to their island was no ordinary man. In fact they thought him a god.

When asked, **Paul was available to those in need.** Realizing the divine power at their visitor's command, the natives soon took advantage of their opportunity to find healing. First of all, the father of the top official of the island found healing. Then the others living there came for cures from their diseases.

Luke's presence must have been a help at this time. His experience as a doctor working with Paul's gift of faith and healing worked many miracles. And so it is today. God always does the healing, but he has allowed scientists and doctors to discover how the human body works and ways to initiate mending in the body. Our medical ministry in Nigeria points out how God allows men and women to be his instruments in the healing process. Bea Bischof dresses the sores and gives the injections at the proper time, and with God's help the Nigerian bodies mend. Truly doctors and scientists who seek cures for human suffering are God's instruments.

Paul Encouraged

As Paul approached Rome, what thoughts must he have had? Here he was, entering the city that was the capital of the empire. Power and might were here symbolized by the army and navy. Storehouses and granaries overflowed with the wealth of the empire. Even yachts in the harbor epitomized the luxuries of the day. This picture reminds us of our own country today.

How Paul had longed to reach this city and visit the Christians here. But he must have trembled a bit as he actually came nearer. Then, what was that he saw approaching? A delegation of some sort was coming toward them. Yes, hearing that Paul's ship had come in, a group of Christians from the city of Rome had come out the road to meet him.

Another interesting sidelight of this passage concerns the translation of the Greek word for **meet.** This was the word used when a deputation went out to meet a king or conqueror. They came to meet Paul as one of the great ones of the earth. And so he was.

So we should treat all of God's workers today. Even though the tangible sign of esteem for ministers and missionaries is pitifully low (compare their salaries with those of business executives, ball players, or TV stars) we should go to meet them with respect and encouragement. As God's workmen, they deserve respect, and in the work they need the encouragement.

Prison Opportunities

What can a man do in jail? Isn't that a waste of time and life, to have the world's greatest missionary confined? Paul didn't think or act so. He used that time to the fullest and was a great example to us to find opportunities in every situation to further God's Kingdom here on earth.

First of all, **he lived at his own expense.** Acts 28:30—"Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house." So he was completely independent, he was occupied with constructive activity, and he had no time for brooding or self-pity. More people today ought to learn the lesson of being self-sufficient instead of depending upon the government to take care of them. Maybe the world owed Paul a living, but he didn't claim it. He took care of himself.

Besides paying his own expenses, **Paul used the time he had to write letters** to those churches he had established. While in prison he wrote letters to the Philippians, the Ephesians, the Colossians, and Philemon. What happened to those letters? Today they are part of the Scriptures that guide us in living the Christian life. Instead of planning a jail break, Paul broke through the prison walls with his letters that have led man for centuries.

Even in jail **Paul had companionship** which he enjoyed. The doctor Luke remained with him the whole time. Aristarchus came with him; Timothy was often there; Tychicus, Epaphroditus and Mark also came at different times. What lasting and valuable friendships these

must have been. Do we nurture our friendships or only remain casual with others? Paul found much comfort in his friends.

Paying for his own expense, writing letters and enjoying friendships would have been worthwhile, but Paul went a step further. **He even preached to all that came to him.** First of all, the Jews. He began in every city by trying to reach his own people for Christ. But as was true in the past, also in Rome most of the Jews rejected Christ, so Paul pronounced finally that he was turning to the Gentiles. (Aren't you glad he did?)

As he wrote to the Philippian church, "But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; so that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;" Paul was actually glad he was confined because this gave him more opportunities to tell of Christ. Think of it, he had a Roman soldier chained to him at all times. Paul would have steered many conversations to Jesus Christ and what He had done.

Acts ends with the words, "Paul . . . preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him." Paul spent his time preaching and teaching, cultivating friendships, writing, and earning his own living. He surely used his prison opportunities.

Scheme of Acts Completed

Jesus had predicted to his followers before he went up to heaven, "and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The book of Acts related the story of how this began. The apostles were imbued with power; they did carry the gospel to Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria and finally to Rome. Since that day the good word has kept on spreading and today continues. But the job is not finished. Wherever the witness of Jesus has not been, it is the job of Christians to take it. Let us, like Paul, preach and "teach those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, WITH ALL CONFIDENCE.

JUNIOR BIBLE STUDY

GUIDE FOR DAILY LIVING

Romans 12:21

by MRS. MILTON BOWMAN

THIS MONTH we are finishing our study in the twelfth chapter of Romans. Sometimes this chapter has been called *Paul's Rules for Daily Living.* There is a certain way that we are supposed to act after we become Christians. We are to show forth the Spirit of Christ to our neighbors and friends. The Bible says that Jesus has gone up to heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God where he is praying for us. But He has left the Holy Spirit to be our guide and helper. We are the only *people* who can show the world what Christ is like. Our friends are watching us each day to see if we are following in Christ's footsteps. So we need to remember and *act* like His followers. Maybe it would be good to review some of these things that we have been learning in the last few months. In order to live a life that is pleasing to our Heavenly Father, it is necessary to:

1. Give our lives to God
2. Seek to know His will
3. Be humble in spirit
4. Show genuine love to God
5. Honor one another
6. Be diligent and careful in service
7. Be joyful and aglow with the spirit
8. Be patient and sympathetic always
9. Always be prayerful
10. Work together happily
11. Be hospitable and honorable
12. Live at peace with others
13. Never take revenge
14. Conquer evil with good

We have discussed all of these things but number fourteen, so we will do that this month. Romans 12:21 says, *Don't allow yourself to be overpowered by evil. Take the offensive—overpower evil with good* (Phillips). There is evil in the world all around us, and Satan is always at work. He would love to get us to do wrong. It makes him very happy when he can get a Christian to doubt God or to depart from the path of clean living. This verse tells us to not be overpowered by evil. God's power is greater than the power of the devil—but we have to trust Him and ask Him for help. We need to talk to Him daily in prayer. We need to read His Word and know how He would have us to live. God has given us a RULE BOOK but it does us no good if we do not read it. One needs to read the instructions to know how to make a dress or put together a model car or airplane. So we need to read God's instructions to know how to put together our lives. He says to stop being conquered by evil.

Let us look at the rest of the verse. The N.E.B. translation says, *Use good to defeat evil.* Phillips says, *Take the offensive—overpower evil with good.* In other words, we need to get busy doing God's work. If each day finds us doing something for others in Jesus' name, we will have little time to get mixed up in the devil's work. Someone has said:

> "Satan trembles when he sees
> The weakest saint upon his knees."

We need to keep active for God and not have extra time on our hands, because "the Devil finds work for

idle hands to do." Paul says to take the offensive, meaning for you to attack first. Just tell Satan to take the back seat, because you are in the driver's seat with the Lord at the wheel, and you are going places with Him. Overcome evil with good!

I mentioned last month someone who is returning good for evil in the form of the present-day missionary, Jacob DeShazer, of Japan. It is a thrilling story and you may read it in the book, "The Amazing Story of Sergeant Jacob DeShazer" by C. Hoyt Watson. This young man was born in Salem, Oregon, on November 15, 1912, the son of a minister-farmer of the Church of God. His father died when he was two years old. Later his mother married again, and they moved to Madras, Oregon, where he received his grade school and high school education, graduating in 1931. He tried several odd jobs for many years.

Then in 1940, he enlisted in the U. S. Army because of the good pay and a chance to travel in case of war. He trained as an airplane mechanic and bombardier. Very soon World War II broke out, and shortly after that, our American fleet was bombed by the Japanese in Manila Bay, known as Pearl Harbor. From that event a terrible hatred broke out between the American and the Japanese. A task force was organized under Gen. James Doolittle to bomb Tokyo, Japan by surprise. It was a secret expedition and Jacob DeShazer volunteered. On April 18, 1942, their sixteen B-25 bombers left the U. S. aircraft carrier, Hornet, for the raid on Tokyo. DeShazer's plane, along with one other, was shot down over enemy territory. He was captured with seven other American flyers.

For more than three years he was in prison camps suffering untold torture, starvation, constant beatings and kickings with conditions too horrible to mention. Often he was homesick, hungry, discouraged and almost hopeless. After two years in prison, he was given a copy of the Bible to read for three weeks. Through its pages and the power of the Holy Spirit, he was marvelously saved. When he gave his heart to God, a new joy and peace flooded his soul. He learned to love and pray for the guards who were torturing him. Often when they came to his cell to beat and kick him, they would find Jake in prayer.

On August 20, 1945, forty months of imprisonment and punishment came to an end. *The war was over!* The cells were opened. The men came out. They were weak and thin and their eyes were hollow and dark. But they were happy to be *alive* and *free*. However, there were only four of them instead of eight. Three had been put to death and one had starved to death. Soon they were sent home to America and their loved ones, many of whom had been praying for months for them. What a happy reunion!

Jacob was thirty-three years of age when he returned home and started college at Seattle Pacific College. He had decided to become a missionary and return to Japan to minister to the people who had so badly mistreated him during the war. While at college he met and married Florence Matheny, who also had given her life to the Lord for full-time service. Following graduation and a speaking tour of the United States, the DeShazers left on December 14, 1948 for Japan. Since then they have been serving under the Free Methodist Church of North America.

God has wonderfully blessed them through the years, and miracles have been wrought through the open-air meetings, sound truck travels, printed Gospel literature and radio ministry. Recently I heard Jacob DeShazer speak while on furlough in this country, and I was wonderfully blessed. Surely he has overcome evil with good!

Almost every day we have a chance to stand up for Jesus in some way. We can show that He lives in our hearts and then let Him and His love shine on those around us. We can return good for evil always. The story is told of a Scotch sergeant and how he was brought to Christ. He said, "In our company there was a private who was converted when we were in Malta. We gave that fellow an awful time. One wet night, he came in very tired and very wet. Before he went to bed, he knelt down to pray. My boots were heavy with mud. I threw one at him and it hit him on the side of his head. Then I threw the other boot and hit him on the other side of his head. He just went on praying. The next morning I found my boots beside my bed. They had been beautifully polished by the private. That was his reply to me. It broke my heart. I was saved that day."

This is another example of wonderful results that came from returning good for evil. So let us remember the RULES taken from God's holy Book. This last one is very important: *Don't allow yourself to be overpowered by evil. Take the offensive—overpower evil with good.* May God bless you all and use you each day for His glory.

Signal Lights Program for September

Prepared by Mrs. Alberta Holsinger

Bible Theme: "OBEYING GOD"

Project: OUTFIT THE BOLINGERS FOR NIGERIA

Call to Worship:

God whispers to us each day,
"Obey, my child, obey."
Parents lovingly to us say,
"Obey, my child, obey."
Happiness comes when in work and play
Obey, we do, obey.

Sing:

"The Best Way" (Beginners Sing)
"Showing Love" (Primaries Sing)
"Even a Child"

Bible Story:

Noah Obeys God

Once upon a time there was a wise old man whose name was Noah. Noah was more than five hundred years old. Now in the days of Noah most of the people were very bad. They spent their time thinking of bad things to do, and God was sorry because they loved evil rather than good.

Noah was a good man. Every day he tried to do the things that are right. Every day he prayed to God. He thanked God for taking care of him and his family. He asked God to help him to do right things.

One day God spoke to Noah. "A great flood is coming," He said.

Noah listened to hear what God wanted him to do.

"Make an ark boat of gopher wood," God told Noah. "Make it tight and rub it with pitch inside and outside. Make the ark long, and wide, and high, and divide it into three stories. Make a window and make a door. When the great flood comes, you may go into the ark—you, Noah, and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives. Take with you into the ark two of every kind of animal, two of every kind of bird, and two of every kind of creeping thing. Take all these living things that you may keep them alive. Take plenty of food with you that all may be cared for in the ark you will build."

Noah set to work. With his sons he built the ark of gopher wood. He made it just as long and just as wide and just as high as God had commanded. He made a window and a door. When the great boat was finished Noah rubbed it inside and outside with pitch so that the water could not come in.

How Noah's neighbors must have laughed as day by day he worked over the great boat! There were no machines such as men use today in building ships. The tools were simple, and the work took a long, long time.

"Why does Noah work so hard on that strange boat?" people often asked.

Noah's answer was always the same. "I am doing the thing which God has commanded."

Days went by, days and weeks and months, and even years.

One day God spoke to Noah again. "Come into the ark with your family. After seven more days the great rain will begin. For forty days and nights there will be a great rain upon the earth. Then will be the great flood."

Again Noah did just as God commanded. He and his wife went into the ark. They took with them their three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. They took their sons' wives, too.

Noah took two of every kind of animal, two of every kind of bird, and two of every kind of creeping thing into the ark. He took all the food these living things might eat while they were in the ark.

The door was shut. Noah and his family waited. One day they waited, two days, three days they waited, four days, five days, six days, seven days. It was a week before the rain began to fall. Then it rained all day. It rained all night. It kept on raining. For forty days and forty nights the great rain fell.

The waters rose. They covered the low places first, then the high places. The waters covered the grass and the trees. The waters covered the valleys and the hills and even the tallest mountains. But on top of the water floated the ark God had told Noah to make. Noah and his family were safe because Noah had obeyed God.

—Based on Genesis 6:1-7, 10

Sing:

"Noah and the Ark"
(Primaries Sing)

Talk:

Our New Project

It was fun helping to buy a tractor for our Eden Bible Institute in Argentina. It is something they really need. Rev. Kenneth Solomon wrote from Argentina, "Our old tractor must be replaced at the earliest opportunity. We have lost so much time and spent money for repairs for which we have had little benefit, that a replacement tractor is now an urgent necessity." Aren't you glad you could help buy the tractor?

Now we are ready for a new project. Rev. and Mrs. Larry Bolinger with their children, eight-year-old David, five-year-old Susan, and two-year-old Jon, expect to leave July, 1966, to serve as missionaries in Nigeria. Missionaries need many, many things when they go to a new land. It will cost about nine hundred dollars to buy the furnishings and supplies they will need. Wouldn't you like to help them? This is a way that even while you are young you can help others to learn of Jesus.

During the next few months we will be talking about the Bolingers, the work they will be doing for God, and the things they will need. Meanwhile, you be thinking of ways you can help "outfit the Bolingers for Nigeria"!

Friendship Circle of Prayer:

Let us thank God for the ways we can help the missionaries tell others of Him.

Let us ask Him to guide all our missionaries—especially the Bolingers as they prepare to go to Nigeria.

Business:

1. Secretary's report and roll call.
2. Offering. Tell what you did without this month.
3. Do you read the Bible with your family every day?

Promotion of Signal Lights:

(Signal Lights' promotion certificates may be ordered from our W.M.S. Literature Secretary, Miss Helen Shively. Have representatives of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood present, one standing on either side of the Signal Lights' patroness.)

Will these children please come forward? (Call the names of the nine-year-olds and those who will be nine by October 1.)

You children have been good Signal Lights. You have attended the meetings regularly and have learned many things about Jesus. You have learned, too, ways in which we can tell others about Him. Now you are nine years old and ready to go into the Sisterhood and Brotherhood organizations. We shall miss you in our group, but we are glad for the Sisterhood and Brotherhood where you will continue to grow in the knowledge of God.

Attend the Sisterhood or Brotherhood meetings regularly. Help in every way you can. You will find joy in learning about and serving Jesus.

Let us bow our heads in prayer: Thank You, God, for these Signal Lights who are being promoted today. We are glad they have been a part of our group. We ask that You will be with them and bless them as they go into the Sisterhood and Brotherhood. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Give the children their certificates and have them stand beside the Sisterhood and Brotherhood representatives. After the presentation of certificates the Sisterhood and Brotherhood representatives should welcome the children into their groups and tell them where and when they meet.)

Activity Time:

The Church Lawn

It's time once more to clean the

church lawn. If you planted bulbs in the spring dig them today.

Rake the lawn. Perhaps some of the older Signal Lights could trim the edges of the lawn.

Help the children to develop a desire to keep God's House clean and pretty.

Signal Lights Benediction

The Brethren Layman

The Laymen's Meeting

James E. Norris

Program for September, 1965

Topic: "LOVING HIS APPEARING"

Devotional Reading: John 1:1-14

Hymns: "Amazing Grace"
"How Firm a Foundation"
"Constantly Abiding"

Leader's Talk:

The Apostle Paul says, **For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith** (II Tim. 4:6, 7). What a fitting introduction for our lesson this evening!

The Apostle has now almost come to the end of his earthly journey and looks at death with a sense of comfort. It seems that he has resigned himself to death with a sense of satisfaction. He likens the Christian experience to fighting a good fight. And it is always a fight. The power of Satan against the power of God.

We are apt to misjudge the power of Satan, because he is at liberty to tempt and delude God's very elect, if we give him the opportunity to do so. Since we are free moral agents and can choose between good and evil, we must be constantly on our guard. That is why St. Paul calls it a fight. We are going to break up verse 8 into topics for discussion as follows:

1. A Crown of Righteousness (Read verse 8)

In his letter to Titus, Paul points out that we are sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, etc., **But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost** (Titus 3:4, 5).

It is evident that the crown of righteousness is not deserved by any one by his own achievement but according to God's mercy, by the miraculous change that has come into our lives by the washing of regeneration. Note that we are constantly renewed by the Holy Ghost. If we are not constantly renewed by the Holy Ghost, then we are not born again, and the crown of righteousness will not be laid up for us. This crown is a reward for faithfulness.

2. The Lord The Righteous Judge (verse 8 continued)

Paul says in verse 1, **I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word.** He is telling Timothy here, he will be judged for what kind of preaching he does. A day appointed for judgment—read Acts 17:31. Judgment by Christ—read John 5:22-27.

3. At That Day—Not To Me Only (verse 8 continued)

At that day—the Son of man shall come in his glory and all the holy angels with him, and he shall sit on the throne of his glory to judge all nations. Read Matthew 25:31, 32.

Not to me only—it is universal in scope. Read Rev. 20:12.

4. All Them That Love His Appearing

The revised standard version puts it "Have loved his appearing." This is rather hard for a layman to define, but it appears that all true Christians have loved His appearing since the advent of His birth even until now. What's more, to love means to yearn or long for. Therefore, we learn that the Apostle Paul was speaking terms of past, present and future when he wrote this letter. He was glad the crown of righteousness was and is for all true believers who long for His appearing on that great day.

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Part I

AS I WAS SAYING LAST YEAR there is a tendency in the American church to dispense religion in little boxes. We have secularized God, we have localized Him, and we have de-personalized Him. We are at the point in many churches, if not in our own, where God is not a God who has personal interest in His subjects, but rather a God who is distant in many respects and yet contained in little boxes, which we call churches. We have secularized Him to the point where we use Him to our own advantage. Now I don't propose to review the subject of little boxes except to bring us to the point where we stopped last year. That is that these little boxes have tended to become, even for Brethren people, a kind of holy sanctuary where God is kept. He doesn't enter into daily living. We have institutionalized the Christian faith. It is that which we struck out against last year in the Vice Moderator's address; the secularization, the localization and the de-personalization of God. Now on the assumption that some of this has infiltrated our own church—this institutional religion—I propose to talk to you, and actually to conclude what was started last year, as I develop the subject, "Shaking the Little Boxes."

We have had a practice in our home where, when the little one has trouble being obedient, I take her to her room and shake her. It at least gets her attention, and she will listen to what is being said. Actually I have only shaken her about twice, and threats sufficed for the other needs. Now I can't literally shake the boxes in the same way, but perhaps I can shake them at least with words so that there will be some attention paid to where we are and where we can be. I have discovered a number of things in preparing this moderator's address. One outstanding thing I have discovered is that previous moderators have stolen all my best thoughts. Nonetheless an address must be made. Now I want you to understand that this message is, according to the Manual of Procedure, a report of the Committee on the Spiritual State of the Churches, of which the Moderator is chairman. On the other hand, I would not want to make them responsible for everything said here. Consequently I will indicate when I am stating directly their conclusions, and when I am reflecting their feelings. We have met twice through the year and have reached some conclusions of which this address is a report.

I want now to shake some little boxes and their contents. It is a conclusion of mine that churches need a shaking, for moderators have through the years made proposals which the churches have refused to heed. Thus, drawing attention to some of these items may be a wholesome thing today. Obviously, many recommendations of moderators have been followed, but in several areas, despite repeated proposals, there has been little action. Hence what is to be said today, you will recognize as having been brought up before, but I feel the urgency and necessity of bringing them up again. Thus, if you say, "I have heard that before," please remember that I'm shaking little boxes to get their attention. Perhaps with another effort and another try, we can make even greater progress.

If I could then, I would like first of all to shake these boxes so that the people in them lose their complacency about the coming of Jesus Christ. Perhaps the assumption is too strong that we have lost this love of His appearing. But my conviction is that many of our people are uncertain about what they believe about the return of Christ. They don't know whether it is a doctrine they want to believe or not. In view of new scientific advances, they are uncertain about Jesus appearing in the air and we being caught up to meet him in the air. Whether or not we will need space suits to meet him is not to some a foolish question. These ideas have infiltrated our church so that there is uncertainty. Shaking the boxes to get some attention to the matter is not out of place. Loving His appearing is not an idle dream for us.

The Scriptures encourage us to believe He is going to appear again. Some 319 passages in the New Testament refer to the event, this is a proportion of one out of every twenty-five verses. It has been estimated that some 1,572 passages in the Old Testament also refer to this coming of Jesus Christ. There is no doubt but that this doctrine permeates both testaments of our Bible. I personally cannot question a doctrine which is so firmly imbedded in the Scriptures. It means therefore, that the Bible enjoins us to believe in His return.

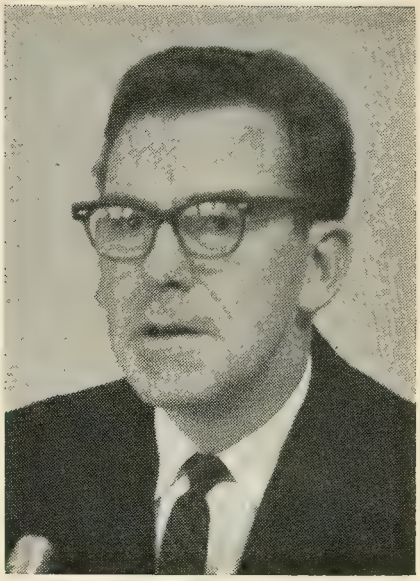
The reasons for His coming again are many. We are encouraged to believe that He is coming to deliver His own. If this does not cause us to love His appearing then nothing will. But not only this, He is coming to judge the sinful world; it shall not always prevail. It shall not always run loose; there will be a day of judgment for it. Also, He is coming to establish His eternal reign of justice and peace. Further, His coming will bring the Church to glory. It will likewise bring Israel to restoration. Also, it will bring not only sin to judgment, it will bring the world to judgment. There is therefore, real reason in our Bible for believing in the return of Jesus Christ.

World events also seem to point to a climactic event sponsored by God. In all history, no efforts of man have

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been able to bring him to the place where he can establish himself on peaceful foundations. He simply is unable on his own to solve his own problems. We have had wars and rumors of wars for centuries, and there is no release from that presently. Man is incapable of handling himself. This would tend to point to an intervention of God in the affairs of man. Just as he intervened with the incarnation, it appears that God will do it again in a very dramatic way with the return of Jesus. God will bring to man that settlement which he does not yet have.

But not only do the world events just mentioned point to some intervention by God, there are other considerations also. One of these is the very striking and startling events of the growth of world population. In a recent sermon Billy Graham said: "The population of the world will be doubled in thirty-five years. And if the current rate of growth is continued for six generations, each inhabitant of the world would have only one square yard to live in. In six generations the United States will have nine billion people, and would become one single metropolitan city. So the very pressure of population indicates there is no way out. The pressure of the exploding population is going to change the face of the world and cause frictions and pressures and wars." We are also told that along with this population explosion there will come eventually a food shortage. This led an atomic scientist, who spoke at the Ashland Seminary recently, to say that he believes that God will either in some miraculous way change the growth of population, or bring about a change in food distribution or production so as to relieve both situations. While he said he does believe in a personal return of Jesus, he holds that these other interventions could conceivably precede it. Thus, either Jesus comes to make the end of the present age real, or God intervenes necessarily in some other way. The point I am making is that there does seem to be a turn of human history to some kind of intervention such as God made with the incarnation of Jesus. I am fond of quoting from Ephesians 1:10, which tells us in effect that God will bring all human history to its culminating point in Jesus Christ. That is He will sum up everything in Jesus. Just as He brought salvation in Jesus Christ, He will now bring a conclusion to the present earth and age we know. Little wonder that Paul tells us in II Timothy 4:8, **Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**

Now in a further step, we see in effect what Hebrews 9:28 means when it says that He, Christ . . . **shall appear the second time without sin unto** (them that wait for him) **salvation.** In other words those who love His appearing will see it, and those who don't love it won't see it. For those who love it there will not be fear, they won't cry for the rocks to fall on them as the Revelation tells us, but they will sing and praise His coming. Thus, this loving His appearing has to do with a continued action which desires and is not afraid of His return, at any hour of the day or night. This loving of His appearing is a natural characteristic of the Christian whose actions are appropriate.

There is, then, a mellowing kind of experience which takes place for the believer who loves His appearing. This settling, softening experience is a satisfying one for the Christian believer. Thus it is good for our church to believe this; because the Bible says so, of course, but also because it has served to mellow and soften our church. I mean by this that such a belief puts man's problems on an entirely different plane than he is used to. The answers to the problems are felt to come from God and not from man, himself. Without this, man is attempting to develop his spirit with an already broken spirit, as Paul Tillich says. But by turning to the Scriptures and discovering that God will ultimately and finally deal with man, in the person and work of Jesus Christ, there is a release and relaxation for the Christian believer. This is, after all, what God does want; He wants our dependence on Him in all affairs of life. Particularly in the area of personal problems, and in the matter of church life. It is for this reason that I feel we need to shake ourselves to realize that it is in God; it is in the dependence on God and his ultimate triumph that we find our most satisfying, peace-making doctrine. I would,

therefore, encourage all of us to think and act in terms of His appearing, and that we preach earnestly and fervently on the subject. Further, we must think seriously in our study groups about the Bible injunction to look for and love His appearing.

Now it should be said in addition that the doctrine can have not only a good effect upon the church, it can also have a bad one. It is possible to become too complacent even believing the truth of the doctrine. Without doubt it can lead to other-worldliness. There is little question but that this has occurred. The church has been plagued with such thinking. Some of my study has been in places where the doctrine of the return of Jesus has been laughed at. Attacks were made upon such a belief because it takes people out of the world of reality. Those who oppose it say simply that such a belief tends to make people look to another world for answers, and therefore, they don't need to enter into the problems of this world. Since it is useless to try to solve the world's ills, just forget them, escape by turning all of your attention to such a return as will wipe out all worldly problems. Stay out of politics, you can't help anyway. Don't work for peace, only Jesus can bring peace when He comes. Criticism of such views is often justified, however, it does not negate the doctrine. My point is though that it is possible to take oneself entirely out of the world's problems by simply waiting for the return of Jesus. I wouldn't say this has been the total reason for our inactivity, our backwardness, but it may have contributed. Fortunately in the past few years we have turned our attention to concerns for peace and the world's needy. I'm saying then that such a doctrine can mellow and satisfy believers, but it can also have an adverse affect of indifference. I would like therefore to shake these little boxes from California to Florida; shake them so that they are caused to pay attention to the coming of Christ, with a love and desire for it. A wish for union with Jesus, himself, and with God, himself. Thus, we don't fear such a reunion, we want it, we love it. Jude had this in mind when he said: **Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life** (Jude 21). Peter implies also that our salvation is not really complete until Jesus comes again. He says that there is **an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you . . . a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time . . . that the trial of your faith being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it is tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ** (I Peter 1:4-7). Thus the complacency is not to be found in the doctrine of His coming. Jesus says watch and pray. He doesn't saw watch and sit, or go ye and sit, but rather, an activity is involved in which the believer is at work in the world until He comes. I wish then that we could be shaken out of whatever complacency we have about His return. No fear of it, but a sincere desire to have it take place. In the meantime, I must be up and about my Father's business, until He brings it to a conclusion in Jesus.

Part II

Now I would like to shake the boxes again to gain attention on another matter. In view of the fact that as a church we must be about God's business until He concludes it in Jesus, I would like to shake our church until we take a second good look at what we have organizationally to do with this work. Now the matter of church polity has been argued through the centuries, and a settlement satisfactory to all has not been forthcoming. Therefore, I am not at this time setting forth our polity as being the final answer. I do believe, however, that in our structure we have much for which to be thankful. This is particularly true in the fact that we have freedom with restraint. Realizing that our freedom has its limitations, and that its independency has led to excesses from time to time, it is still freedom for which we ought to be thankful. I am grateful for the freedom with restraint that exists in our church. To be sure, the freedom has been used excessively by some churches. The refusal to support denominational interests is a questionable right which has been and is to some extent being practiced even today. But in the main we have used our freedom with restraint to good advantage. I would illustrate this freedom in two particular ways.

First of all, we see it operating in the congregational government, itself. This kind of direction has been a part of us since our own organization in 1882. If you were to read the minutes, you would discover that the congregations were to exist as independent organizations but, nevertheless, dependent upon and, in some sense, subject to a national conference and also to a district organization. Now while these have no binding force upon the individual churches, they, nevertheless, offer a kind of restraint to the local church, and a unifying force as well as a moral directive to the local church. We ought to look again at the freedom we have, and that is why I would like to shake the boxes so that they pay attention to what they have. We are not plagued by volumes of printed materials from central headquarters, urging us and prodding us and ordering us to meet more quotas. We have just enough direction to keep us unified and at the same time, to give us the kind of progress we need. In this regard let me say that the committee on the Spiritual State of the Churches was commendatory of the Central Council and its work. The Central Council, it felt, was a fine stabilizing influence on the church as a whole. The Council represents the entire church, and is a group that knows more about the church than any other body. It can progress as far as the church will permit it to go. The freedom with restraint of which I am speaking is well demonstrated by the Council which aids and helps our congregations.

There is a second illustration of the freedom of which I speak, and it is in the function of the District Evangelists. Again our committee reviewed the work of the District Evangelists recognizing that the structure of such Evangelists Boards will differ in one or two districts, the work and purpose was felt to be the same. Our conclusions resolved themselves around the fact that what we needed was not some new kind of organization to help the districts and local churches, but education on what is already in existence. We have had mixed feelings in the church about District Evangelists. It has been the feeling of some that when a Board of District Evangelists comes into the church, it comes because there is trouble. We talk about its work in the same way as we have talked about anointing. When someone calls for anointing we immediately say, "Oh, I didn't know he was that bad." Anointing has been, until

recently, a last rite. Similarly with District Evangelists, they are used only when the patient is dying. Of course, we understand that this Board is to be called, and that has accounted for some of what I have just said. They do not have the right to enter a church until they are asked for. Because of this there has developed over the years a fear of this Board. This need not be. We need more education as to what the functions of this Board really are. Our committee felt that we did not need to make a recommendation, but that districts should be encouraged to strengthen and use their District Evangelist Boards. Let churches be assigned by the Board to its members, and let these members visit the churches in the interest of the district and national church. Thus churches are under the care of a District Evangelist, who makes it his business to help the church in any way possible. In so doing, he will often ferret out problems ahead of their actual outbreak. The Evangelist ought to visit the churches under his care at least once in the year, and be in contact otherwise throughout the year. This Board can have a real advantage for us by bringing fellowship and unity. Likewise, it can be a cohesive force in our districts. It is not an entity, but rather a Board with available guidance and direction for district churches. Thus, as a committee, we strongly urge districts to educate themselves on the advantages of this Board. We also urge such Boards to do all they can to make themselves serviceable to the churches. Now you see why I desired to shake the little boxes so that they take notice of what we do have. We don't need a hierarchy for control and direction, we have available to us in our districts the kind of organization which gives the maximum of freedom, with a minimum of restraint. We don't need better organization, we need only see what we have organizationally.

Part III

I want to shake these little boxes again so that the people will take a second look at **what we have doctrinally.** Let us be thankful that we have no creedal statement to revise from time to time. We are not bound by any man made statement. Though we have felt the need to put something down specifically to inform people who are interested in what we believe, there is no creedal statement we have to bring up to date. We are a Bible-believing, Bible-directed church. Fortunately, we are not a Bible-dissecting church. By looking over the denomination, we can discover that we have not deviated from the basic Bible truths we have held through the years, but I'm giving us all a shaking so that we look at the fact that we have not departed from the historic faith. We have a mind on the Bible. We believe it to be God's Word — what God has said. When it says that Jesus came to save man from his sins, we believe this. Let us count our blessings, for not all churches are so blessed. We have a heart and mind which many are seeking. No one challenges the divinity of Christ. No one questions his saving power. The fact that He took our place is not challenged. The cross of Jesus Christ is seen by us as a means of uniting with God once again. This is the heart of our church. While one could be discouraged by much that we haven't done, one can be encouraged by the fact that we are united in Jesus Christ whom we believe to be God's Son, our Savior. This is what is taught here at the Ashland College and Seminary, and I'm sure it is what is taught in the church. Take note, my Christian friend, of unity and be thankful.

Part IV

Once more I would shake the boxes. I would shake them so that the people in them see **what we can be denominationally.** We must see not only what we have organizationally; not only what we are doctrinally, but what we can be denominationally. First of all we can be exclusive. I'm fearful that this is already true. We have been extremely backward. We have spent a great deal of time trying to get the world out of the church, but far less time trying to get the church out into the world. I'm not implying that the first is bad, I'm only pointing out that we have been very exclusive, and up until very recently we have always sought to build churches where there is a center of Brethren interest. Only recently have we gotten over this kind of backwardness. It is altogether possible for us to remain and perhaps become even more exclusive. I trust this will not be the case.

I must now couple with this the second thing we can become and that is extinct. It wouldn't take very long. With key persons moving into areas where we have no Brethren Church, and with many young people marrying and joining churches of their mates not Brethren, we could very easily become extinct. We could also become extinct by lack of vision. We might as well understand that this is a very real possibility. We have among us those who feel that we can become extinct because of failure to join with some other group. Some have gone from us feeling this very keenly, feeling that we haven't moved rapidly enough at this point. Others are very happy that we haven't moved at all toward merger.

Recently I attended, as your Moderator, the Church of the Brethren Conference at Ocean Grove, N. J. The Church of the Brethren, I think without question, is eager to foster the ecumenical movement among a number of churches. One sensed the feeling that they wanted to join with someone. I spoke to their Conference on the theme of "What is the Business of the Brethren?" I implied that there are many things which we do alike which makes one wonder why we need two Conferences. I pointed out further, however, that the real business of the Brethren is to take the personal walk with Jesus to the people of the world. The feeling of some of their people is that they are moving too rapidly into the social and political arenas, and we would probably concur. At the same time, their feeling toward us is that we have moved too slowly in those areas, and too far in developing a spirituality for the church. Now I don't know what a happy medium is. I am only pointing out that there are fears among us that we can become extinct unless we join a larger movement. I'm not proposing that we join with another group, but I do strongly urge that we continue to meet with people with whom we have common theological backgrounds. We need as one former moderator said, "courtship," and we may need a long courtship, and even after it a marriage may not occur, the courtship is not out of place, however. Certainly my feeling returning from the Church of the Brethren Conference is one of warmth and of a sense of oneness with them. Thus, I would favor continued courtship. Our common heritage must inevitably make this close-

ness very real and meaningful. Now remember that I'm speaking under the heading of becoming extinct. I don't think we are going to become extinct simply because we don't join some other body. The mood of the church seems to me to be not to join with any one at the moment.

But a further step is that we could become extinct by failure to cooperate among ourselves. I must say, however, that I am personally happy about the demonstration of cooperation within our church. One outstanding example is with regard to the Seminary. With very few exceptions, the churches voted to back the Seminary drive, in some cases in spite of heavy local building debts. Now naturally this is an interest of mine because I serve in the Seminary. But actually it is the concern of all of us, for if the Seminary doesn't go, neither does the church. Obviously this is only one indication of cooperation, but it is sufficiently strong to illustrate the point I'm making. We do have a mind to stand together and to progress in the church. We are not divided. We are not, therefore, in danger of extinction because of failure to cooperate. This same cooperation could be demonstrated in other ways, I have just used the one most outstanding of recent times.

I have suggested that we can become exclusive, or we can become extinct; I would rather prefer to say that we can become expansive. Again there is much to encourage a Brethren. A great share of this encouragement comes from the actions and activities of the Missionary Board, and District Mission Boards. The efforts of our missionary leadership have brought us to the place where we have some reason to feel a part of world missions. But further, the work and effort to establish new churches is most heartening. The importance of this is profound, for it manifests to us that it is possible to build Brethren Churches in this day and age. Thus, the day is not over when we can build new churches for the Brethren denomination. Now, while I have said that it is possible for us to become extinct, it is a greater possibility that we can become expansive. We can take our faith out into the world. It is possible for us to have mission efforts across the world. We can build new churches in suburban communities, where we have not necessarily a nucleus of Brethren people. This then is what I would say—we can become denominationally, not exclusive, not extinct, but expansive.

Part V

But there is still a further reason for shaking the little boxes, and it is that we must be made to realize **what we must be spiritually.** It seems to me that the church of which we are a part has an opportunity to set an evangelical pace in America. We hold a doctrine which is thoroughly Biblical, and a peace of mind which America needs. I say therefore, we, and others like us, must set the pace spiritually. Let's forget about becoming a large denomination on the assumption that we would thus be a stronger and better witness. And let us not assume that we must settle all the problems of the world ourselves. Rather may we remember that there is a mission and ministry for us which in some instances may be unique.

Unfortunately we have become much like other denominations. There is a materialism within our church; this would go without saying. We have made weak the line between the church-member and the non-church member. The person in the church and the person outside the church often will show little difference. This is all too true of Brethren people. But what we must be spiritually is that we must continue to allow the things of the Spirit to be predominate in our lives. It has already been indicated herein that we can't be other-worldly entirely. On the other hand, we dare not allow the things of the Spirit to be lost in favor of an emphasis on social and political issues. I'm surely not against helping the needy, and making an impact on politics, but our work is something beyond even this. There is something about the Brethren which is different. There is a way of life about us which the world needs. Our peaceful solution to problems; the things of the Spirit which society must learn about. There is the practice of the Presence of Christ, which we hold. In these areas we have a chance to set the pace.

The committee on the Spiritual State of the Churches considered this matter. I was pleased to find that the attitude representing the districts of the church was most heartening. The feeling is that there is progress. We are demonstrating a progressive attitude. It was particularly felt with respect to the Seminary. It was felt also with respect to our giving patterns; while not exceptional, nevertheless the committee was of the opinion that our level of giving was commendable. It should be said further that while we have shown an ability to make progress, there is still a lack of mission vision. Also, that we are rather weak in evangelism. I would concur in this, for we still conceive of evangelism being a week or two of meetings in the fall. In addition, the committee felt encouraged by the increase in Sunday school workshops over the denomination. There was a feeling that there is great potential in our Sunday school, and that the workshops are a valuable asset to our church.

Further the committee felt a concern over the institutionalization of the Brethren Church. It was this of course, which I tried to express in the idea of the "Little Boxes." One committee member expressed it this way, "the tug is with us to be like other denominations." Further, he said, and I would concur, "we need to have a spiritual appreciation for the church and its ordinances. Do we have a reason for separate existence? If we don't, then let us forget the whole thing and be like others." On the other hand, do we have spiritual benefits which we can give to our world? If we have, and if we believe in them, then let's believe them wholeheartedly and let's present them as our beliefs unashamedly. When you think about it, we have many visual aids to use to develop the spiritual man. They are absolutely Scriptural. For instance, what better picture could you get of the death of the old man and the resurrection of the new than is depicted in baptism? And what better symbol of the Trinity than the baptismal formula which honors each member of the Trinity? What better sign of cleansing could you get than you do from the feetwashing at communion? And what better sign of fellowship and salvation than the Lord's Supper and Eucharist? How could you better depict God's healing power than the anointing service? We have many spiritual benefits to offer. Our question is then—do these matter or don't they? Our committee felt that we need to come to some appreciation of the spiritual heritage which we have. Thus again we ask, do we have a reason for separate existence? I believe we have much to offer a

troubled world. For this reason, I have put this all under the heading of what we must become spiritually. I think we must set the pace. There are people looking for this kind of fellowship. They are looking for this kind of Bible-believing church. Thus, we must offer this to our world.

One further comment needs to be made here concerning the spiritual state of the churches. A committee member stated it this way, I insert it here as a caution, "the spiritual state of the church is quiet, our people want the church to exist as a denomination, but mostly they are intensely local-minded, members of this or that local church, and that is that." In the main I would say that the committee felt very heartened about the church and its progress. I would, therefore, report for them that there was not a discouraged attitude. They felt that we have much for which to be thankful in this year of our Lord.

My point is that we must be something spiritually. I am contending for the fact that we do have something to offer to a needy world. They are not distinctive Brethren doctrines, they are emphasis which the Bible, itself, makes. We have held these beliefs, and I don't think we are about to give them up. I don't think we have a great deal to gain by simply becoming like everyone else. To assume that by being like everyone else, and by merger to become big, that we would, therefore, make a greater impact on the world is not necessarily true. We have much to offer in our own individual way of doing things, without at the same time becoming exclusive.

Part VI

I would now shake the boxes once more. Shake them so that the people in them will take a second **look at our needs**. Let us look at some of our most pressing needs. Certainly we cannot review them all. I have, however, chosen to make several points of emphasis.

Surely it is no surprise to you that I bring up once again the matter of ministerial recruitment. To point up the critical nature of the need, I turn your attention to a recent Wall Street Journal article entitled, "Empty Pulpits." The headlines include such statements as these: "The shortage of clergymen leaves churches with no regular pastors." "Seminary roles decline, too, as youth shun low pay, less church influence . . . a problem for every faith." The estimate is that there are about 69,000 Protestant and Jewish places of worship without a full-time minister or rabbi. The reasons for this decline are many. Church specialists say it is because of relatively low salaries, growing separation of liberal and conservative church-goers over civil-rights issues. Increasing competition of social agencies for qualified men. Often they say these factors interact. Sacrifices a college students must make to enter seminary are not worth it. He gets a salary equal to an assistant shop foreman; thus many youths no matter how idealistic feel that it isn't worth it. Especially when local congregations show little desire to relate the Christian faith to burning issues of the day. Youth who feel strongly the need to correct racial wrongs are unconvinced, rightly or wrongly, that the church is the place to do it. There is further the feeling that clergymen have less influence than they did earlier in the simpler rural America. "Nobody pays much attention to ministers anymore," said one trained minister, who gave up his pastorate to enter industry. The Peace Corps is also attracting many seminary graduates. Further it is stated that the number of clergymen actually occupying pulpits rose only 4 per cent between 1960 and 1963, while the number engaged in church office work rose 11 per cent, almost three times as fast. Seminaries have declined, also. As you undoubtedly know one very well-known seminary, Oberlin, will close its doors within three years. There are some moves to relocate it, of course, but the point is that declining enrollment forced the move. At our own seminary, we have not declined but grown, slowly but surely. We may now have a real opportunity to show outstanding growth. The seminary enrollment nationwide across the board has remained fairly static at 20,000 to 21,000 since 1956. This estimate from 128 seminaries in the U. S. Thus, there has not been a rise, and the indication is that there will be further decline. While many pastors will not concede that money plays a part in their calling, others more out-spoken insist that low salaries work a hardship on their wives. A National Council survey shows that annual median salary for 5,600 ministers over fifteen denominations was only $5,158 in 1963. Very low for men with college let alone post-graduate degrees. Moreover, though that figure was up over 24 per cent from 1956, the rise significantly trailed a 41 per cent 1956-1963 rise in salaries of teachers, perhaps the most comparable occupational group. That rise brought the median teacher's salary in 1963 to $5,963. So much for the national picture as the article points it out.

Our own seminary expects an enrollment of thirty-six students this fall. As you know, our goal in the immediate future is sixty-five, which even reaching it will only barely supply our needs as a church. There is no question but that our need is as critical as that of any other church, but it is no worse.

I don't propose to know the answer to the problem, and am making no specific recommendation regarding it. I will say, however, that we all need to work consistently at the encouragement of young people for Christian service. With regard to this, there are several things I would like to suggest. First, that we preach about the call of God to special service. We must, as ministers, in an increasing way lay the claim of God before our youth. This needs to become a regular practice involving more than Seminary Sunday. No young person should be allowed to grow up to choose a job for life without having heard God's call through a human being for Christian service. In a study on ministerial recruitment which I made some years back, I contacted a minister from a large denomination who was responsible for more ministerial recruits than any other minister. I asked him what the secret of his influence was, and he said that it was simply a matter of preaching and counselling with his youth. He said, "I allow no high school senior to graduate who has not had the claim of Jesus Christ on his life laid before him firmly."

This ideal leads to the second. Not only must we be preaching about it constantly, but we must also be persuading consistently. Ministers, friends, relatives, all alike must be helping to persuade these young people that God does have a claim on their lives. In surveys taken, ministers played a large role in the decisions of young men to enter the ministry. Parents ran close second and third positions. Figuring prominently there were also Sunday school

teachers. We cannot miss the opportunity to be God's instruments in the offering of His claim on young lives.

But preaching and persuading will not do it alone—we need also planning. By this I mean that churches must express more of a concern by setting up scholarships to underwrite our students. Some of our churches are very alert at this point. Others are yet to be awakened. While financial help is not the only answer to recruitment, let's face the facts, college and seminary education is not free. It is more expensive now than it has ever been, and it is likely to become increasingly so. Seminary expenses and costs will continue to rise also, this goes without saying. Thus it becomes an increasing need for our churches to underwrite students—either their own or students from other churches. Hence I strongly urge that all churches consider scholarship funds in their own churches, in addition to the Student Aid Fund to which they contribute. We simply are going to need more and more help for our students. This doesn't mean that a church has to start out with fabulous sums, but just that each church consider its own responsibility in this matter. If supply lines are not maintained, there just will not be enough ministers to go around. We must stop lamenting this great need and do some very tangible things to make ministerial recruitment a reality.

These three things, while not a total answer, will undoubtedly help our situation. We must preach about recruitment, we must persuade young people, and we must plan to help them financially. I challenge you to allow yourselves to be instruments of God in this great mission. We are not removing God's call, nor prayer, we are simply being the human agents through whom God can work. I don't believe that such a program is mechanical at all, for God has always worked through human agents. Will you be that instrument?

Therefore, I would like to shake every box, and stir every person in every little box to take serious this most critical need of the church. We can't ignore it. It won't go away with time. It can only be removed by our willingness to be instruments for God.

There are two more related needs which I want us to notice. I would then like to shake the boxes to get their attention concerning our church family, and our church families. Both of these need serious consideration, and even though they have been talked about before, I am going to mention them one more time.

The first of these concerns has come up time and time again through the years—the matter of our church family. I would bring to your attention the concern of church membership. To put it another way, "what is the Brethren family?" What constitutes the Brethren Church? Who makes up its membership? Very bluntly, "what is church member ship?" When is one not a member of the Brethren Church? Upon what basis do we determine membership? Entering the Brethren Church is theological and doctrinal. A person is admitted to membership on the basis of a confession of faith and baptism. Now, when we dismiss members is that dismissal any less doctrinal? In other words, is not the dismissal of members just as much a doctrinal consideration as their admission? That it is considered a spiritual matter is evidenced by the fact that deacon boards are often charged with the responsibility of determining who should be dismissed. But that it is not considered a spiritual matter is evidenced by the fact that dismissals are made for purely financial reasons. Perhaps we ought to charge the finance committees with the responsibility rather than the deacons. Thus, we dismiss people either because they haven't paid, because we have to pay for them, or because they have missed so many communions. Is it really realistic to dismiss members on these counts? I have a letter from a lady who asks to be remembered in the Conference, who hasn't been able to be near a Brethren church for years —shall she not be considered a member? I am asking whether it is right to determine entrance on the basis of theology and doctrine and dismiss on the basis of finances or other man-made rules?

In spite of repeated recommendations through the years for churches to report all their members and to have no reported categories of members, our churches persist in doing just that thing. And as recent as last year, our statistician reported that members were dismissed because of the apportionments. Would it not be a lot better to think in terms of what that apportionment money could do? Likewise, would it not be more wholesome to think of rehabilitating these people and recovering them, than quickly dismissing them to save money? Now, I am told that I am not realistic at this point. It is not right to report a membership that doesn't worship. But I ask in return is it right to dismiss people from church rolls, or categorize them because they don't do particular things? As a Bible-believing church, is there not a Bible basis for church membership and if so what is it? What is the Bible basis for the dismissal of members?

It may be argued that this position then is a position of eternal security. Once they become members, they are always members. I am not arguing for that at all, I am arguing for giving God the right to deal with these people within the pale of the Church. How does one minister or one congregation at a given time know when God has finished dealing with a person? And how do these collective people know but what the next minister may be able to rehabilitate those often so quickly dismissed? Again I ask "when is a member a member?" When does God stop dealing with a man? When has the church the right to say you are no longer one of us? I say if we would spend as much time and effort trying to recover these people as we spend on revival campaigns, we could recover and rehabilitate many of them. Now if God adds to the church, who subtracts?

It is evident that we have not a common mind on this yet. I have raised some of the related problems. I wonder if the reason we haven't arrived at a common mind is because we have missed the theological implications of church membership. A number of good studies have been made, the most recent came last year in a report to the Ministerial Association. This was based on a 1957 resolution. That resolution called for no publicly announced categories of membership, and that all members be listed for apportionment. This has not been done, and apparently some churches don't intend to do it. There have been other studies reaching the same conclusion. I think now that we could make one further study based on those which have been so well done so far. It seems to me we have made our studies on the basis of practice and have reached our conclusions on the basis of practice. I believe now that we are in position to make one further study

on, "What is church membership?" I therefore, recommend that a committee be formed made up of a member appointed by the Seminary, one appointed by Central Council, and one appointed by the Ministerial Association, and that the appointee from the Ministerial Association be the chairman. This committee is to study the Biblical basis for church membership, and to determine what is membership in the Brethren Church, with a report to be made at the next General Conference.

We must stop this discouraging, disheartening business of cutting off more from our rolls than we add. Proportionately we are winning as many as some other denominations, but roll revision makes us feel that we are constantly getting weaker and sicker. Let us concentrate our efforts on rehabilitation and recovery. Such constant roll revision and dismissal, often without any notice to the person that his status has been changed, is a serious reflection on our preaching and subsequent conversions. May I just say, parenthetically, that it seems to me unfortunate that we have churches which actually change the standing of persons, without any notification whatsoever. It was stated in a study made on our practices on membership that some seventeen churches took such action. It was for this reason and others stated that I have made this recommendation. I trust that out of one more serious study we will be able to reach a mind.

May I now point to another need within the church. We have spoken about our church family, I want now to turn our attention to church families. You do not need to be told that American families are in trouble. The divorce rate in America is about one in four marriages. Many things contribute to broken homes and cracked homes. I do not intend to discuss the reasons for the plight of the American home. My concern is that the problems which plague American homes, often homes outside the church, are problems which face Brethren families. Now I don't have any way of knowing how many Brethren homes are broken or cracked. I do know that such divisions are taking place. There is a concern, therefore, that in spite of our Biblical teaching and stand that Brethren families are breaking and cracking, too. Brethren families consequently need help. To be sure, they get it from their individual churches and from pastoral counselling. But I think we need to take one more firm step in this direction of help for families. I am aware of the fact that some steps have been taken through family camps, this is most heartening and encouraging. A very successful one, for example, has been conducted in Ohio, with similar efforts elsewhere. I would hope to strengthen such efforts with the recommendation which follows. I recommend that we establish regular "Family-life Conferences" within our districts. The organization of such conferences is to be under the direction of the district administration or its appointees. Further, that these conferences include discussions for and about children, youth, and whole families. Further that John Porte, our Field Secretary, act as coordinator of these conferences. I further encourage local churches to conduct a series of such meetings for the benefit of their own families. It is the hope that the meetings on the district level will give the impetus and the guiding force for the local discussions. Our entire denomination will be stronger as our individual families will be made stronger in their Christian living. I urge that we give whole families our sincere attention.

Finally, with respect to our needs, I would call your attention to one more item. It is perhaps incidental, but nonetheless, worthy of concern. I recommend that the Central Council study, one more time, the possibility of combining our Goals, Standard of Excellence, and if possible our Statistical Report in one form, and that consideration be given, once more, to setting one date which will be observed by all churches. Much improvement has been made on this, and we have the Central Council to thank. I now ask that we make a still further effort to unify these reports still more. I bring this to your attention because it was brought to my attention as a need of the denomination.

These, then, are our needs. Obviously many more could be mentioned. Possibly I have even missed the most important ones. I would hope, however, that we could be shaken to give attention to these at least. If we can but solve the problem of our church family—membership; and if we can but give help to our church families, through our further studies recommended here, we shall have a brighter Brethren future.

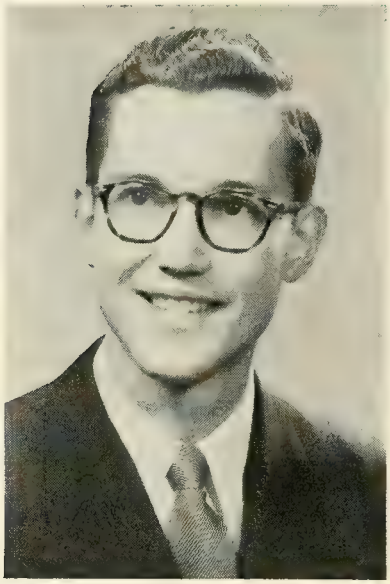
Well we have shaken the little boxes. Whether or not the shaking gained the attention of the people in the boxes, we will have to wait to see. My purpose has been to turn our attention to our church. I suggested the last time we were together, that our church, like many others, has become in many respects institutional. We have an institutional religion where religion is dispensed from little church boxes on Sunday morning. We have secularized, localized, and de-personalized God, in the process. My attempt today has been to shake these boxes so that the people will pay attention to some things about our church. First, that we love the appearing of our Lord Jesus. Our complacency must be shaken out of us. By this, we become dependent upon God for the answers to men's problems. Then in the second place, I shook the boxes so that we would look at what we have organizationally. We do not need more organization, but education about and use of what we already have. In the third place, I shook the boxes so that we would take a second look at what we are doctrinally. We are not a Bible-dissecting but a Bible-believing Church. In the fourth place, we took a second look at what we can be denominationally; exclusive, extinct, or expansive. Then we observed what we must be spiritually. We must set the pace by making our lives testify to the Practice of the Presence of Jesus. Finally, we shook the boxes to take a second look at our needs. We must have more ministerial recruits. We need to decide what we mean by membership. We can help our Brethren families. And we should try again to bring our reporting of our advances to an even more uniform method.

I don't know what the future holds for the Brethren Church. I would say it is as bright as the promises of God, and our willingness to accept them. This is no time to be plagued with an inferiority complex. We can build Brethren Churches. We can win as many to Jesus Christ as other denominations. We have got to find a way to define and stabilize membership; the one thing which year after year causes us to feel ineffective and weak. We have a God to glorify, a Christ to exemplify and proclaim, and a message which this world needs, and of which we are not ashamed. We have a place in this world. Let us believe this and act upon it.

Brethren Youth Crusaders

Conference

. . . SPEAKER



Rev. Jerry Flora served as the Youth Conference Chapel speaker and also as the Vespers speaker during the 1965 Catacomb Conference. Messages of real inspiration and interest during this week were presented from the book of Acts.

Answer to Last Week's Idea Box:

1. The Mote and Beam
2. The Barren Fig Tree
3. Wheat and Tares
4. The Mustard Seed
5. The Prodigal Son
6. The Sheep and the Goats
7. The Ten Talents
8. The Pharisee and Publican
9. Leven Hidden in Meal
10. Pearl of Great Price
11. The Drag Net
12. Rich Man and Lazarus

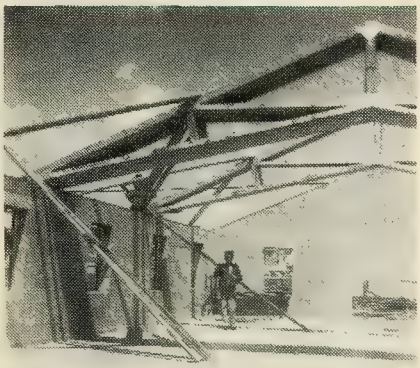
. . . BIBLE QUIZ



The 1964-65 Bible Quiz has been held over the book of Acts. Local and district competitions were held throughout the year and the district winners moved to the National Finals during Conference week. Preliminary eliminations are held earlier in the week and the Finals are held on Saturday afternoon before the entire conference. Competition is keen but the real value comes from young people studying God's Word. The quiz this year consisted of three divisions—grades 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. National winning trophies and runners-up trophies are presented in each division. Watch future *The Brethren Evangelists* to learn who the 1965 Bible Quiz winners and runners-up were.

Highlights . . .

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Derby Church under Construction



New Derby, Kansas, Church



Derby Congregation

The 1964-65 Brethren Youth Project comes to an end during conference week, 1965. The goal for this project has been $10,000 for the new Derby, Kansas, Brethren Church. Our slogan this year has been "fill the DERBY hat" and we hope to do that during conference week. A report on the total giving will appear soon on the youth pages of *The Brethren Evangelist.*

Following is a progress report on the Derby Church by the pastor, Rev. M. W. Dodds.

The building of the first unit at Derby continues to move forward. The bricklayers have completed the outside walls. Several laymen of the church donated their time to place the roof trusses and nail plywood over them. The completion of the building is expected by September 1.

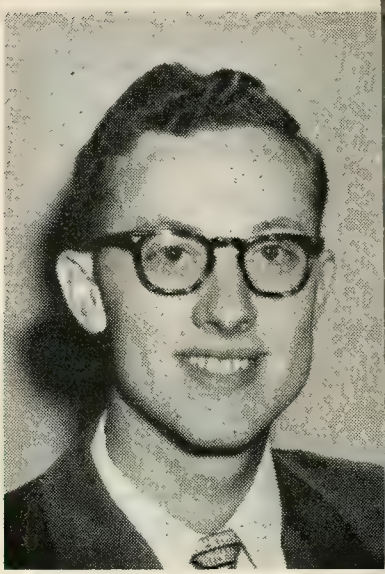
Nine young people and three adults attended the District Youth Retreat at Camp Wyandotte on June 25 and 26. Others were present from Falls City and Mulvane. The Derby Junior Quiz team consisting of Bruce Dodds, Marie Grieve and Randy Pray won the district trophy at this Retreat.

Pray that the Derby Brethren will be able to reach souls for Christ as the church building becomes available for use. Over one hundred new homes are expected to be completed in the Derby area in the near future.

—Rev. M. W. Dodds



Pastor Dodds' Family
(Mrs. Dodds, Stevie, Bruce, Marcylynn)



LOST CREEK NEWS

by DR. HAROLD E. BARNETT

THE LOST CREEK BRETHREN CHURCH dedicated the Drushal Memorial Church Building on Friday, May 7, 1965. This was the major event in the 60th Anniversary Year of the Lost Creek church and the Riverside school. A large crowd was present for the service including Mrs. George E. Drushal who was the main speaker for the occasion. Miss Adah Drushal spoke, also. Both now reside in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Drushal broke ground for the new building on May 4, 1963. Dr. J. Garber Drushal was present and spoke. Mr. Millard Drushal, Rev. Drushal's nephew, his wife and family attended the dedication.

Reverend J. Milton Bowman and Reverend M. Virgil Ingraham represented the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church at the dedication, and they brought inspiring messages. Remarks were made by Rev. William Jackson, former interim pastor and present deacon; Mr. Ralph Landis, business manager and vice-moderator of the church; Mr. Joe Barnett, chairman of the building committee, deacon and Sunday school superintendent; and Mr. Maurice Hall, moderator of the church. Mr. Abe Phillips of the Highland, Pa., church spoke. He was the architect and construction engineer of the new building. Mrs. Margaret Bowling, one of the oldest church members who was present at the beginning of the work, gave a testimony from her heart.

Prayers of dedication were offered by Reverends Bowman, Ingraham, Jackson, and Benjamin Frye, who is a staff member of the Riverside school and assistant preacher in the church. The dedication of the new corner stone was held in front of the church building. Documents were placed in the stone by officers of the Sunday school and church. Rev. Herbert Gilmer, pastor of the Roann church in Indiana, gave the dedicatory message and prayer of dedication. Mr. Abe Phillips sealed the cornerstone in. Various testimonies were given by members of the Riverside Board of Directors, past students of Riverside and friends and ministers who were present. Following the dedication, a bountiful meal was served cafeteria-style in the basement of the church under the direction of the church ladies. It was truly a triumphal day of joy, thanksgiving and gladness! Many old classmates of Riverside were re-united and the fellowship of all was very sweet. Some former members of the church were present who now live in other localities.

God used many people here at Lost Creek and throughout the Brethren brotherhood to work a miracle of faith in building this House of God! The Brethren people donated $10,503 through the Ten Dollar Club of the Missionary Board. The Lost Creek congregation borrowed $5,000 from the Revolving Fund of the Missionary Board which is now being repaid in monthly installments. The Lost Creek people are evidencing more stewardship. The Riverside Improvement Club, a group of community friends of Riverside, gave over $1,000 in the building program. The Club now has over $200 towards putting the church steeple and bell on the building.

The acre of land on which the building sits was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Marcum, Omaha, Nebraska, for $500 and deeded to the Missionary Board. Mr. Marcum is a member of the Riverside Board of Directors. Various Brethren churches, W. M. S.'s, Laymen's groups, Sunday school classes and individuals have contributed towards the building of the church here. We praise God for each and say "Thank You" with all our hearts! Mr. Elwood Workman and sons of the Mt. Olivet church, Georgetown, Delaware, have given $600 for 6 new pews in the church. Mr. and Mrs. Phineas McCabe of the Mt. Olivet church have also given a pew. We are very grateful to these friends who have responded so generously and lovingly! The Lord will reward. The Mulvane, Kansas, church sent many hundreds of dollars to aid in the construction of the new church! We are humbled and grateful for their help!

The building committee for the new church building was: Joe Barnett, Ralph Landis, Abe Phillips, Mrs. William Jackson, Mrs. Addie Smith, William Mul-

lins, Doran Hostetler and Reverend Barnett. All the people of Lost Creek are deeply grateful to everyone who has given and worked so that this building could be erected to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. George E. Drushal, pioneer missionary and teacher to thousands of people in the hills of Eastern Kentucky of famed "Appalachia." Of course, the building is also in honor of the entire Drushal family who has labored so well and sacrificially that the church and school might continue for 60 years to be "A Light In the Hills."

A special tribute goes to Brother Abe Phillips. Without him the church could not have been built! He came for long periods of time over two years to labor on this building, leaving his home and work behind in Highland, Pennsylvania. He worked in very hot weather at extra hard labor for a man of his age. Yet he never complained. He believed from the very beginning that the building could be erected although many had doubts. His faith never wavered. He knew how to build, and he built in the best possible manner and with the best materials. The church design is mostly of his creation with which we are all very pleased. It is encouraging and inspiring to find a layman with his faith and dedication in the Brethren Church. We believe there are other laymen like him and may their tribe increase! Brother Phillips worked free of charge and we pray God will richly reward him now and in eternity! His sons, Rev. Phillips, Homer and Ronald, and son-in-law, Dan Forney, and other members of the Highland church, such as Junior Friend and Jim Forney, also came and helped out. Truly the Highland church has a very tender place in our hearts here! So do all the people of the Brethren Church for that matter! The Missionary Board has been marvelous in the whole project and we praise God for the dedicated members of our Missionary Board and the efficient way in which our missionary program is administered!

We hope to have the new steeple with the old church-school bell installed in it on the top of the new building soon. Brother Phillips is working on this and that means we'll get results! The baptistry, kitchen and porch and walks are yet to be completed. We have 16 new pews paid for (6 installed to date) with 8 more yet needed. The church office furniture is yet to be paid for. The badly-needed building has already been put to much use by both church and school programs. Four religious plays have been presented by the Dramatics Class of the high school. Our first baccalaureate and commencement programs have been held there. Rev. W. S. Benshoff spoke for the former and Rev. Charles R. Munson for the latter.

Riverside Camp was held in June and we were happy to have Miss Lowery as our director although very ill from her accident. Miss Alice Oburn was our assistant director and did a great job. Her mother and other ladies of the Pleasant Hill, Ohio, church composed most of our camp staff. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy of Krypton were valuable teachers in the program.

Riverside's Independence Day celebration was held on Saturday, July 3. It was a special 60th Anniversary and Homecoming observance. The program began at 9:30 A.M. in the new church with special music by local musicians. Testimonials were heard from former students and graduates of Riverside. The speaker for the day was Rev. Raymond Haddix, Director of Scripture Memory Mountain Mission (also Camp Nathanael), of Emmalena, Ky. He was formerly a Riverside student and was saved in the old log building which stood right by the location of the new church building. He also played the guitar and sang. Following this program all proceeded to the lower campus for various contests for all ages under the direction of Doran Hostetler, Riversides' athletic director(one of the various capacities he fills here). Ribbons were awarded first, second and third place winners in such contests as nail-driving, dashes, ball-throws, walking race, and bubble-gum blowing. No one got the $5.00 on the top of the slippery "money tree." (For which we are glad!) Food was provided consisting of pop, hot dogs, watermelon, ice cream and candy. All proceeds were given towards putting the steeple on the church building.

Vacation Bible Schools are scheduled for Lost Creek, Rowdy and Haddix in July. Four young men representing Soldiers of Christ, an affiliate of Moody Bible Institute, will conduct evangelistic services at the Haddix and Rowdy Brethren Churches in July and August. They will stay at Riverside. This is a volunteer organization. They will also visit in the homes of the communities and distribute literature.

Our gardens are producing well and we are in the "bean-canning" season. Blackberries and corn are coming on. Help needed! Six unemployed fathers have been assigned by the Kentucky Public Assistance Program to maintain Riverside's buildings and grounds! Free labor here and the government pays for it! What a blessing to us! How desperately needed since we have no money to pay for labor and we do not have enough workers here to do all the needed maintenance. Some are carpenters, mechanics and general laborers. They will save the work here hundreds of dollars! Praise the Lord! They are now in the process of razing the girls' old dorm. The Missionary Board hopes to build a one-story, three-apartment faculty house on the old foundation. This is desperately needed and we are grateful for this.

The new education bill also provides that free textbooks may be supplied to private schools. Supplementary library materials and audio-visual aids will also be loaned to us by the government. This program is expected to get into action here at Riverside by January of 1966. What a blessing this will be to our work!

There will be some new Brethren staff members at Riverside this coming school year which begins August 23. Miss Karen Mahoney of our Elkhart, Indiana, church; Miss Brenda Kline of our Louisville, Ohio, church; Mrs. Boyer of our Roann, Indiana, church; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woodcox of our Wabash, Indiana, church are among the new members expected to help carry on the work here for the glory of God in our sixty-first year of service as an institution and mission. Our total ministry enters the spiritual, educational, social and humanitarian areas. The need here is greater than ever and the opportunities lie before us. God has done marvelous things here for 60 years and He will do yet greater things if we are faithful. We invite all Brethren to join hands with us as we all endeavor to carry on our home mission work at Lost Creek, Rowdy and Haddix, Kentucky.

"LOVING HIS APPEARING"

1. As Faithful Sons
2. As Profitable Stewards
3. As Obedient Subjects
4. As Expectant Servants

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

II Timothy 4:8

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A NEW MAGAZINE

AT THE SHAREHOLDERS' meeting on Wednesday of General Conference, August 18, it was voted that *The Brethren Evangelist* should go to a biweekly magazine. The content of the magazine will have minor changes and the format will also undergo minor changes.

The magazine will be enlarged to a thirty-two page issue and will carry essentially the same materials as it now does.

A new policy has been set for subscription prices. They are as follows:

$4.00 per single subscription
$3.50 for 100% church subscription
$3.75 for 50% church subscription

This change is to be effective as of January 1, 1966. More information relative to this change will appear in future issues of *The Brethren Evangelist.*

This change will mean that beginning in 1966 you will receive twenty-six issues of the magazine plus the Annual for a year's subscription.

NOTICE!
ALL CHURCH SECRETARIES—

IT IS OUR HOPE that the annual issue of *The Brethren Evangelist* will be in the mail earlier this year. In fact, parts of it have already been set for print. Therefore, we urge you to send in the name and address of your church secretary immediately! In case your church election is within a few weeks, please send in that name as soon as the election is completed.

In case we have not heard from you by the time we are ready for press, we will use that name that appears in the current annual.

NOTICE!
ALL NATIONAL AUXILIARY SECRETARIES—

AS STATED ABOVE, we are hoping to have the annual in print before too many weeks hence, therefore we urge you to write up the minutes of your meetings held during conference week and mail them to us as soon as possible!

As soon as these minutes are received they are processed and set for printing. Please help us out by taking care of this matter immediately!

THE COVER PICTURE

THE COVER picture was sent to us by Rev. Duane Dickson of Tempe, Arizona. He had taken this photo and we are very happy to use it in this way.

Bro. Dickson was very busy during conference week taking pictures for your Editor; these pictures will be appearing in *The Brethren Evangelist* as soon as they are processed for printing.

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A Good Week

GOD HAS ONCE AGAIN given us a good week of General Conference. There was much inspiration as well as fellowship with Brethren from all over these United States. Much was accomplished. Even though the statistical report shows no progress in membership, there was much progress in spiritual areas.

The conference began with the message of the vice moderator, Dr. Harold Barnett of Lost Creek, Kentucky, who challenged us to recognize our responsibilities as Brethren because of our heritage and our Biblical standards.

Our moderator, Rev. Charles R. Munson, certainly awakened us to these same responsibilities by "Shaking the Little Boxes" during his address on Tuesday morning. Certainly any person who listened to this address was "shaken" to the realization of the eminent coming of our Lord. Because of His coming and because of the message which we Brethren possess, we are obligated to give the Gospel to the lost world. Our Moderator performed in an excellent manner in conducting the business of the conference.

The Laymen outdid themselves in presenting Mr. Ken Anderson as the guest speaker on Tuesday evening. Mr. Anderson is a director of religious films and has traveled extensively throughout the world. His message dealt with the doctrine of demonology and made us aware of the dangers of not recognizing such beings in the world of today. Mr. Anderson gave example after example of the manifestations of demons throughout his travels.

The Sunday School Board brought Dr. Charles Blair of Denver, Colorado, in for the workshop and for the Wednesday evening inspirational hour. Dr. Blair began his Sunday school with thirty-two members eighteen years ago and this number has grown to over three thousand. He gave us some good pointers in Sunday school building. More will appear in future issue of this magazine relative to his workshop.

Dr. Ralph Earle of the Olivet Nazarene Seminary of Kansas City, Missouri, presented the morning Bible lectures. His subjects were related to the coming of our Lord. We were made to realize the importance of the coming of our Lord in our lives as well as the responsibility placed upon us to give this message to others.

The Missionary Banquet was a highlight. Rev. Robert Bischof, missionary on furlough from Nigeria, was the speaker. He "fairly bubbled over" with enthusiasm as he spoke of the work being done in Nigeria. He spoke of the fact that he spent much time in water baptizing candidates in the Christian way of life. This was a most inspiring message.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Executive Secretary, Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, National Association of Evangelicals, was the speaker for the weekend Missionary Conference. He brought messages on Friday and Saturday evenings and on Sunday morning. Dr. Taylor has traveled extensively all over the world in his work and he placed upon us, again, the necessity of foreign missions.

Rev. Jerry Flora presented the Vesper messages each evening, and he, too, inspired us to greater service for our God.

The music was excellent this year. The congregational singing was superb. Each musician performed in such a way that the entire conference was thrilled with the music. Leo Jones and his choir presented anthems that lifted our souls to mountain-top experiences. The Seminary Octet, under the direction of Leo Jones, thrilled our hearts with the anthems they presented on Thursday evening. The Lord truly blessed us through music this year.

The Brethren Youth Quiz contest was a highlight this year with Ardmore, Indiana, going home with all the trophies for first place in each division.

There are many other highlights that could be mentioned. A later issue of **The Brethren Evangelist** will include them. This was truly a great conference! S.G.

news ... from the Brethren

Sarasota, Fla. Rev. J. D. Hamel reports that on Sunday, July 11, seven persons were received into membership of the church by baptism.

Tempe, Ariz. The August issue of "News and Devotionals" from the Papago Park Brethren Church reports that on Sunday, June 27, there was a service of dedication for the parsonage which was recently purchased. There were several visitors from the Tucson Brethren Church in attendance. Rev. Duane Dickson is the pastor.

Gretna, Ohio. Rev. L. V. King, pastor, reports that Brad Weidenhamer filled the pulpit in his absence recently. Brad is a student in the Ashland Theological Seminary.

Milford, Ind. Rev. Frank Barker reports that five persons were received into membership of the church recently.

Nappanee, Ind. It is reported through the church's newsletter, "The Messenger," that the congregation has extended a call to Rev. William Anderson, pastor, for another year. This call has been accepted by Rev. Anderson.

Muncie, Ind. Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Grumbling have recently moved into the parsonage to begin their pastorate in this church. They moved there from Route 3 of Wabash, Ind., where they have completed their pastorate at the College Corner Brethren Church.

New Paris, Ind. Mr. Max Bigler, layman from Nappanee, Ind., was the guest speaker recently at the church.

South Bend, Ind. Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Claiborne and family have recently moved to South Bend to take up the work as Youth Director in the First Brethren Church.

ACTRESS BETTY HUTTON CONVERTED

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. (EP)—Well-known Hollywood actress Betty Hutton and her husband, Peter Candoli, took a public stand for Christ last November at the First Assembly of God Church here where D. LeRoy Sanders is pastor.

Since their conversion, the Candolis have appeared in various churches where, in their unique way, they have told what Jesus Christ means to them as Lord and Savior. Many of their listeners have responded as they have given the invitation to accept Christ.

A college drama teacher told his class: "I don't claim to be a Christian. Last night, however, I went to church to hear Betty Hutton and her husband tell of their religious faith. I went there out of curiosity. And although I was skeptical of their 'conversion stories' at first, it wasn't long until I felt that what they said was for real."

"Pete and Betty" intend to continue to give their testimonies "wherever the Lord opens a door."

There seems to be no end of doors open to this talented and friendly Hollywood couple who have found reality in the world of make-believe.

By Nat Olson
for Evangelical Press Association

"THE BOYCOTT BRIGADE"

The following item appeared in "Emphasis," the newsletter of the Washington Brethren Church, Washington, D. C.:

"The boycott is a device used to display opposition, to exert pressure against someone or something of which you do not approve.

"Brethren have used the boycott for generations. It is the flip side of the Brethren principle of independence . . . freedom *not* to do. Often it is the only sincere voting some Brethren do. The raised hand is only confirmed by the bodily presence.

"Most notable victims of the Brethren boycott are midweek services, B.Y.C. meetings, Sunday evening worship, and congregational business meetings.

"Many parents teach the Brethren boycott to their children by refusing to assert that TV comes second and church services are first. How foolish that children are forced to bathe, but parents feel it is wrong to insist that they attend the Christian organization designed to build strong character, wholesome minds, and clean souls. Your child has no better idea of what is best for him than you did at his age!

"The boycott brigade is responsible for more short pastorates, limited budgets, disheartened lay leaders, ineffective organizations, and uninspiring services than any other group.

"When you join the boycott brigade, you pay no dues because there are no benefits—for you or anybody else."

"Lots of people make a success of making a living but are a great failure in making a life. Your living affects you, but your life affects others. Are you making a living or making a life?"

COMING EVENTS

Mt. Olive, Va.
Revival Services
September 5 - October 19
Rev. Ralph Mills, evangelist
Rev. John F. Locke, pastor

Washington, D. C.
Revival Services
Dates to be announced
Rev. Richard Allison, evangelist
Rev. Jerry R. Flora, pastor

Calvary, N. J.
Homecoming Day
Sunday, October 3
Dr. Wm. A. Mierop, guest speaker
Rev. Arthur F. Collins, pastor

Bryan, Ohio
Homecoming
October 24
Rev. C. A. Stewart, guest speaker
Rev. Smith Rose, pastor

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Peter, James and John

Memory Scripture — I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

September 5-11

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER, 5, 1965

Read Scripture: James 5:13-15

Anointing

The phone was ringing when the Kellers came home from church. Daddy answered it. "Hello . . . Of course, I'll help. I'll meet you there. Goodbye."

Daddy replaced the telephone. "That was Rev. Long," he explained to Mom. "Mr. Peters is sick. He wants to be anointed. Rev. Long asked me to assist him."

Daddy hurried out the door.

"What's he going to do?" asked Linda.

"We are told in the Bible," explained Mom, "to ask to be anointed when we are sick."

"Yes," nodded Linda. "I know about that. The minister comes. He puts oil on our forehead and prays for us."

"Usually a deacon goes with the minister," continued Mom. "Since Daddy is a deacon, Rev. Long has asked him to help anoint Mr. Peters. Daddy will also place his hand on Mr. Peters' head and pray for him."

"Will Mr. Peters be cured then?" questioned Linda.

"God has promised to hear the prayer for healing and answer it in the way He knows is best," said Mom. "Sometimes the sick person is better immediately. Usually, though, God works through the doctors. Mr. Peters will feel better knowing God is near, guiding the doctor, helping in the way that is best."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the doctors and nurses. Thank You for healing medicine. Help me to remember the anointing service and to ask for it when I am sick. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1965

Read Scripture: James 5:16-20

Prayer

Mom had just finished talking on the telephone when Gary came downstairs.

"Mr. Peters is a little better this morning," she said. "The doctor told Mrs. Peters he is improving much more rapidly than he expected."

"That's good!" declared Gary.

"In our family prayers this morning," said Mom, "we will want to thank God for being with Mr. Peters. We will ask Him to continue to help him in the best way."

"I'm glad God hears our prayers," added Gary. "I always feel better after I talk with Him. It's easier to say I'm sorry when I've done wrong after I have told God about it."

"Yes," agreed Mom. "Prayer draws us closer to God. We feel His greatness and His goodness through prayer. I'm glad we can talk with Him anytime throughout the day. We don't need to wait for special prayer times."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for loving me. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayers. Help me to remember to talk with You often in prayer. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1965

Read Scripture: I John 1:5-10

Forgiven

"Mommy! Mommy!" called Betsy.

Mommy hurried to the living room. The pretty blue vase of flowers was on the floor. The vase was broken; the water and flowers spilt.

"Oh, Betsy," exclaimed Mommy. "What happened?"

"Ball hit flowers," said Betsy. "Flowers fall."

"Did you throw the ball?" questioned Mommy.

Betsy hung her head. Then she ran to Mommy and threw her arms around her. "I'm sorry, Mommy, I'm sorry."

"Now you know," said Mommy, "why I've asked you not to throw the ball in the house. Come, let's clean up the mess, and then we'll see if we can find another vase for the flowers."

Every day we do things God has told us not to do. Just as Mommy forgave Betsy, so God forgives us for the wrong we do if we tell Him we are truly sorry. He forgives us and helps us to do the things we should, if we ask Him.

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm sorry for the wrong I do. Forgive me, please, and show me the better way. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1965

Read Scripture: I John 2:1-6

Gary's Decision

"Do I have to go to the children's Bible hour tonight?" asked Gary.

"We always go to the midweek services unless someone is sick," answered Mom.

Linda looked at her brother in surprise. "Why, Gary, you always liked the Bible hour. Are you sick?"

Gary shook his head. "Some of the fellows at school were talking about a television program that's going to be on tonight. I would like to see it, too."

"The Bible tells us," said Mom, "if we are followers of Jesus, we should do the things He would do—walk as He walked. You are a Christian, Gary. Which do you think Jesus would do? Stay at home to watch television or go to the Bible hour?"

Gary grinned. "He would go to the Bible hour and so will I. Tonight a missionary from Nigeria will be there. I almost forgot about that."

Prayer:

Dear God, often it's hard for me to decide what I should do. Help me to think about what Jesus would do. I want to walk as He walked. In His name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1965
Read Scripture: I John 2:8-15

All Are Missionaries

"I'm glad I went to the Bible hour last night," said Gary.

"Yes," agreed Linda. "The missionary had lots of interesting things to tell us and to show us."

"I used to think all missionaries were ministers," said Gary. "Then when Uncle Jim and Aunt Doris went to Nigeria, I knew doctors and nurses could be missionaries. Mr. Burton, the man who talked to us last night is a farmer. Are others needed, too?"

"Indeed they are," answered Dad. "Doctors, farmers, engineers, carpenters, plumbers, mechanics, pilots—any workman you can think of can be used on the mission field. All kinds of work needs to be done to help the people learn of Jesus. Roads need to be built, and buildings needs to be constructed at the mission stations. So many things need to be done."

"I never thought about that," said Gary. "But all these people would make more money working at home."

Dad nodded. "Much more. The Bible teaches us to love not the things of the world. Christians are anxious for others to learn of God's love. Some go as missionaries. Others stay at home and work to help supply the needs of the mission fields. God will help you decide which you should do."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I can serve You. Help me to know if You want me to go to the mission field or to work here at home. May I always follow You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1965
Read Scripture: I John 3:1-3

Like Jesus

"What will we be like when we go to live in heaven?" asked Linda.

"We don't know exactly," answered Mom. "The Bible says we will be like Jesus because we are God's children."

"Is that all we know?" Linda wondered.

"As we study the Bible," continued Mom, "we find out other things about life in heaven, but we really don't know too much about our exact appearance. It's something like Mittens' babies. Before they were born, we knew they would be kittens—not puppies or birds or rabbits—because they would be Mittens' children. We didn't know what color they would be or how many there would be. We only knew they would be kittens. We know we are children of God. When He comes to take us to our heavenly home we will be like Him. That's all we really need to know."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I can be Your child. I want to read the Bible and talk with You every day so I can grow more like Jesus. In His name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1965
Read Scripture: I John 3:22-24

Love One Another

"Look at Queenie!" laughed Linda.

The dog stretched out on the floor with her nose and front legs in the kitten basket. The kittens were crawling over her just the same as they were over Mittens.

"If the basket were bigger I suppose she would be all the way in it," said Gary.

"Mittens is so fussy about who goes near her babies, isn't it strange she lets a dog at her basket?" asked Linda.

"Not really," replied Gary. "She knows Queenie loves them. She was practically a mother to Mittens, herself. Mittens knows she won't hurt the little ones."

"It's like the commandment Jesus gave us," added Mom. "Love one another. If we do, then we will live peaceably and happily. If we don't, there will be quarreling and unhappiness."

"I guess if a dog can show love for a cat family," said Gary, "we should be able to show love for other people."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to be kind and loving this day. Help me to do the things I should so it will be easier for others to show love for me. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

WITHOUT THE CAMP
Hebrews 13:13

Without the camp—forsaken there,
He bore reproach and shame.
Without the camp His yoke I'll bear,
His saving grace proclaim.
Upon the cross His life He gave,
He shed His precious blood
From sin and death our souls to save
And bring us back to God.

—Ida A. Guirey

WE ARE CALLED TO BE PARTAKERS of Christ's sufferings (I Pet. 2:19, 20; 4:12, 13). We suffer as in the faith we resist the Devil (I Pet. 5:9). But chastening may keep us from sin (Heb. 12:11). We must know Romans 8:28 by heart and wait patiently to see how things do work together for our good. It may take the pricks of a goad before we are willing to do the Lord's will (Acts 9:5, 6).

Trials make the promise sweet,
Trials give new life to prayer;
Trials bring me to His feet,
Lay me low and keep me there.

—William Cowper

In a certain sense, we all are and must be lonely and weary from the cradle to the grave (Prov. 14:10; Gal. 6:5). However, lonely as Christ was we can never be, for His promised presence with us is sure (Prov. 18:24; Jn. 14:18). In all our afflictions, He is afflicted (Isa. 63:9). Until we reach the better land where none are sad or weary (Isa. 33:24), we have One who is "touched with the feeling of our infirmi-

ties" (Heb. 4:15). Hard-beset pilgrims have cause for thanksgiving and encouragement (Ps. 34:5).

"There are briars besetting every path,
Which call for patient care;
There is a cross in every lot,
And an earnest need for prayer;
But a lowly heart that leans on Thee,
Is happy anywhere."

Jesus warned His disciples to expect unkind and despiteful usage from others, even from those to whom they might have looked for better things (Jn. 15:20). We are to do our enemies good and pray for them (Matt. 5:44; I Cor. 13:7). Amid his sorrows the Christian rejoices (II Cor. 6:10; Matt. 5:10-12). There are minor troubles that are irritating, mortifying to our pride and self-love (Ps. 37:1). Our confidence lies in the Lord's deliverance (I Sam. 17:37). As we faithfully discharge our duties the stones of difficulty are rolled away (Matt. 16:3).

The partakers of the sufferings are also partakers of the encouragement (I Cor. 1:3-7). When oppression comes we are to confess it honestly to the Lord and ask His help (Isa. 38:14). The One who suffered the trials of earth long ago has a perfect right to tell His own to be of good cheer (Jn. 16:33).

Why should I fear the darkest hour?
Or tremble at the tempter's power?
Jesus vouchsafes to be my Tower.
I know not what may soon betide,
Or how my wants may be supplied:
But Jesus knows, and will provide.

—Newton

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for September 5, 1965

GROWING IN FAITH

Text: Colossians 1:9-14, 19-23; Hebrews 11:1

THE NEW TESTAMENT talks much about faith. Without faith we cannot please God or even know God (Heb. 11:6). When exercised faith will channel into our lives and through our lives great blessings. Jesus taught that if a man should have even a little faith through him or by him, the impossible could be done (Luke 17:5, 6). In Philippians 3:13, 14, Paul suggests that in life our faith does not rest upon anything that we accomplish in the past, but always reaches forward to the attainment of the very ultimate, the very highest and best. Our great and seemingly impossible aim is to see God and enjoy His righteous kingdom in all perfection.

Faith Involves Knowledge

1. Col. 1:9—We are to be filled with knowledge of God.
2. Rom. 10:17—Faith comes by hearing God's Word.
3. Heb. 11:6; Col. 1:10—Faith involves a constant accumulation of knowledge concerning God with consequently increasing fruitfulness in good works.

Christ The Source Of Our Life

1. Faith, itself, is not the actual force that accomplishes our desired aims. It is more the channel, the willingness and cooperation on our part by which they are accomplished.
2. Jesus is the source of strength, the accomplisher of our inheritance, the great deliverer, translator, redeemer, forgiver, creator and sustainer (Col. 1:11-19).
3. It is His Spirit within us who leads us into blessed ways and directs our steps through the ways which are to us uncertain and perhaps fearful. Without fear we "press on," hurrying forward, confident in Him.



IN TIMES OF PERIL

In times of peril such as these
We find sweet comfort on our knees
While in the secret place of prayer
Where God removes our needless care,
And whispers softly, "Peace, be still,
And yield to Me your heart and will."
Then as we say, "My will is Thine,"
He keeps us by His power Divine.

In times of peril when it seems
That evil comes like raging streams
To drown our faith, our hope, our love
That God is sending from above,
It's quite assuring just to know
That Satan can't our soul o'erthrow
As long as God is on His throne
And we embrace Him as our own.

In times of peril through the world
When Satan's fiery darts are hurled
To bring us down to grim defeat
Where we would own that we are best,
It's good to know our anchor grips
The Rock that holds and never slips,
And then to hear the Master say,
"Fear not, for we shall win the day."

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.

1965 - 66 Theme II Timothy 4:8

"LOVING HIS APPEARING"

Brethren Youth Crusaders

BLUB! BLUB!

The Gretna combined BYC recently had an evening swimming party for one of our activities. At about 6 p.m. the members set off for O'Connors Landing at Indian Lake.

After about 2 hours of enjoyable swimming, we returned to the church and played kick ball until dark. Then we went to the church basement for hot dogs, potato chips and pop. After eating, we played more games.

The evening of fun and fellowship was closed with songs and devotions led by the vice president.

—Jean McPherson, secretary

VANDERGRIFT NEWS

Since we wrote last, our youth have fulfilled a number of summer plans.

Many of our youth went to Camp Juniata this year either as campers or workers. We had a great time in the two weeks, especially Senior-Intermediate. Vandergrift surely had a good percentage of the ones present.

On July 8 the Senior youth went for a trip to Linn Run State Park and Idlewild Amusement Park near Ligonier, Pennsylvania. At Linn Run we had a picnic which was really a riot. Our youth advisor, Fuzzy Hesketh, forgot the paper cups and we had to drink our pop out of "Glad Bags." Too bad we did not have a camera. Then after eating we climbed the fire tower to look out over the forest. After that escapade, we spent the rest of the afternoon at Idlewild and Storybook Forest.

On July 16th we had our second "Youth vs. Adults at Bowling" party. There was a lot of fun enjoyed by all who came. By the way, the sad results were: Adults —two games to our one game. It seems to me that last time I had to tell you the same awful results. Oh well, you can't win them all.

We had two delegates to District Conference and four to General Conference. We raised $120 for our district project—our new camp. We hope to be in Camp Peniel next year.

Our "Mile of Pennies" went very well, also. The people were very generous.

We look forward to pleasing the Lord and others by our efforts to serve Him.

—Pam Godwin, secretary

NO LAZY, HAZY SUMMER

The Ardmore Sr. BYC have had some activities to keep us busy during the summer. First of all we sent three quiz teams to the second State Quiz Finals and all three won.

Our next activity was a hayride on June 25. Twenty-nine kids went on it and then we had refreshments at the church.

Finally, during the summer we held a hayride every two weeks to raise money for the National Project.

—Stephen Cole

MONEY GROWS AT GRETNA

The combined BYC of Gretna recently had a money-making project for the Derby Hat which proved quite successful. Each member was given one dollar from the treasury. We had decided to see how much we could make it grow within one month. Everyone responded well and enjoyed this project very much. Some of the members bought material with the dollar, made aprons and sold them. Others made cakes, cookies and candy and sold them to increase their dollar. Still others sacrificed some of their luxury spending money.

God willing, may we continue to grow in spirit and in number.

—Jean McPherson
secretary

LIFE AT HERNDON

Recently I had the fortunate opportunity to be the guest of Pastor and Mrs. Richard Kuns at our Herndon Brethren Church in the Southeastern District. As most of the B.Y.C. members know, Herndon was our National Project for last year.

We would all be proud that the Herndon project was chosen if we could all see the great work going on there. Everyone there is seeking to serve God and to use their talents in all ways they can.

Sunday morning started off with the Pastor picking up some of the children and bringing them to church. The service began with 3 out of the nine campers giving short talks on Camp Pinacles. Pastor Kuns then conducted a wonderful service from the 15th

chapter of Acts. The highlight of the service came at the end when 3 young boys came forth for first-time confession.

Soon groundbreaking will mark the building of the Brethren Church at Herndon. The people ask for your prayers concerning their church and their pastor and his wife. We of the Southeastern District feel that Pastor and Mrs. Kuns have done a great deal of work at Herndon toward building a strong foundation for the church there.

May your prayers be centered around Herndon and her people who seek to serve God in all ways.

—Freddie Finks
Former S.E. District B.Y. President

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

All the youth who attended the Pennsylvania District Conference received much inspiration through association with and listening to the inspirational messages by Rev. Don Rinehart and his wife, Jan. The new district officers are as follows:

President—Linda Berkshire
V. President—Pam Godwin
Sec'y.-Treas.—Charles Berkshire, Jr.
Ass't. Sec'y.-Treas.—Carolyn Miller.

One of the highlights of the Youth Conference was spending an evening at our own Pa. camp—now named Camp Peniel! Another highlight was the ingathering of the project money for camp. Our goal had been set at $600; we received over $900!

An inspiring time was spent by enthused youth looking forward to National Conference.

—Nancy Bates, sec'y.-treas.

IDEA BOX



COLLEGE SEND-OFF. This is the time of year to hold a farewell party for the young people who will be going to college in the next month. A little thoughtfulness on the part of their church group shows them they will not be forgotten even though they are away.

Plan your party in the park, on the church grounds, or in the church recreation room. Pennants cut out of colored paper and painted with the names of the colleges members of the group are to attend may be provided to wear during the party. Simple refreshments of hamburgers in buns with relish, gelatin fruit salad and dessert would be a suggestion.

Open the evening with a mixer, MINT QUIZ. When the youth begin to arrive, give each person ten mints, with instructions on how to proceed. Whenever you trip someone into answering by saying "Yes" or "No," that person surrenders to you one mint. If you are caught, you forfeit one mint to the person catching you saying "Yes" or "No." At the close, the winner is the person holding the largest number of mints.

Seat the group in a circle and play I PACKED MY BAG TO GO TO COLLEGE AND I TOOK . . . Two players are "in the know." The rest try to guess the secret of the game. They start off the game correctly by naming any sort of article as long as it is a color the individual who mentions it is wearing. Then moving around the circle, each one tries to guess what the secret is by naming an article he intends to take to college. If it is a color he himself is wearing, the ones "in the know" say, "Yes, you can get into college." Gradually, one by one, the players catch on until at last everyone has guessed the trick of the game.

While the young people are still seated in a circle, introduce the next game, WHO STOLE THE COOKIES FROM THE COOKIE JAR? This game is very much like the more familiar "Concentration." Number the group beginning with 1 around the circle, take hold of hands and say, "Zing, zing, zing—Who stole the cookies from the cookie jar?" while clapping out the rhythm, alternating by clapping your hands together and against those of the person next to you. Number one starts the actual play by saying,

(No. 1) Number 6 stole the cookies from the cookie jar.
(No. 6) Who, me?
(No. 1) Yes, you!
(No. 6) Couldn't be.
(No. 1) Then who?
(No. 6) Number 9 stole the cookies from the cookie jar.

and repeat the form naming other numbers and passing it on. Keeping the rhythm going is the important part of this game. Players may be asked to drop out when they miss their rhythmical turn until the circle becomes very small. Each time a player misses his turn, No. 1 again starts the action with "Zing, zing, zing—Who stole the cookies from the cookie jar? Number 15 stole the cookies from the cookie jar . . ." just as at the beginning.

Divide the players into two groups for PASS THE APPLE relay. Teams sit facing each other in long lines. The object is to pass an apple from one team member to the next with the legs (no hands allowed). By holding the legs out straight and close together, the apple can be held in the curve where foot joins leg, and passed down the line.

If the party is held outside, balloons filled with water can be thrown between individuals in the two lines. Each partner backs up one step after each toss. The winning couple is the one that throws the balloon the greatest distance without breaking it.

Top off the evening with group singing and an inspirational talk by the minister, followed by the presentation of some appropriate gift such as Bibles, a modern translation, a devotional classic by Spurgeon or Baillie, a thought-provoking book by some author like C. S. Lewis or J. B. Phillips or a briefcase.

—Department of Youth Work

from the Woman's Outlook

A Letter from - - -

MRS. SHIRLEY BOWERS
Our Missionary to Nigeria

Dear W. M. S. Members:

We have received so many letters from you which are always welcome. It does seem impossible to answer all of them personally, so I welcome this opportunity to answer them all at once.

After we arrived in Nigeria in January, we were quickly taken up in the tasks of teaching and getting settled. The getting settled meant learning how to get enough heat from a wood stove to get a meal on the table, going through the experience of buying wood by the "headload" from the people who brought it to the house, boiling all water, etc. I must admit that the first time a fire was built in our wood stove, it was built in the wrong place. A young boy was helping me and said that he knew how to build the fire. After it has been smoking in a very lively manner for several minutes, our neighbor happened by and with a good deal of laughter, scraped it out of the impliment compartment and put it into the fire box where it immediately quit smoking.

Our teaching consisted of teaching English to the Nigerian students at Waka Teacher Training College. These young people are at Waka for the five-year training program. They have had seven years of primary school before they come to Waka and have had English during some of those years, but their English is not good, so a great deal of English teaching has to be done at the training college level. I had all of the Class I students twice a day. There were 55 boys and 7 girls. Harold had Class III and Class IV English. The students come from all over northern Nigeria, many from predominantly pagan and Moslem regions. Most of our students were Christians, having come up through the mission schools during their primary years. There are a few Moslems at the school. These Nigerian students have the same types of problems as students in the U. S. who are away from home. Some of them drift away from their Christian principles somewhat while they are away from their families, much as some of our college kids at home. Others find a much deeper meaning in their Christian lives while attending school away from home. The teachers try to help the students accept greater responsibility in their church work and attempt to reach those who, they fear, might be slipping away from the Church.

Our relation with the students was a constant source of joy. Each morning as we walked down the steep, rocky hill, crossed the stream over the foot bridges, and climbed up past the hyenas' cage on our way to our 6:30 classes, we felt eager to meet the pupils again. We didn't have the feeling that sometimes goes with teaching—"Oh, another morning to face those pupils."

The Church at Waka was made up of village people from the surrounding villages and Waka students. The services on Sunday mornings were conducted in Bura, the language spoken in that region. Even the hymns were sung in Bura. Since we hadn't yet learned the language, we were somewhat in the dark during the service. The evening service and morning prayers each school day were in English, though, so we had plenty of opportunities for worship with the students.

After we had been in Waka for about 6 months, a problem arose here in Jos. The houseparents for the high school hostel for our mission returned to the States for a year of leave and there was nobody to fill their place without taking a minister off the field. It was felt by all concerned that it would be better to take teachers rather than a minister, so we were asked if we would come here. We felt that we should be glad to serve wherever we were most needed, so we agreed to come.

Our work here is to act as houseparents for 10 high school students, all children of missionaries out on mission station in the "bush." With our family of four, that makes 14 people to plan for. At first, it seemed quite strange to sit down at the table with such a large group for every meal, but by now we are able to relax and enjoy the youngsters. They are a fine group of Christian young people. There just might be good material here for some future missionaries, who knows?

It has been wonderful for us to be here with our son, Mark, who also attends Hillcrest. We missed him while we were at Waka, but the school here is a fine one and has a good program of activities to keep the children busy so they don't get too homesick.

We would ask your prayers for the school at Waka, for the Nigerian students who have so many problems of health, money, and temptations. We also

ask for your prayers for the school program here at Hillcrest and our work with our young people at the Hostel. We pray that we will be able to help them as much with their spiritual needs as we do with their physical needs.

Since we are in Jos, we see Jean and Doc Shank almost every day. Jean and I are both studying the Hausa language every morning with a small class. We were able to visit Bob and Bea Bischof and their children when they came to Jos to begin their journey back to the States. We never were able to get to Mbororo to see them because our school schedule just didn't allow it.

We will be looking forward to the Bischof's return next year. The mission is badly in need of ministers. There just won't be anybody at Mbororo while they are gone and this seems tragic in an area where so much progress could be made with adequate personnel.

Well, I've enjoyed chatting on about our short time here. We are always so glad to get bundles of *The Brethren Evangelist* (we received our April 17 to May 1 copies today) to read all the news of the church. And we surely appreciate receiving personal news from interested W.M.S. members.

In His service
Shirley Bowers

In Memory of
ELDER J. G. DODDS

by Elder H. H. Rowsey



ELDER J. G. DODDS departed from the earth-life to live with the Lord on June 8, 1965. Items about his death in the Cleveland Clinic Hospital have already appeared in *The Brethren Evangelist*. Words of appreciation have also been presented by the Editor and others.

Memorial services were conducted in the Gilbert Funeral Chapel at Ashland, Ohio, by the writer assisted by Elder Virgil Ingraham and Mr. Paul McGraw. Graveside services were conducted at Sun Set Memorial Gardens in Rockford, Illinois, by Elders C. Y. Gilmer and Arthur H. Tinkel.

When I went to Falls City, Nebraska, as pastor of our church there in May of 1927, Bert Dodds was Sunday school superintendent. Words cannot express my appreciation for his helpfulness to the young minister. I served the family there as their pastor for more than seven years and our Christian friendship and fellowship continued through the years.

Brother Dodds was principal of the Junior High School in Falls City when I arrived in '27. For a number of years he had been preaching and also doing an excellent work in the public schools. But in the early thirties he was led of the Lord to give full time to the ministry. Most of us know of his successes as a pastor and as a builder of new churches, notably Akron and Massillon, Ohio. He was pastor at Morrill, Kansas; Falls City, Nebraska; Mexico, Indiana; Smithville, Ohio; Muncie, Indiana, and other Brethren churches. He was also active in the district and national conferences serving on many committees and boards including the Publications Board for a period of twenty-five years.

In all of his work, Elder Dodds was modest, unassuming and retiring. As an example: he had earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree. But I never knew him to refer to himself as "Doctor" and he encouraged his friends to call him "Bert" rather than "Doctor Dodds." I know his family, including nineteen grandchildren, will continue their devotion to the Cause of Christ which was so dear to his heart. His widow, Edna, will be living in Rockford, Illinois, near three of their children: Mrs. Addison J. Burke and Mrs. Otis Morrow in Rockford and Rev. Gilbert Dodds at Wheaton. Another son, Rev. Myron W. Dodds, lives at Derby, Kansas; and a daughter, Mrs. Richard King, lives in Santa Maria, California.



In connection with this season of prayer, the elders are to anoint the believer with oil in the name of the Lord. There is blessed significance in the use of oil (olive oil) in the Scriptures. The holy things of the tabernacle were anointed with oil to signify a separation for God's use and service, as in Exodus, chapter thirty, verse twenty-five. It was used to signify a place of special blessing as when Jacob anointed the stones after the divine revelation in his dream, recorded in Genesis, twenty-eighth chapter. That which was anointed was to become the object of devine protection, as in the Psalms (105:15): *Touch not mine anointed.* Oil was used as a type of spiritual blessing. Psalm (23:5): *Thou anointest my head with oil.*

It is not strange that oil is used by James as a type of the Holy Spirit in the "prescription." The Holy Spirit was evidenced in the initial creation; He rested upon the Prophets of old; Jesus was conceived by the Holy Ghost; He was, as has been said, the virtue of Christ's miracles; it is the unpardonable sin to blaspheme Him; and it is He who will lift the believers in the rapture when Jesus comes.

Do you not see then, something of the meaning of the anointing oil, as used by James? It is the calling

"ANOINTING WITH OIL"

THE BRETHREN CHURCH has practiced anointing for healing ever since the foundation of the church in Schwarzenau, Germany, in 1708. The scriptural basis for this service is found in James 5:14-16, which reads, *Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

This passage of scripture is one of the clearest, plainest, fullest and most explicit passages in the Bible on this subject of, "Anointing with Oil."

In the first place we have here very explicit directions as to what a believer is to do when he is sick. The implication of the context here is of one so sick that he cannot get out, but must send for the elders to come to him. What is he to do? "Let him call for the elders of the church." Those ministers of the Gospel who may be known to the believer, or in whose ministry he has found especial blessing, will be called to him, if he is unable to go to the place of worship, and they will join together, and with him, pray and believe God in the name of Jesus to heal him. The sick person takes the initiative, the sending begins with him.

of and the recognition of the Holy Spirit in action. It is the testimony in connection with the healing of the sick and the afflicted that God alone is given the glory for the miracle wrought in answer to the prayer of faith.

It is not an over-statement to say that this is one of the sacred ordinances of the Church of Jesus Christ. The pitiable and tragic fact that it is neglected, or disbelieved, does not in the least alter its provisions, and its Bible-founded factuality. It is a privilege through Calvary, because it is by "His stripes we are healed." There are many, a great many, today who have believed these words and have been blessedly healed. The anointing with oil was not the means of healing in itself, but was a symbol of the anointing of the Holy Spirit who did the healing. Jesus, himself, professed to heal "by the Spirit of God" (Matt. 12:28), and the disciples after Him prayer, *Grant unto thy servants to speak thy word with all boldness, while thou stretchest forth thy hand to heal* (Acts 4:30—R.S.V.).

From Mark 6:13, we learn that the disciples used this method, for it says: *They cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.* Turn to Leviticus 8:10-12 and you get God's answer to the question, "What is the meaning and purpose of the anointing with oil?" *And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them,* that is, he set

them apart for God. The anointing was an act of dedication or consecration. And the oil itself was a symbol of the Holy Spirit in His healing power. (Compare Acts 10:38) The Holy Spirit is the ONE who does the healing, if it really is divine healing.

Notice what James says regarding the sick. "Is ANY sick among you?" That does not seem to infer that healing is for only a "few" favored ones. He is bold to declare the promise of healing to "any" sick.

What is said here affords no Scriptural authority for the Roman rite of Extreme Unction! The object of the unction prescribed by St. James is the recovery of the sick person; whereas, Extreme Unction, as its name implies, is never administered until the sick person's recovery is considered to be almost or quite hopeless, and death imminent; the possibility of bodily healing is not entirely excluded, but it is not the main purpose of the rite in the Catholic Church (Roman).

What purpose was the oil intended to serve? Was it purely symbolical? and if so, of what? Was it merely for the refreshment of the sick person, giving relief to parched skin and stiffened limbs? Was it medicinal, with a view to a permanent cure by natural means?

That St. James makes the promise of recovery without any restriction, may at first sight appear to be surprising; but in this he is only following the example of our Lord Jesus, who makes similar promises, and leaves it to the thought and experience of Christians to find out the limitations to them. "All things, whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye have received them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24; Matt. 17:20). "If ye shall ask (Me) anything in My Name, I will do it" (John 14:14). "If ye shall ask anything of the Father, He will give it you in My Name" (John 16:23). The words "in My Name" point to the limitation; they do not, of course, refer to the use of the formula "through Jesus Christ our Lord," but to the exercise of the Spirit of Christ: "Not My will, but Thine be done." The union of our will with the will of God is the very first condition of successful prayer. The Apostles themselves had no indiscriminate power of healing. St. Paul did not heal Epaphroditus, much as he yearned for his recovery (Phil. 2:27). He left Trophimus at Miletum sick (II Tim. 4:20). He did not cure his own thorn in the flesh (II Cor. 12:7-9).

The mission of healing was practiced by the entire church during the apostolic period. Tertullian men-

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Was it the channel or instrument of a super-natural cure? Was it an aid to the sick person's faith? One or both of the last two suggestions may be accepted as the most probable solution. The Good Samaritan poured wine and oil into the wounds of the man who fell among robbers (Luke 10:34). A mixture of oil and wine was used for the malady which attacked the army of Aelius Gallus, and was applied both externally and internally (Dion Cass. LIII. 29; Strabo XVI, p. 780). His physicians caused Herod the Great to be bathed in a vessel full of oil when he was supposed to be at death's door (Josephus, Ant. XVII. vi. 5). Celsus recommends rubbing with oil in the case of fevers and some other ailments (De Med. II. 14, 17; III. 6, 9, 19, 22; IV. 2). But it is obvious that St. James does not recommend the oil merely as medicine, for he does not say that oil shall cure the sick person, nor yet that the oil with prayer shall do so; but that "the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick," without mentioning the oil at all. On the other hand, he says that the anointing is to be done by the elders "in the name of the Lord." If the anointing were merely medical, it might have been performed by anyone, without waiting for the elders. And it can hardly be supposed that oil was believed to be a remedy for all diseases. What was to be conveyed by this medium was, therefore, healing, always consolation, revival of confidence and forgiveness of sins, on condition, of course, of faith and repentance.

tions a cure by anointing with oil. The Emperor Septimus Severus believed that he had been cured from an illness through oil administered by a Christian named Proculus Torpacion, steward of Evodias, and in gratitude for it he maintained him in the palace for the rest of his life. Origen, in the second Homily on Leviticus (IV.), quotes the passage from St. James, and seems to understand the sickness to be that of sin. This perhaps tells us how the rite was administered in Alexandria in his time; or it may mean that Origen understood the "pray over him" of St. James to signify imposition of the hands. With him, then, the forgiveness of sins is the healing. The sickness and the sins are plainly distinguished by St. James, and nothing is said about absoluton by the elders, who pray for his recovery, and (no doubt) for his forgiveness.

When we reach the sixth century, the evidence for the practice of anointing the sick with holy oil becomes abundant. The name "Extreme Unction" (unctio extrema), as a technical ecclesiastical term, is not older than the twelfth century. Other terms are "Last Oil" (ultimum oleum) and "Sacrament of the Departing" (sacramentum exeuntium). But when we have reached these phrases we are very far indeed from the ordinance prescribed by St. James, and from that which was practiced by the Apostles.

"And if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him." We ought perhaps rather to translate, "Even

if he has committed sins, it shall be forgiven him." The meaning would seem to be, "even if his sickness has been produced by his sins, his sins shall be forgiven, and his sickness cured." Even if the malady is the effect of the man's own wrong-doing, the prayer offered by faith, his faith, and that of the elders, shall still prevail. Prayer impregnated with and upborne by faith. Notice that in verse 15 James says: "The PRAYER OF FAITH shall save the sick," inferring that the "PRAYER OF FAITH" is the ONLY prayer that will be EFFECTIVE in obtaining healing for the sick. Let me ask you: How could one pray "the prayer of faith" while entertaining the thought that "maybe it is God's will to take this sister home by means of this disease," or "maybe God is working out something precious in this brother's life by means of his sickness, and perhaps I should encourage him to patiently endure it, and so learn the lesson that God is seeking to teach him?" One could never do so! Yet this is the attitude in which many prayers for the sick are offered. Remember James said, "Is ANY sick among you?" It is NOW true that ANY sick person may call for the elders to pray the "PRAYER OF FAITH" for them. The prayer of faith cannot and NEVER WILL BE PRAYED while the elders or Christians are wondering IF it be God's will to heal this one or that one, for again James speaks: *Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. Let not that man think he shall receive anything of the Lord* (James 1:6, 7). The plan of God and the path of faith are very simple, when one is bold enough to ACT on the WORD. God never tells man to do something that man cannot do. Obtaining our promise is more a matter of OBEDIENCE than of FAITH. By doing what God tells us to do, then expecting God to do what He tells us He will do—THAT IS FAITH!

Noah built the ark—God flooded the earth. Moses stretched out the rod—God parted the waters. Joshua marched around the Jericho walls—God tore them down. Elijah smote the waters—God parted them. Elisha threw the stick in the river—God made the iron swim. Naaman dipped seven times—God healed his leprosy. And even so, Jesus commanded the BELIEVER: "Lay hands on the sick, and God will cause them to recover." And James says: "ELDERS, anoint THE SICK with oil, and pray over them the PRAYER OF FAITH," and declares, "THE LORD shall raise him (the sick) up." God says, "You do a small thing —I'll do a large thing. You do a foolish thing—I'll do a wise thing. You do something that only a MAN can do—I'll do something that only I (God) can do." Do what God tells you to do, then expect God to do His part. THAT IS FAITH!

Not only is the anointing a privilege, but it is a duty. "Let him" seems to be in the nature of a command. It teaches that the calling comes from the sick person's own initiative. It presumes that he has had proper teaching on the subject. The highest aim of the individual is to be of service to God. His sickness keeps him from rendering this service. He desires healing, that he may be of yet greater service. The purpose of the anointing is to alleviate the condition, which means healing the body. "Raise him up," in harmony with the conditions and purpose of the call, means to raise from the sick bed. When the elders come it is required that unconfessed sins shall be confessed to God, and to men when necessary. Then they unite in what might be termed a general prayer. This should bring all parties present into the proper attitude of fellowship and faith. The elders then place the sick person in the most convenient position possible, and anoint him with oil. When two elders are not available, one elder may take with him another minister, a deacon, or even a consecrated layman. The minister who leads in the service holds forth his hand, palm up, and the assisting minister pours a few drops of oil (olive oil) upon it. The oil is gently rubbed over the forepart of the patient's head. (Some Brethren Ministers do this procedure three times saying: first, "thou are anointed 'in the name of the Lord' for the strengthening of thy faith"; second, "for the forgiveness of thy sins"; third, "for the healing of thy body, or as the Lord willeth.") Then the elders lay their hands upon the patient's head, and each prays, as led by the Holy Spirit, definitely committing the patient's condition to Jesus Christ. The elders do not tarry long after the anointing, but after a few cheerful and comforting words to the patient, they go quietly out of the room. Instead of the statement in the Manual, "Thou are anointed in the name of the Lord," as taken from the original words of James, some say, "Thou art anointed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Some apply oil to the head only once and make the three statements. Another variation is that the leading minister may take the vial of oil in his own hand and pour a small portion of it on the head of the sick, as he says the customary words. At times, when conditions permit, or when there is a request, a hymn is sung either preceding or following the service.

The question has been asked as to whether we anoint children at the request of parents. I believe that the Brethren assume that the patient must have attained the age of understanding and accountability if the anointing service is to be most effective. Therefore, the question of anointing children might hinge upon the age of the child and the degree of understanding it has reached. A child reared in a spiritual atmosphere has a pure, simple trust in God, and if the anointing service has been part of his Christian heritage, his faith in this service might be a potent factor at a much earlier age than we are apt to realize.

In connection with anointing those who seem to be near death's door, the question occasionally arises as to whether we should anoint a person who appears to be unconscious. The anointing of those who appear to be unconscious frequently gives great comfort to the relatives and friends of the sick. While we should understand that a complete anointing, as the Brethren practice it, cannot take place when the person is unconscious, and that the full effects of the service cannot be expected, yet there are undoubtedly times when the service could be performed because of the faith of others, and the comfort it would bring relatives and friends. This must be left up to the local minister.

The Brethren also believe that an individual should not rely upon the anointing to the exclusion of medical aid. I know of some people who rely entirely upon the anointing service in illness and will not have a doctor. They think it would be a lack of faith to call

a physician. Let us remind ourselves again that anointing is no substitute for medical science. God expects us to use the best medical aid available. What a tragedy it would be if there were no doctors, no hospitals, no medical aid available. What a tragedy it would be if there were no doctors, no hospitals, no medical skill to attempt to alleviate the suffering of those who have need of medical attention.

Beloved Christian, if you want God to heal your body, first earnestly search whether there be SIN in your life, then confess and lament and forsake! "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed!" There is a way for the one who will put his whole trust in Jesus: the miraculous way. And there is a way when men have done all they can, and the afflicted one turns in desperation, as Lydia did, to Jesus. He heals all who come to Him in faith. That is Jesus for you!

As a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and a member of The Brethren Church which practices James 5:13-16, I am willing to anoint the sick with oil, when it is requested in the Bible manner, and when we can do it in the Name of the Lord. If you are submissive to such a service, you will find many surprising and blessed results following God's way before you follow man's!

In closing this short treatise, let it be clearly stated that this is not an effort to make an issue of Divine Healing. You either believe the Word, or you do not. The issue is FAITH! The issue is whether or not we shall take God at His Word. Surely, you have long been saying to yourself, "I believe." The case is rested on your love for the Lord and your simple faith in Him! Having known the Lord's healing touch, you can never be quite the same again. While His Spirit was effecting a change in your bodily condition, you will find that He was also doing something to your heart. You have been given another link of kinship with the blessed saints of the long ago, who learned to trust Him with every care. You have been given another "assurance that Jesus lives," that He does have "all power."

Through the "Anointing Service" you came to know Him better, and to love Him more, and to trust Him as you never had before: these are the things that will mean more and more to you as you go from the place where He so wonderfully healed you!

Is there any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up . . . (James 4:14-16).

BOOK REVIEWS

Richard E. Allison

All books reviewed in this column may be purchased through the Brethren Publishing Company, 524 College Ave., Ashland, Ohio.

Ballou, Robert O. (editor): A SHORTENED ARRANGEMENT OF THE BIBLE. Philadelphia: Holman, 1964. ($7.95)

This book admirably presents the history, stories, poetry, drama and religious wisdom of the Old and New Testaments. The abridgement is helpful in that the text is clarified for quicker and simpler reading. Repeated passages, lengthy genealogies, detailed ritualistic laws have been eliminated. Materials have been combined from two or more books to provide a continuous narrative or statement of religious faith. In the matter of biographical studies, the book is especially helpful.

The book is especially useful in aiding one to grasp the essential message of the Bible. Often the new Bible student becomes confused with the prevailing divisions of the Bible into books whose stories often overlap. The book should prove useful for private reading and in family devotions. Most of the sections would be appropriate for a daily adventure in devotions by a family.

The sections of the book include the following:

1. First Days (Creation to Babel)
2. The Ancients of Israel (Abraham through Daniel)
3. The Poetical Books of the Old Testament (Psalms, Song of Solomon and Lamentations of Jeremiah)
4. The Wisdom Books and the Prophets of the Old Testament)
5. The Four Gospels
6. The First Christians
7. The New Testament Apocalypse

The composite of the life and teachings of Jesus is taken from the Synoptic Gospels. Selections from John are included separately and not harmonized with the other material. Materials from the Epistles has been combined with Acts to produce an understandable history of the founding of the Christian Church. Other parts of the Epistles are gathered together as the pronouncements which are basic to Christian faith. These are grouped under headings such as: "One Lord of All," "Fellowship with God," "Atonement and Salvation," "The Lord's Supper," "The Christian Life," "Of Love," etc.

For a chronological picture of the Scriptural revelation, the volume is weak at the point of the prophets. The author admits his hesitancy in dealing with this section of Scripture. To place their writings alongside the wisdom literature detracts from their historicity.

The work is as its title suggests, "A Shortened Arrangement." The text used is that of the Revised Standard Version. There are no changes in the wording of the text. Occasionally an, "and," "but," and "then" is omitted to make smoother reading. The text is printed in the single column per page for easier reading. Poetry appears as poetry.

Each of the seven sections of the book are introduced by the author. He is a devotee of the documentary theory of the Old Testament. As a whole the material is concise, learned and helpful.

MISSIONARY NEWS

ARGENTINE MUSICAL PROGRAM

by JOHN D. ROWSEY

ON THE 28th of June a special musical program was sponsored by Platicas Cristianas in a hall in the center of the city of Buenos Aires.

As the hour neared to begin the program all of those who had part began to wonder if anyone would arrive. During the afternoon it had begun to rain and by the time the meeting was to begin it was raining torrents. When the curtain opened we were pleasantly surprised to encounter approximately 700 people present.

The program consisted of a variety of musical numbers by the orchestra of the Russian program, the choir of Platicas Cristianas and the male quartet also of Platicas Cristianas. Some of the highlights of the evening were provided by piano-organ duets played by Bill Fasig using his tape recorder, Fanciso Bilbao, tenor soloist with Platicas Cristianas, and trumpet solos by Mr. Neil Macauley visiting us from the United States with a group of Christian business men. Possibly the most unusual number of the evening was a selection by Bill Curtis on his Theremin, an instrument almost unknown in Argentina. The musical part of the program was closed with several numbers sung by the Byler family.



Platicas Cristianas quartet: John Rowsey, Bill Fasig, Bill Curtis, and Rob Byler



Bill Curtis offered a selection on his Theremin

Mr. Neil Macauley concluded the meeting with a very interesting meditation from the Word of God.

All of those present expressed their pleasure at a very pleasant and interesting two-hour program of Christian music and testimony. Platicas Cristianas was pleased to present its musicians in person to the radio listening public. This program also extended a very hearty welcome to the Fasigs just returned to the field from a year's furlough and to new workers, including the Curtises. This gathering gave each of those present a new lift and inspiration through the meditation and music.



Byler Family: Rob, Steve and David in rear; Becky, Elizabeth Ann and Jane in front row

MODA CHURCH DESTROYED BY WIND

by ROBERT P. BISCHOF

ABOUT a year ago when the people of Moda "Had a Mind to Work," they built a new and larger church. Just as they finished the walls and put up the rafters a strong wind storm came along and blew the rafters down. As the rafters fell down and since the walls are of mud, parts of both side walls were destroyed.

The Moda people put their hearts into the work again and rebuilt the walls, purchased new palm for the rafters and put on the roof. To do this they had to use part of the money that they had raised for windows and doors.

This May they had raised enough money to finish up the doors and windows and had sent a man to Maiduguri to buy the lumber. Then when I arose one morning I found Kwajighui, the Moda Church leader, waiting for me. There had been a strong windstorm during the night with about one inch of rain. During the night a man walking by the Moda Church saw that it had been blown down. The wind had lifted off the roof, moving it to the side and once again destroying the two side walls. The man seeing the church had gone to the Nigerian police barracks and told Sergeant Samiru, who had been the chairman of the building committee and the one to inspire the people to build the church. Sergeant Samiru was heartsick and had sent word with Kwajighui to me about the disaster.

In the afternoon our family and Pastor Daniel went to Moda to see the disaster. Then we drove to the police barracks and found Sergeant Samiru sitting out under a tree reading his Bible. Already many people had come to greet him in this time of trouble. Even some of the pagan people and some of the Muslims came. They were sorry about the disaster, but they likewise stated, "If the God you worship is all powerful, why did he allow this? If Jesus is the Son of God and if he did all the things you say he did when he was in the world, and if he was raised from the dead and





is at the right hand of God, why did he permit this to happen?"

Thus Sergeant Samiru was very sad, but in it all he had turned to his Bible, he had turned to God in prayer and though his heart was heavy he prayed to God, thanking Him that the wind had done the damage during the night and not during the day when the people might have been in the church. Neither his faith and devotion to God nor that of the Moda people had been shaken. They said, "We did not build as strong a building as we should have, maybe this was God's way of showing us that He wanted a stronger building. We will rebuild. We cannot do it now because it is too far into the rainy season. But we will begin now to collect money and materials. We have put our strength into this building, we must again put our strength into the work and build a new one, one which will be much stronger."

Twice the people of Moda have faced disaster in having their church destroyed. But they still have a mind to work. And they are making plans again to rebuild, for they know if they do not rebuild, if they throw up their hands now, the pagan and Muslim people will say: "See, those Christians have no spirit, they have no backbone, they did not really believe in their religion. They just became Christians because it was brought by the white man and because they hoped to get something from the white man."

Let us continue to remember Sergeant Samiru, Kwajighui, and all the members of the Moda Church as they again make plans to rebuild their church, so that it can be a light in Michika, the county seat of Cubunauwa District.

NOTE: *In response to this great need of the Moda congregation, our Missionary Board has promised assistance of* $1,000 *for material to replace the roof and damaged walls. No funds are available in the budget but we can do no less than share with these young Nigerian Christians in their hour of need.*

M. Virgil Ingraham

Moda Church Destruction

MISSIONARIES' SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 6 David Byler
September 11 Kenneth Solomon

Why not join the TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

SISTERHOOD

The SMM Mailbag . . .

from . . .

WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO JUNIOR

On July 13, the girls invited their fathers to the meeting. The meeting was opened by the president, Brenda Hawley, and Scripture was read by Rita Newman. We then had circle prayer. The topic, "Jesus Christ," was read and discussed by Charlene Crowe. Special music was given by Claudia Hawley and Linda Dale. We then had a special service to bring forth our Thank Offering. Brenda Hawley and Barbara Hawley, Patroness, conducted this service.

During the business meeting, the president of the Junior W.M.S. installed our new officers. We then sang "Spirit of Sisterhood," and closed with the Sisterhood Benediction. This was followed by refreshments for our guests.

Brenda Hawley, past President

from . . .

LANARK, ILLINOIS JUNIOR

The Junior Sisterhood girls of the Lanark First Brethren Church have had an enjoyable year. We planned our program for the year as soon as we returned from Conference so that all the things we heard would be fresh in our minds. In September, we entertained our mothers and gave a play. Our October meeting took place out-of-doors after we had hiked about two miles and ate our sack lunch. In November to meet goal No. 4, we entertained the laymen. Each of the girls took part and the men enjoyed it very much. In December, the girls had a Christmas party for their mothers, and presented them with a gift they had made for them. Each had a part in the program. February came and we made Valentines to send to Kentucky, and in March, Mrs. C. Y. Gilmer gave our book review. We invited our mothers to this, also, and had salad and rolls for refreshments. May was our Mother and Daughter program with each girl taking part. Punch, ice cream and cookies were served. In June, we went to Point Rock Park in Mt. Carroll for a picnic, and had our election of officers. In July, we met and had a sack lunch at noon, and went swimming after we had our program. In August, we entertained thirteen Milledgeville Junior girls and their patronesses. We gave the play "Minuet in Gee." A senior girl gave the topic, "Eternal Life," and Mrs. Howard Nelson gave the Bible Study. Kathy Miller presented a saxophone solo. Mrs. C. Y. Gilmer installed the new officers. Refreshments of punch and cookies with nuts and mints were served. We met ten out of the twelve goals. We have six girls very active.

Mrs. Howard Nelson, Patroness

from . . .

ARDMORE, INDIANA SENIOR

The Ardmore Brethren Senior Sisterhood girls would like to inform you about our last meeting. All the girls met at the home of Mary Carpenter at 3:30 p.m. on June 17. We rolled bandages and cut ulcer pads. Later, we had a picnic out in the backyard. We had stirred up quite an appetite, and the food seemed to really hit the spot just right. After we had finished our lunch and chatted for awhile, we went back to work. This time we all piled on a truck and went on a paper drive, which was one of our money making projects. We ended up a little dirty but we must say it sure was a lot of fun. Finally, about 7:30 p.m., we had our meeting. Jamie Smead, Joyce Cole, and Barbara Basham gave reports to the other girls on what they had done at District Conference. Finally, we had election of officers for the coming year.

After the election was over, we all fully agreed to close the meeting and go home to rest.



The Brethren Layman

Boys' Brotherhood Study Article —

"FAITH"

by REV. ELMER KECK

WE READ in God's Word that *faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen* (Heb. 11:1). Faith in Christ's saving and keeping power is a condition for entrance into the more abundant life. We surrender our will, our all to Him and we become a child of God. There is a difference between mere intellectual assent and saving faith.

Years ago daredevils provided shows at Niagara Falls. These daredevils would walk over tightropes over the Falls. Blondel was one of these. On one occasion he walked over the Falls pushing a wheelbarrow. He turned to a little fellow and said:

"Boy, you think I am wonderful, don't you?"

"Yes!" said the boy in admiration.

"Do you think I could do anything?" asked Blondel.

"Yes, sir," said the boy, his eyes alight. "Any man who can do what you've done can do anything."

"Do you believe," Blondel persisted, "that I can put a human being in that wheelbarrow and trundle him over the rope?"

"Yes, sir, I certainly do," said the boy.

"All right," said Blondel, "you hop in the wheelbarrow and I'll take you over."

The little boy took one long look at that awful chasm and disappeared into the crowd. He believed Blondel could do it but he did not commit his life to the acrobat.

God wants us to surrender our all to him. He wants to use us, help us, bless us and guide us in our witnessing for Him.

Faith is one of the nine fruits of the Spirit. *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law* (Gal. 5:22, 23). The manifestation of the Spirit is set forth in contrast to the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21). Fruit is an outward expression of our life and power in Christ. When we take Christ as our Lord and Savior we become a new Creature. The Christian virtues are a part of the "New Man."

Faith is something that connects us with God. We go to the water tap and open it. Why does water come out? The tap is connected with a source of water. God is the source of all our blessings. *Every good and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights* (James 1:17). We believe God is able to help us in all things. We have faith in God and God blesses us. Should we ever surrender to Satan? By no means. God wants us to be faithful to him. Let us note the Word of the Spirit of God: *Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful* (I Cor. 4:2). God is expecting so much from us. He has promised to be with us. Christ has the answer to all of our questions, problems, everything. We can ever go forward witnessing, winning others to Christ, confident that He will always be with us.

Our Lord has promised us power to do His work. *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth* (Acts 1:8). We can see how God through faith gives power to the lost sinner who has lost his job and his family, so that he turns from sin to serve the true and living God. Soon he has a job. Soon he has his family back again. He becomes a faithful worker in the church.

Let us ever put our trust in God. We can then walk in His way and do His will. When our Lord was walking on the water, Peter tried to walk on it, too. He walked on it when Jesus said "Come." But he took his eyes off of his Lord and he began to sink and cried

out *Lord save me* (Matt. 14:30). The Lord reached out his hand to Peter and "caught him, and said unto him, *O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?* (Matt. 14:31).

Put a narrow plank on the ground. People can walk on it there. Put it up at a height and most people would fall off. The plank is no smaller up from the ground than on the ground. The difference is in the mind. People try too hard not to fall off.

People who can't swim drown when they fall into deep water. Why do they drown? They try too hard not to.

We can do all things through Christ as St. Paul says: *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me* (Phil. 4:13). Mary Slessor, a famous missionary, became known as the White Queen of Calabar. She would go through the jungles of West Africa alone. She stopped warfare between cannibal tribes single-handed. When Mary was a little girl she was so timid she was even afraid of a cow tied in a field. Mary learned to put her trust in God. She had faith in Christ that He would ever be with her. This was her secret. She was willing to go anywhere, do anything for her Lord.

Let us ever be faithful unto our Lord for He said *Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life* (Rev. 2:10).

BOYS' BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM — by Rex McConahay

"WITNESSING"

IN THIS LESSON we learn why we should witness and some characteristics a successful witness must have. We witness through our actions and by telling others of God. We can only show and tell others about Christ, the Holy Spirit works in their lives to convert and transform them.

I. Why should we witness?

A. God has commanded us to witness.
Matthew 28:19, 20
Mark 16:15, 16
Acts 1:8

B. We have the only way of salvation.
Acts 4:12
John 3:5
John 10:9

C. Time is short.
Revelation 22:7
Psalm 103:15, 16
I Peter 1:24

II. When and where should we witness?

A. We should witness all the time.
I Corinthians 10:31
Colossians 3:17
II Timothy 4:2

B. We should be ready to witness anywhere.
Acts 1:8
Mark 16:15
Acts 5:42

III. What qualifications must we have to witness?

A. We must give our life to God.
Galatians 2:20
Deuteronomy 5:7
Psalm 119:2
Isaiah 6:8

B. We must pray often.
I Timothy 2:1
Philippians 4:6
I Thessalonians 5:17

C. We must know and have faith in the Word of God.
I Corinthians 2:5
Ephesians 6:17
I Timothy 4:15
Hebrews 11:6

D. We must Love.
Matthew 5:43, 44
I John 4:7-21
I Corinthians 13
Hebrews 13:1

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

MID-WEST DISTRICT LAYMEN MEET

A COMMUNICATION from the secretary of the Mid-West District Laymen, Brother Edward Borin, has reached me belatedly. It tells of a group of twenty-four faithful laymen meeting in the Brethren Church in Mulvane, Kansas, on March 20, 1965, and having a very profitable time together. With the aid of the presence of clergymen Kenneth Howard, M. W. Dodds, Robert Holsinger, Carl Barber, and Buck Garrett, they promoted a program which included special music, an inspirational message by a visiting Baptist minister and a devotional service. The film, "Win Your Friends," was shown. A fine meal was served the men by the ladies of the host church.

The business session included the discussion of goals and the setting of the next meeting as July, at Camp Wyandotte.

F. S. B.

For the World Congress on Evangelism, people everywhere are praying —

"DO IT AGAIN, LORD: DO IT AGAIN!"

by W. STANLEY MOONEYHAM

IT IS SAID that when General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, would read the Book of Acts and feel the warmth of the fires of evangelism which blaze on page after page of its 28 chapters, tears would stream down his face as he prayed, "Do it again, Lord; do it again!"

Over the centuries the church has seen the flame of evangelistic passion rise and fall. There have been days of triumph when it swept over entire continents, fanned by the Holy Spirit and fed in the hearts of Christians by the words of Jesus: "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring" (John 10:16).

And conversely, there have been times—tragic times —when the flame was only a flicker. This may be such a time. It is certainly true that evangelism is being short-changed by much of contemporary religion. If evangelism is the heartbeat of the church, there are vast segments of the church where the heartbeat is barely detectable.

And because this is true, the church is losing the statistical battle. A missionary leader reported recently that one out of every 13 people in the world is a Christian, but warned that if the present ratio of converts to population increase continues, Protestant Christianity will represent only four per cent of the world's population by 1980, and only two per cent by the year 2000.

More people in the world today are without a knowledge of God through Jesus Christ than at any other time since He lived. Yet the church today is not giving full priority to its mission of taking the good news of redemption to every land and people. The major part of its personnel, time and money is used for purposes other than evangelism.

It is against this dark and disturbing background that the Protestant fortnightly magazine, *Christianity Today*, has announced plans for a World Congress on Evangelism to be held October 26 - November 4, 1966, in Berlin, Germany.

The congress, conceived as a potential landmark in Christian history, will bring together 1,200 influential churchmen from around the world to discuss for ten days all the aspects of evangelism—from its authority and theology to its methods and obstacles.

The aim of the congress, in the words of its chairman and editor of *Christianity Today*, Dr. Carl F. J. Henry, will be "to face the duty and need of evangelism, the obstacles and opportunities, the resources and rewards, and to encourage Christian believers of common faith and doctrine in a mighty offensive for the gospel in the remaining third of the twentieth century."

"The overriding concern of the congress," says Dr. Henry, "will be the absolute necessity of fulfilling Christ's command that his disciples go into all the world and preach the gospel."

He adds: "We hope that one by-product of the congress will be an advance within many churches from a type of modern evangelism that relies on the minister for evangelistic messages, to an evangelistic church membership."

Its theme is ". . . So Send I You," taken from the words of Jesus in John 20:21, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Billy Graham has been named honorary chairman of the congress, and in accepting the position declared his hope "that the congress will speak to the whole church with clarity and authority on evangelism and the mission of the church. Many of the recent statements coming from church conferences have been vague and confusing on the subject of evangelism."

Congress leaders expect it to do just that. They have outlined the formal, seven-fold purpose of the meeting as follows:

(1) To define biblical evangelism; (2) to expound the relevance of Christ's gospel to the modern world; (3) to stress the urgency of evangelistic proclamation throughout the world in this generation; (4) to discover new methods of relating biblical evangelism to our times; (5) to study the obstacles to biblical evangelism and to propose the means of overcoming them; (6) to discover the types of evangelistic endeavor currently employed in various lands; and (7) to summon the Church to recognize the priority of its evangelistic task.

Plans for the congress are predicated on the participation of more than 700 delegates, 300 guests, and 100 observers.

Attendance will be by invitation only. Participants will be (1) leading evangelists from many countries; (2) denominational leaders whose administrative responsibilities concern the church's involvement in

evangelistic activity; and (3) teachers and scholars whose areas of specialization relate significantly to evangelistic concerns.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, will serve as chairman of a seven-member executive committee for the congress. Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham, special assistant to Mr. Graham, will be coordinating director. Other members of the executive committee, along with Drs. Henry, Taylor, and Mooneyham, are Robert C. Van Kampen, a business executive of Wheaton, Illinois; George M. Wilson, Minneapolis, executive vice-president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association; Dr. Robert P. Evans, Paris, France, European director of Greater Europe Mission; and the Rev. Walter Smyth of Atlanta, vice-president in charge of crusade planning for BGEA.

West Berlin's Kongresshalle, which has been reserved for the event, has a main auditorium seating 1,264 persons, plus a number of smaller halls wired for simultaneous translations. Congress proceedings will be conducted in English, German, French, and Spanish, and possibly a fifth language.

The Congress, which follows a planned Billy Graham Crusade in West Berlin, will begin with a half-night of prayer. The program will include addresses on the biblical basis of evangelism, special papers, panel discussions, group discussions, and reports on the progress of evangelism throughout the world and the urgency of the task in coming years. Daybreak prayer meetings will be held daily.

Dr. Henry predicts that the congress will highlight the importance of evangelism "in a day of ecclesiastical preoccupation with ecumenism and humanistic concerns."

"Church assemblies echo with the noise of the population explosion, the race explosion, and the nuclear explosion, while the dynamite of God for human rescue is virtually ignored," he adds. "The Apostle Paul, writing to the Romans in the first Christian era, spoke of the gospel of Christ as divine dynamite for man's salvation. That explosion is one the world needs most to hear and experience."

The first century disciples had their Pentecost which provided the dynamic and thrust that sent them into all the world. Mr. Graham has issued a call for world-wide prayer during the next 18 months asking God to make the World Congress on Evangelism the medium through which "the church today will receive renewed power and a sense of urgency such as was characteristic of the early church after Pentecost."

He said: "The early Christians turned the world upside down. They changed the whole pattern of history. We're praying and hoping that this congress will make a contribution to a spiritual explosion in our generation."

Do it again, Lord; do it again!

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VIET NAM BIBLE PROJECT PLANNED BY GIDEONS

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Major national project of the year for Gideons International will be the distribution of 40,000 Vietnamese-language New Testaments among the military forces of South Viet Nam. The program was endorsed here at the 66th annual convention of the Bible-distributing organization.

In what was described as "a most unusual convenion," the 1,600 delegates from the U. S. and many of the more than 70 nations in which chapters are organized, through freewill offerings raised the $24,000 necessary to underwrite the project.

The action came after a delegation from South Viet Nam explained that there exists a strong need for spiritual bolstering of the men in their armed forces. There are several thousand evangelical Christians in the services, the Vietnamese said.

BIBLE NOW ACCESSIBLE TO NINETY PER CENT OF WORLD

LONDON (EP)—The United Bible Societies reports that the entire Bible now exists in 236 languages, and is thus directly accessible to more than ninety per cent of the world's population. In addition, the New Testament alone has been translated into another 289 languages, sometimes accompanied by a translation of the Psalms or other books of the Old Testament. These languages cover about five per cent of the population of the world.

NEW LAW REQUIRES CIGARETTE WARNING

WASHINGTON (EP) — A health warning label is required on all cigarette packs under provisions of a bill signed into law by President Johnson.

The new law requires that after next January 1 every pack, box and carton of cigarettes sold in the United States must carry the following warning: "Caution: cigarette smoking may be hazardous to your health."

PAROLE BOARD SAYS APPLICANTS MUST KNOW TEN COMMANDMENTS

MCALESTER, OKLA. (EP) — To win separation from the state prison here, inmates now must meet a churchly requirement.

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NO CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK—

BECAUSE of the pressure of traveling to and from General Conference, as well as the pressure of General Conference itself, our writer of the Children's Devotions column was unable to prepare the devotions for the week of September 12-18.

Mrs. Robert Holsinger has, however, sent in copy for the following weeks, therefore these devotions will appear in the September 11 issue of our publication.

The CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE Program is in this issue of the magazine

YOU WILL FIND beginning on page 4 of this issue of **The Brethren Evangelist** the program for the Central District Conference which is to be held in Waterloo, Iowa, on September 24-26.

This promises to be a most interesting conference therefore we urge those in the Central District to be present if at all possible.

NOTICE!

ALL NATIONAL AUXILIARY SECRETARIES—

THE FOLLOWING National Auxiliary Secretaries are to please send in the minutes of your conference meetings as soon as possible:

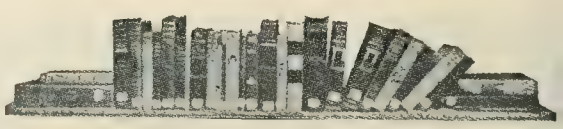
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Sisterhood of Mary and Martha
National Boys' Brotherhood

We have already begun setting up copy for the annual, therefore we urge you to send in these minutes immediately.

THE COVER PICTURE

AGAIN THIS WEEK we are happy to present on the cover of our magazine a photo which was taken by Rev. Duane Dickson of Tempe, Arizona. Bro. Dickson is the pastor of our church there.

We are always happy to be able to use such talents when they are made available to us, therefore if any reader has any such work suitable for a cover picture, we will be most happy to give consideration to such a photo.



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"Loving His Appearing"

OUR CONFERENCE THEME for 1965-66 is "Loving His Appearing." This theme has been divided into four sub-topics as follows: (1) as faithful sons; (2) as profitable stewards; (3) as obedient subjects; (4) as expectant servants.

The Scripture text is found in II Timothy 4:8: **Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**

Very few denominations really believe in the second coming of our Lord. Many are "on the fence" relative to this cardinal doctrine of the New Testament. But thanks be to God, the Brethren Church still believes in the second coming of our Lord!

The underlying theme for General Conference this year was the second coming of Christ. The under current that was manifested throughout the conference was the expectation of His coming. It could be felt in every inspirational service of the whole conference. This expectation was found in the meetings of the various auxiliaries. We could not escape this feeling, for it was real!

Our Moderator, Elder Charles R. Munson, in the first few moments of his address on Tuesday morning stressed the importance of our belief in this great doctrine of the Word. He noted that many do not want to believe this truth. He suggested that there are many reasons for His coming again, such as: He is coming to deliver His own; He is coming to judge the sinful world; He is coming to establish His eternal reign of justice and peace; He is coming to bring the Church to glory. All events of the world of today point to the fact that Jesus is coming soon.

Our Moderator had this to say: "Now in a further step, we see in effect what Hebrews 9:28 means when it says that He, Christ . . . **shall appear the second time without sin unto** (them that wait for him) **salvation.** In other words, those who love His appearing will see it, and those who don't love it won't see it. For those who love it there will not be fear, they won't cry for the rocks to fall on them as the Revelation tells us, but they will sing and praise His coming. Thus, this loving His appearing has to do with a continued action which desires and is not afraid of His return, at any hour of the day or night. This loving of His appearing is a natural characteristic of the Christian whose actions are appropriate." (Be sure to reread the Moderator's address as found on pages 12-19 of the August 21st issue of **The Brethren Evangelist** for further discussion on this most important event in history.)

Dr. Ralph Earle, professor at the Olivet Nazarene Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, was the Bible lecturer for the week of conference. His four lectures were concerned with the second coming of Jesus. The titles of these sermons were: "The Crowd at His Coming"; "The Church at His Coming"; "The Christ at His Coming"; "The Crown at His Coming." In each message he, too, stressed the reality of Christ's coming and the importance of our watching and being ready for this great event.

We as members of the Brethren Church should be very thankful that this great truth of the Bible is still preserved for us. The Scriptures truly encourage us to be faithful in our watching for His return. As our Moderator related, there are some 319 passages in the New Testament referring to this event, this is a proportion of one out of every twenty-five verses. It has been estimated that some 1,572 passages in the Old Testament also refer to this coming of Jesus Christ. "There is no doubt but that this doctrine permeates both testaments of our Bible."

The Revelation says: **He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**

Yes, Jesus is coming again! Soon! SG.

CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE of THE BRETHREN CHURCH

The First Brethren Church
Waterloo, Iowa

September 24-26, 1965

Time — C. S. T.

Conference Theme:
"Meeting Our Opportunities"

Conference Text: II Timothy 4:1-8

PROGRAM

Friday Morning

10:00 Opening of the 1965 Conference by Moderator Elder Arthur H. Tinkel
Song Service
Welcome Waterloo Delegate
Response of Visiting Delegates
Appointment of Committees Moderator
Special Music Waterloo
Devotions Elder Elmer Keck
11:00 Housing
12:00 Lunch Hour

Friday Afternoon

1:30 Simultaneous Sessions:
W.M.S., Laymen, Ministers
2:30 Business Session
Hymn
Devotions Lanark Delegate
Report of Credential Committee
Election of Officers
3:30 Worship in Song
Prayer
Message—"Meeting Our Opportunity With Christian Education"
Vice Moderator, Elder James R. Black
4:30 Committee and Board Meetings
5:30 Evening Meal

Friday Evening

7:30 Song Service
Devotions Milledgeville Delegate
Special Music Milledgeville
Moderator's Address Elder Arthur H. Tinkel
"Meeting Our Opportunity for Church Expansion"

Saturday Morning

8:30 Simultaneous Sessions:
W.M.S., Laymen, Ministers
9:30 Rest Period and Coffee Break
9:45 Business Session
Worship in Song
Devotions Udell Delegate
Reports of Committees and Boards
Unfinished Business
New Business
11:15 Hymn of Praise
Prayer
Sermon Elder Amos Mast
"Meeting Our Opportunity With Spiritual Emphasis"
12:15 Lunch Hour

Saturday Afternoon

1:30 W. M. S. Public Service
Missionary Speaker Elder Robert Bischof
2:30 Denominational Interests
Ashland Theological Seminary
Dr. J. R. Shultz, Dean
Ashland College Elder Virgil Meyer
Director, Ashland College Church Relations
Brethren Planning Mr. John Porte,
Field Secretary
Brethren Publications ..Elder Spencer Gentle,
Editor of Publications
Brethren Books and Pamphlets ..Elder A. T. Ronk
Brethren Youth Board Miss Beverly Summy,
Acting Brethren Youth Director



4:00 Committees and Board Meetings
Joint Meetings—Ministers and Sunday School Board
Other Committees
Young People's Picnic ..Beverly Summy, Speaker
5:30 Evening Meal

Saturday Evening

7:30 Inspirational Service
Song Service
Devotions Cerro Gordo Delegate
Special Music by each B.Y.C. Group
Message Elder A. T. Ronk
"Brethren Tradition, Trust and Mission"
Installation of 1965-66 Officers

Sunday Morning

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
Selected Hymns
Devotions Elder C. Y. Gilmer
Special Music Waterloo
Missionary Message Elder Robert Bischof
Adjournment

Conference Officers

Moderator - - - - Elder Arthur H. Tinkel
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W. M. S. CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE
THEME: "LOVING HIS APPEARING"
II TIMOTHY 4:8

PROGRAM

Friday Afternoon

1:30 Call to Order Mrs. C. Y. Gilmer, District President
Welcome Waterloo
Song Service
Devotions Milledgeville
"Loving His Appearing As Faithful Sons"
Special Music Waterloo
Business Meeting
W.M.S. Benediction

Saturday Morning

8:30 Song Service
Devotions Udell
"Loving His Appearing as Profitable Stewards"
Special Music Lanark
Business
Memorial Service Waterloo

Saturday Afternoon

1:30 W.M.S. Public Service
Song Service
Devotions Lanark
"Loving His Appearing As Obedient Subjects"
Special Music Cerro Gordo
Missionary Speaker Elder Robert Bischof
Installation of Officers
W.M.S. Benediction

1965 - 66 Theme — II Timothy 4:8

"LOVING HIS APPEARING"

Brethren Youth Crusaders

ANNOUNCING!

The new 1965-66 Brethren Youth Goals! Goals 2 and 5 are different this year so be sure to make special note of them.

1. Each local B.Y.C. group send in one Sunday evening offering to the National Office each month. This offering should, by the end of the year, at least equal or surpass one dollar per member.—10 points
2. At least one B.Y.C. delegate to National Conference and at least one representative to all state and district functions.(camps, rallies, retreats, conferences, etc.)—5 points
3. Reports to your church by those attending summer camp, District and National Conferences.—10 points
4. At least one public service per year. (Preferably on Youth Sunday in May)—10 points
5. Each group using Scripture Press Training Hour material or topics suggested quarterly by National Brethren Youth.—10 points
6. Each group participating in the National B.Y.C. Project and setting a percentage of the National Goal to be raised by that group.—10 points
7. A report of your activities sent in to National B.Y.C. at least three times a year (include pictures if possible) and the statistical report.—10 points
8. Each group participating in the Bible Quiz.—10 points
9. Every B.Y.C. member in your local group carrying a B.Y.C. Membership Card.—10 points
10. Group participation in these projects:
 A. Joint meeting preferably with other B.Y.C. groups—5 points
 B. B.Y.C. Visitation Program—5 points
 C. Benevolent work within your local church or city—5 points
11. Learn the Brethren Youth Covenant by having your B.Y.C. pray it together at every meeting.—10 points

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Banner Society — Meet 90 out of 110 points
Honor Society — Meet all 110 points

1965 - 66 BIBLE QUIZ

The book for Bible Quiz and study for the new year is the Book of Beginnings—Genesis! You should know about the beginning of the heavens and earth, man, woman, sin, families, languages, salvation, Hebrew nation and many others.

We offer here a list of suggested books and pamphlets which can be used in study for the various age groups and in making up questions or using questions that may be in the books. All these items are available from our Book Store. If you wish to have one or a number of the books and pamphlets listed here, just write to:

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For Juniors

1. **Straight Through the Bible in Two Years,** "Genesis Exodus, Leviticus" by Dr. J. A. Huffman, Higley-Huffman Press. $1.00 (This booklet is a workbook and has a number of different types of questions)
2. **"Stories of the Beginnings,"** Brethren Imprint Number 41 Student - 35¢, Teacher - 60¢
 a. Lesson Strips for number 41—visual aid correlated with the material in **"Stories of the Beginnings."** $2.50
 b. Adapter needed for 35 mm projectors to show the Lesson Strips. $2.00

For Sr. Hi and Jr. Hi

1. **Shield Bible Study Series,** "The Book of Genesis" by Charles F. Pfeiffer, Baker Book House. $1.50 (hardback study book)
2. **Know Your Bible Series,** "The First Jewish Bible" number 5 by Roy L. Smith, Abingdon Press. 30¢
3. **Old Testament Survey—Law and History,** Evangelical Teacher Training Association. $1.50 (paperback—study and questions)
4. **"Scripture Panorama"**—Genesis-Nehemiah number 111, Brethren Imprint. Student - 40¢, Teacher - 65¢. (study and questions)
5. **"Studies in Genesis"** number 264, Brethren Imprint. Student - 55¢, Teacher - $1.00

For All

1. **Studies in the Book of Genesis** by Grace Saxe, Moody Press. 75¢ (workbook with questions)—can be adapted for Juniors

IDEA BOX



This youth program is suggested for your use in studying the background of Christian Missions and is taken from the Missionary Board manual entitled, "Brief Study of Brethren World Missions."

I. Meaning of Missions

A. **Definition**—Missions is the fulfillment of God's purpose of carrying the Gospel to the entire world; it is a divine program by which everything moves. As the program develops, God's plan for mankind is achieved.

B. **The Bible and Missions**—The Bible is a book of missions. If the missionary design were lifted from it, the Bible would not reveal God's complete purpose for mankind. His intention of evangelizing the world is apparent, not merely in isolated passages, but throughout Scripture.

Robert H. Glover, in **The Bible Basis of Missions,** says ". . . the essential missionary character of the Bible is the story of God's search for man, in contrast to other sacred books, which are the stories of man's search for God . . . This divine search of the Creator for His child begins with the first chapter of Genesis and does not end until the closing of the Revelation . . . God is thus seen as the first and greatest missionary, and the whole Bible as the revelation of His successive outreaches into the soul of man."

1. In the **Old Testament** we find numerous missionaries carrying out God's divine plan. A few of the number are as follows:

a. Abraham	Genesis 12:1-4ff
b. Joseph	Genesis 39—50
c. Moses	Exodus 19:5ff; Numbers 14:21
d. Isaiah	Isaiah 49:6
e. Daniel	Daniel 6:25ff

2. In the **New Testament** there are still more:

a. Andrew	John 1:40, 41
b. Peter	Acts 2—12
c. Philip	Acts 2—12
d. James	Acts 2—12
e. John	Acts 2—12
f. Stephen	Acts 2—12
g. Paul	Acts 13—28
h. Barnabas	Acts 13—28

C. The **Aim of Missions** is four-fold:

1. To make disciples, Matthew 28:19.
2. To baptize disciples, Matthew 28:19.
3. To teach disciples, Matthew 28:20; I Cor. 14:1; I Cor. 12:27-31.
4. To establish indigenous churches, Acts (Pauline missionary methods).

The seeking and baptizing of the missionary ministry have been widely emphasized; whereas, teaching is sometimes overlooked or minimized. Converts to Christianity are exhorted to bear witness to others; they are urged to establish churches that will be self-sustaining, self-governing and self-propagating. Thus, establishing a truly indigenous church is the only way to reach the whole world with the whole Gospel in the shortest possible period of time. This is the method employed by the Apostle Paul as recorded in the book of the Acts. Indigenous principles have stood the test of time in proving their effectiveness. Therefore, each convert should become a potential beginning of a new church. The teaching element in missions should impress the believer with his responsibility to grow in grace and to reach others with the message of salvation.

II. Obligation of Missions

A. **God's Plan**—God might have chosen angels to be His messengers to carry the Gospel to mankind; instead He made man His co-worker in this vital and glorious business. How thankful we should be that God considers man worthy to bear the responsibility of such an enormous task.

In harmony with God's design for the salvation of mankind, Christ charges His disciples to seek out individuals and groups; then He sends out the seventy; finally, in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19) He offers salvation to the entire world. The remainder of the New Testament, following the Great Commission carries on God's program of salvation.

All of Scripture embodies this missionary spirit of God seeking man to save him. The universality (to everyone in all ages) is apparent in many Scripture passages; a few are as follows: John 3:16, 17; John 1:29; Acts 17:26, 27.

B. **The Christian's Calling**—The Christian is saved not merely to live a blissful life and to enjoy freedom from eternal punishment; he is saved to serve God; consequently he must constantly strive to seek out the lost whom he may lead to Christ. He is saved so that he may bear fruit; yes, much fruit for God. There are many rewards and many assurances from God to the Christian who continually strives to remain in the will of God: Matt. 28:19, 20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:14; I Thess. 2:4; Eph. 4:11, 12; I Peter 2:9; Ezekiel 33:8.

III. Reward of Missions

Discharge of our missionary responsibility brings with it not only a sense of achievement which one experiences in work completed, but God promises reward to those who fulfill this ministry by—

A. **His Presence with us**—God has promised His blessings upon those who carry the Gospel to the unsaved; above all, He will be with them wherever they go. Matt. 28:20.

B. **Participation in His Plan**—He has also promised success—fruit for their labor—to preachers of the Gospel; these servants are instruments in God's Divine Plan. John 4:36; I Thess. 2:19, 20.

C. **Spiritual Strengthening**—Promises in Scripture and evidences from more recent experiences prove that carrying out God's program brings blessings to His servants:

1. Pentecost—Beginning of Christian missions.
2. Pietism and beginning of Moravian movement.
3. Hudson Taylor—China Inland Mission.
4. David Brainerd—American Indian Missionary.
5. Strongest churches today—missionary churches.

D. **Ultimate victory of God's Plan**—Revelation 11:15.

For Discussion

1. Why is missionary work not worth the effort if not founded on Biblical principles?

2. Does the missionary minister to the sick, feed the hungry, teach the illiterate, introduce new ideas, new practices, etc., because that is most important? Why?

JOHNSTOWN MAGIC

The Johnstown II Brethren Youth group finished its activities with a Youth Banquet on May 21st of this year.

We had a magician as our speaker and he gave us Bible truths in magic form. It was very interesting.

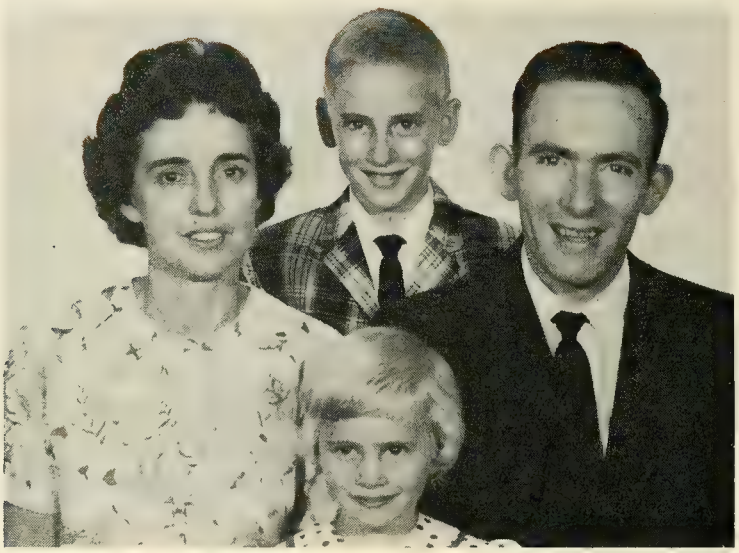
We also gave our yearly awards based on our attendance at church, devotions, etc. Our Bible Quiz team received special recognition and we presented a gift to Rev. Lowmaster for appreciation of his services and faithfulness to our youth group.

We have summer activities and then our regular meetings will begin when school starts. We have scheduled a hayride in August and we had a swim party in July.

—Carolyn Miller, president

MISSIONARY NEWS

BOWERSES MOVE TO HILLCREST SCHOOL



Early in 1965, Harold and Shirley Bowers, having volunteered for a short-term of missionary service, went to Nigeria to teach at Waka Schools.

Harold and Shirley both taught classes for Nigerian students and Shirley did considerable office work there while Harold had become librarian. They were highly regarded among the staff and administration and were fond of their duties and the Nigerian students they taught. They also participated in the area church program and taught Sunday school.

In the Church of the Brethren Mission there has been a shortage of churchmen to work with the Eastern District of the Church of Christ in the Sudan and personnel was badly needed at the missionaries' children's school at Jos, Nigeria. In order that a churchman would not be removed from the field, Shirley and Harold were approached to accept the duty of being houseparents at Hillcrest School. They were willing to be used by the Lord as they could to assist the total church program. A good-sized group of teachers were arriving in Waka; therefore, the Bowers could be released to go to Jos in July.

They now live in a high school hostel called "Boulder Hill" and are parents to 6 girls and 4 boys where they find their work quite interesting. Marla and Mark live with them and undoubtedly enjoy this reunion with parents.

The broadcast station at Jos is in the recreation room of Boulder Hill and a 6:30 A. M. broadcast necessitates an early scheduling of each day, often with Doc Shank dropping in to help on the broadcast.

Harold and Shirley's new address is:

Box 626
Jos, Nigeria
West Africa

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GENERAL SECRETARY VISITS ARGENTINA

Next week on September 8th, the General Secretary of the Missionary Board, M. Virgil Ingraham, leaves for a six weeks' tour in Argentina visiting all churches, Bible Institute, camp and evangelical missions.

His return trip will include stops at Quito, Ecuador, for a visit at the Church of the Brethren mission and Radio Station HCJB (Voice of the Andes). Also the Spanish Language Institute in Costa Rica where our missionaries have received their training.

While in Buenos Aires, Reverend Ingraham will attend the 15th Radio Anniversary Celebration, October 11th, in the Luna Park Stadium.

The very full itinerary, rigid schedule and arrival in Argentina during the most bitter winter season would sap the strength of any man. Pray for his health, strength and endurance as these demanding days unfold before him. Also pray for the conferences, meetings and gatherings involving all Brethren in South America that the work might continue to expand and that God's Commission will be fulfilled.



ARGENTINE PASTOR CRITICALLY INJURED

At 9:00 A.M. on August 4th, Pastor Ricardo Rivero, while riding on his motorscooter, was struck by a pickup truck driven by an unlicensed driver. Rivero was thrown onto the hood of the truck and his right foot pierced by a piece of metal extending from the bumper of the truck. The pickup proceeded for about 50 yards before stopping, and in the movement Pastor Rivero's foot was badly damaged.

He was rushed to a private hospital in San Nicolas, where specialists worked to repair the bone, nerve and blood vessel damage. Other specialists from Rosario were called in consultation with Dr. Covey, the bone specialist from San Nicolas. After a week of fighting to save the foot, it was amputated.

The whole brotherhood has been shocked and saddened by this terrible accident. Pastor Rivero is President of the Council of Elders and pastor of the Villa Constitucion Church, the largest Brethren Church in Argentina. His leadership and extensive work throughout the church is most valuable and the limitations of this worker in the next months will handicap the work to some extent.

Pray for him, his church and the Brethren in Argentina.

GAINS FOR THE KINGDOM

Eastern District of the Church of Christ in the Sudan (Lardin Gabas)

February through May 1965 — Increase 378

Bizinda	1	Kwajafa	37
Dille	21	Kwaka	27
Gulak	19	Lassa	43
Gashala	47	Moda	22
Garkida	42	Mbororo	25
Kirbutu	20	Nggwa	14
South Margi	44	Sura	16

The Brethren Layman

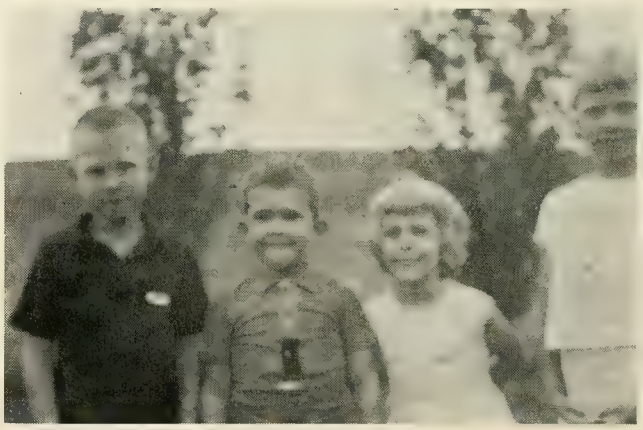
Views and Comments

Floyd S. Benshoff

pardon me, but could I talk about MY GRANDCHILDREN?

WHAT WOULD YOU do if you were charged by the men of the Brethren Church with the responsibility of filling two pages of **The Brethren Evangelist** each week and the first issue of each month was to be "views and comments" from you as editor, and General Conference had not yet occurred by the time you had to have the copy in for said editorial for September? Obviously one could not give his impressions of the national gathering. One could enlarge on such safe topics as "Laymen-Minister relations," "Love," or even, "Why the Brethren Church." Each of these is worthy of extended comment, but on this warm early August Sunday afternoon, my thinking takes a slightly different and somewhat personal turn. It is entirely possible that many of you Brethren who would normally real this column, gave up as you looked at the heading. I wouldn't be the one to criticize you if you had. It's a little like foisting your home movies of the family on your neighbors or friends, who couldn't care less. The accompanying photo pictures two little girls and two little boys, my present grandchildren. Rather ordinary children, I agree. But they're MY grandchildren. Being that, I have more right to spoil them than you. By the same token, I have more responsibility toward their welfare and training than you. I enjoy them even though they are not exactly "angels" at all times.

Grandparents are permitted to be anxious, concerned, proud, prayerful and ambitious for their grand "kids." Thoughtful folk can display quite a bit of emotion where their children's children are concerned. By all standards, this is in line with the best tradition of homelife as lived in these United States and is strongly supported by what we read in Holy Writ. Timothy was blessed with



a godly grandmother. Many other examples and references to the "line" effect are given, including the fact that the sins of the parents are visited on the children, to the third and fourth generation . . . it's a "for weal or for woe" proposition. People do live on in a very real way, in their grandchildren. What an ominous responsibility one acquires as he becomes a parent.

Among the many facets of life that we think of in connection with the world we leave to our posterity, is the religious atmosphere we try to make available. Unless an avalanche of world-wide disaster occurs, the old tried and trio of home, church and school, will continue to exert majority influence in the lives of people. Today's conditions in our own, our native land, leave us something to be desired as far as this influence for good is seen.

What do I want for my grandchildren?

1. Godly parents. Just as sure as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, when folks get to be 50 they start to live in their children and grandchildren. Tell me why the church auditorium is filled to capacity on a warm spring Sunday evening as "Children's Day" is observed, when the regular evening worship can hardly attract a corporal's guard. Sure, my grandchildren are on the program. Parents (and grandparents) stand in the place of God to young children. Are we doing justice to this most important role? "As the twig is bent . . ." "Bring up a child in the way he should go . . ."

2. A Biblical church. We should be Brethren because we believe in its tenets. With the surge of ecumenical feeling and its almost necessary resultant loss of some things held as precious beliefs of co-operating bodies, the Brethren Church does well to eye very carefully any flirtation. The eight people on the banks of the river Eder could more easily have kept their old religious connections. Yes, it would have been much easier on their bodies, but their souls would not be satisfied with anything less than a pure Gospel church. We are the inheritors of their efforts in this. Let us pray that our children and our children's children do not despise their heritage. As we help build a strong Brethren Church we best serve our Lord. Our church, with its apostolic basis, can do a great job of retaining our children and young people and adding to our ranks sincere, seeking souls. Are we doing it?

3. A church college. Why should I, as a grandparent, be concerned as to where my kin get a higher education? The usual development of situations in this realm is that of taking a young person away from home for the first time. If you think there isn't some emotion involved in this step, think again. Out from under the restraints of a normal Christian home influence, a young person can take several roads, and you can be certain they are not all Christian. It would be of considerable comfort to Brethren people if, in all sincerity and confidence, we could take our youngsters to our church college, knowing that their basic beliefs would not be undermined by ungodly professors, and social practices they have been taught to follow in their homes, their churches back home, and district and general conference. Can we?

Just as the presence of a Gideon Bible doesn't guarantee that all is well at the hotel, so our well organized church machinery doesn't guarantee that God will bless us as a denomination.

"Rise up, O men of God, have done with lesser things . . .
Rise up, O men of God, the church for you doth wait . . ."

F. S. B.

THAT OUTSIDE GIVING

TIME AND AGAIN stories come to our attention concerning giving to causes which prove false or misrepresented. Why is it that people will readily accept what an unknown enthusiast or promoter says over what a known, proved representative of the church says? This willingness to accept an unknown promoter's word is true in numerous other areas.

Some persons are quick to gather extremist literature written by a basically unknown person to array it against what a church leader says. Maybe this to some is defending the faith. I prefer to call it displaying the gullible.

But back to giving. Why will persons give without careful investigation? Why will persons give to causes which will not furnish financial reports? Denominational boards and agencies could not collect from the church very long on this basis. Nor would anyone in the denomination give to a church agency very long if operated on the basis on which many unattached groups operate.

Recently another supposedly good work came to attention. It collected money in large amounts from many unsuspecting and gullible people. But almost 50 per cent of the receipts were spent in fund raising. A large amount went to the persons supposedly administering the work. The executive director received an annual salary of $17,000, with his wife also receiving an annual salary of $9,960 from the coffers. Besides salaries in numerous such agencies or funds there are the side benefits of limousines, expensive personal items, and extravagant way of living.

Perhaps the least one can say is—Yes, there are good nondenominational programs which merit support. But at least take a little time to get the facts before you give. And it is good to give where you, or Christian persons you know, have some control over the administration of such money. Paul encouraged the Corinthian church to send funds through church-approved representatives. Not bad Scriptural advice even today.

John M. Drescher, editor
The Gospel Herald (Mennonite).

SUMMARY of GENERAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS

by REV. JERRY FLORA
Secretary

HERE IS A condensation of the minutes of General Conference, presented for two purposes: (1) to summarize some major decisions and items of business and (2) to guide boards and committees in beginning their work before the publishing of the Annual Number of **The Brethren Evangelist.**

The delegate body this year totaled 411, of whom 277 were lay delegates from the congregations, 97 were ministerial delegates, 13 were delegates from the co-operating boards and auxiliaries of General Conference, and 24 represented the various district conferences. The delegates —

. . . Elected the following officers for 1965-66: Harold E. Barnett, moderator; W. St. Clair Benshoff, vice-moderator; Jerry Flora, secretary; Robert Keplinger, assistant secretary; A. Glenn Carpenter, treasurer; C. William Cole, statistician; Herbert Gilmer, A. T. Ronk, Mrs. Howard Winfield, Mrs. Clarence Kindley, John Golby, and Richard Best, Committee on Committees.

. . . Heard the Book and Pamphlet Commission project the completion of the book on Brethren history, 1880-1920, to the summer of 1966.

. . . Dissolved the Committee on District Conferences and turned its work over to the Central Council.

. . . Approved changing **The Brethren Evangelist** to a 32-page biweekly magazine, beginning January 1966.

. . . Heard the Central Council report th 60 churches paid in full their $1 per membe apportionment. More than two-thirds of th total amount requested was contributed.

. . . Adopted a budget of $16,605 for th work of General Conference through the Cen tral Council for the coming year.

. . . Designated November 14, 1965, as Peac Sunday, with February 13, 1966, the alte nate date.

. . . Approved Moderator Munson's recom mendation to form a three-man committee t study the Biblical basis of church membe ship in the coming year and report their con clusions to the next General Conference.

. . . Referred to Central Council for stud and implementation the moderator's recom mendations to establish district family lif conferences and to combine the National Goal Program and the Sunday School Standard o Excellence into one report blank.

. . . Received the Benevolent Board's pla to construct a new wing on the Brethren' Home in 1967 after a financial campaign be ginning in August, 1966.

. . . Participated in the consecration o Larry and Rose Bolinger for the Nigeria mission field and contributed over $5,000 fo their training in 1965-66.

. . . Set the dates of the next General Con ference for August 15-21, 1966.

. . . Adopted all proposed amendments to ıe Manual of Procedure that were sent to astors and churches prior to General Con-rence. The new edition will be produced and stributed as quickly as possible.

. . . Heard the appeal to increase home mis-ons giving 15% in the coming year and orld missions giving 20% in order to main-in the program of the Missionary Board.

. . . Heard the statistician report a total embership of 17,912 in 121 congregations. here were 722 baptisms in the past year nd a total expenditure of $1,396,384.95, or per capita contribution of $92.13.

. . . Accepted the Retirement Board's report ıat 56 ministers are participating in its hos-talization insurance program, but only 25 its retirement plan.

. . . Received the Publishing Company's eport that 60 Sunday schools use Brethren ıprint literature in all departments and 15 ore in all but one department.

. . . Heard the Fraternal Relations Com-ittee report increased activity in exploring ıd promoting spiritual unity without being mmitted to seeking merger with other de-minations.

. . . Heard the St. James, Maryland, Sun-ıy school declared the best in scoring on e New Standard of Excellence and the Ash-nd, Ohio (Park Street) church declared the st in the National Goals Program.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

REWARDS

Some day we will receive rewards - - -
But reward enough to me it seems
Will be to look upon the One
Of whom my heart now ever dreams.

Hushed is my heart at thoughts of this:
With wondering awe it comes to me
That in the presence of our Lord
You and I will ever be.

We will need eternity
To comprehend the whole of this.
If at the thought my heart doth swell,
What will it be to have such bliss?
—Kathryn L. Hollingsworth

PRESENTLY CHRIST IS CROWNED with glory and honor (Ps. 8:5; Heb. 2:7, 9; Rev. 19:12). He who crowns the earth continuously with His goodness and lovingkindness (Ps. 65:11; 103:4) was afflicted by earth with a crown of thorns (Jn. 19:2-5). In this life the Christian's brow is crowned with a garland of divine loving-kindness and tender mercy (Ps. 103:4). When prudent, he is "crowned with knowledge" (Prov. 14:18). In latter years his hoary head can be a crown of glory (Prov. 16:31). If aged, his children's children are his crown (Prov. 17:6). The question to us is, have we crowned Him Lord of all (I Cor. 6:20)?

In the judgment of the cross (Jn. 12:31) sin was judged in the sacrifice of Christ. There is now no sin judgment for believers in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:1). He bore our sins in judgment that we might not have to bear them (Isa. 53:5). But as stewards of Christ we must face His judgment seat, the Bema, in order that our works may be judged (II Cor. 5:10). There will be a reckoning of those things God entrusted to our care such as time, gifts, money, bodies, our sacred trust of the Gospel (I Tim. 1:11), and many other responsibilities. It will be the testing by fire of all our work done in service on earth (I Cor. 3:13). As a result there will be rewards and losses (vs. 14, 15).

Within the reach of all is the incorruptible crown (I Cor. 9:24-27), given to those who lived the life of self-denial for Christ's sake (II Tim. 2:5). For those who endure temptation (Jas. 1:12), go through the refiner's fire like Job by patient continuance (Rom. 2:7), and for all faithful martyrs who welcome death for Christ's sake, there is the crown of life (Rev. 2:10). Then there is the soul-winner's garland, the crown of rejoicing (I Thess. 2:19). Let not such a reward be taken from you (Job 19:9; Lam. 5:16; Rev. 3:21). The crown of glory (I Pet. 5:4) is for those who are

"ensamples to the flock" and share the Chief Shepherd's love and compassion for His "little flock." While all believers are priests, all are not fitted or experienced to rule the people of God (Heb. 13:7, 17). The crown of righteousness (II Tim. 4:8) is for those who "love our Lord's appearing." Whatever crowns are given will not be for our displaying, making them crowns of pride (Isa. 28:1), but we shall cast them all at the feet of Him who alone is worthy to receive all praise and honor (Rev. 4:10, 11).

"Reward for faithfulness?—ah, no;
No worthiness of mine has made it so;
His was the faithfulness, and mine, the doubt;
Unmerited, His grace was meted out.
So shall it be through endless days in Heaven;
His hand shall add to what His hand has given."



Your National President Speaks . . .

Preparing for a new W. M. S. year

MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

DO WE PREPARE OR PLAN? Preparation is to make ready, and to plan is to set forth a scheme of action. I'm sure we agree that both are all important. As we plan and prepare for a trip, so we likewise must plan and prepare for a new year of service through our W.M.S.

First, if we were planning a trip we would set the time. Now the time has already been planned for your meetings each month. I believe planning to attend these meetings is of most importance. I have said it before and I say it again, IF EVERY MEMBER WAS PRESENT AT EVERY MEETING, we would be surprised at what could be accomplished. I have noticed in our own group the encouragement that comes with a good attendance. This way all members are kept informed. So won't you pledge yourself to attend every meeting?

Then next we would plan our provisions. The clothing we want to wear in our W.M.S. work this next year is patience, kindness, long suffering, love, gentleness and meekness. Yes, we would clothe our spiritual bodies with the fruits of the spirit if we would have a joyful and profitable trip. The food would be the "Bread of Life," the Bible. How would you feel on a trip if you ate only once a week? You would be weak and irritable, and your trip would be one of disappointment. So as we gain physical strength from the food we eat, we gain spiritual strength from reading God's Word. If we read haphazardly our lives will reveal it. To be kept strong in our work this next year, we must read His promises to know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

Third, in planning our trip we would want to plan in advance the sights we could see. What do you expect to see accomplished in our W.M.S. work next year? I plan to see a growth in our spiritual lives. Do you? I plan to see a greater love for and concern for our missionaries. Do you? I plan to see an increased giving in our material possessions. Do you? I plan to see a greater enthusiasm among our W.M.S. members. Do you?

Let us plan. Let us prepare. Let us expect great things. "He is able to do exceedingly above all that we ask or think, ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKETH IN US."

Why not join the TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

BOOK REVIEWS

Richard E. Allison

All books reviewed in this column may be purchased through the Brethren Publishing Company, 524 College Ave., Ashland, Ohio.

Wallis, Ethel E.: TARIRI: MY STORY. New York: Harper and Row, 1965.

Tariri: My Story is the thrilling life story of Tarari, the great chief of the Candoshi group of the Shapra Indians. This book is destined to take its place alongside the other missionary classics published by Harper and Row in recent years. This book displays the freshness, vigor and transforming power found in the book of Acts.

Tariri, a legendary figure among the tribes along the eastern slope of the Andes in southern Peru, tells his own life story. His background is that of a pagan headhunter whose life is dominated with brutal revenge slayings and head shrinking. In his plundering escapades, he considered himself invincible. As a tribal chieftan, he ruled by brute force and fear.

Then two American women, Lorrie Anderson and Doris Cox, members of Wycliffe Bible Translators, came into the area inhabited by the Candoshi. Tariri had never before seen a white person. They were indeed strange creatures. They came alone, unprotected and armed only with the message of the Gospel.

Tariri relates in his own words the story of his gradual conversion, the thrilling transformation that came to his life and the life of his people as the Gospel of Christ replaced the gospel of hate and violence.

Tariri narrates his own story via the tape recorder. Ethel E. Wallis translates and edits the story. Her explanatory additions to the account are set in italic type. Miss Wallis will be remembered for *The Dayuma Story* which she edited in a similar manner. She is also the co-author of *Two Thousand Tongues To Go.*

This book, *Tariri: My Story,* provides a unique insight into the thinking of a primitive. The account is not that of a missionary stating what he thinks the primitive is thinking. Tariri expresses himself freely and clearly. The choppy sentences and the freedom of expression give the work a ring of authenticity. Herein is the testimony of a man transformed from darkness to light. This is his own account.

Lindsell, Harold (editor): HARPER STUDY BIBLE. New York: Harper and Row, 1964. ($9.95)

"The most important Reference Bible to appear since the Revised Edition of the Scofield Reference Bible," states Dr. Wilbur Smith in a review of the new *Harper Study Bible.* I was personally delighted when I secured a copy and perused it. Dr. Harold Lindsell, one of the four original members of the faculty of Fuller Theological Seminary has done a great service to the evangelical world. He has brought us a volume of the Scriptures that draws data from the most recently discovered biblical manuscripts. Dr. Lindsell, a thoroughgoing conservative in theology and biblical studies has given us a tool that ought to replace all previous versions and revisions. This volume has kept pace with the exciting science of manuscript studies.

The valuable features of the 2112 page *Harper Study Bible* are many. Dr. Lindsell introduces each book with his own outlines that are practical, meaningful and carefully done. Many of the chapter outlines make good expository sermon outlines. Carefully composed annotations appearing at the bottom of the pages clarify seemingly difficult passages, define theological material, explain historical and chronological problems, deal with ethical matters and present short sketches of outstanding historical characters. The notes vary in length. For the book of Genesis they exceed 80,000 words. The complete text of the Revised Standard Version with self-pronouncing language forms is used. Topical headings, marginal cross references, a handy index to the annotations, a useful 191 page concordance and full color maps make this a must volume for every serious student of the Scriptures.

Sherwood E. Wirt, editor of *Decision* published by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has this to say concerning the *Harper Study Bible*:

"It is a Bible that can be trusted."

"The entire English speaking world is in debt to Dr. Lindsell for making the contemporary evangelical position on Scripture so clear. It is a Bible that will strengthen the faith while it enlightens the mind."

With these comments, I heartily concur.

Robinson, Gordon: NEW TESTAMENT DETECTION. New York: Oxford University Press, 1964. ($4.50)

Dr. Robinson, an avid reader of detective stories, likens the study of the New Testament to detective work. Clues have to be followed out. Evidence has to be weighed and sifted. Identifications of persons and places need to be confirmed.

In this book, Dr. Robinson employs the techniques of a detective. He uses the resources of the best in modern scholarship. He scrutinizes facts. He assembles all the relevant evidence. The work is the result of his assiduous detective work. It is not a commentary. It is a compilation of the work accomplished by a careful detective and his excursions into the New Testament.

The results are compiled under such headings as: I. Identifying People, II. Searching Out Places, III. Tracking Down Words, IV. What You Say May Be Used in Evidence, V. Circumstantial Evidence.

Here is 264 pages of interesting and informative reading. The busy pastor or teacher who doesn't have time to do the gruesome spadework will appreciate this volume. In the back of the book an index to "Main Bible Passages Quoted" and "Index to People" adds greatly to the value of the volume.

SISTERHOOD

The SMM Mailbag . . .

from . . .

ARDMORE, INDIANA
Junior

A fast glance at the calendar tells us the 1964-65 activities for the Junior Sisterhood of the Ardmore Brethren Church are fast coming to a close, so it is time to make our report to *The Brethren Evangelist.*

Our officers did a fine job this past year. In September, an executive meeting was held to plan our program for the year. Our October meeting ended with a Halloween party, after our devotional program. We invited visitors, and they later became members. In November, our girls took home a large selection of Christmas cards and wrapping for the start of our sales contest and money making project. The girl that sold the most won a prize from our patroness, Mrs. Melvin Kring. For our Christmas party, we decided to bring money donations instead of a gift exchange and donate the money to the New Furnace Fund for the parsonage. We had a good time, and enjoyed giving to a much needed cause.

Virginia Dorhauer, our new patroness, took over her duties in January, 1965. Her daughter, Ginger, was our devotional leader. We met the last Friday of each month, and being close to Valentine's Day, our patroness had a party for us. (Enclosed is a picture of our February meeting at the home of our president where she presented Mrs. Kring with a gift of thanks for being patroness for over five years. Ginger was the sales contest winner, and she was presented with her prize from Mrs. Kring. Some of the girls and new patroness look on.)



Saturdays in March found us rolling bandages and making squares, and it really turned out to be fun while we worked. In April, we annually get together with the Senior Sisterhood girls and donate Easter lilies for the church altar for Easter Sunday. Also in late April, our patroness had foot surgery. After a week in the hospital and still on crutches, she attended and took part in our combined meeting of the Junior and Senior Sisterhood girls for our special meeting. We invited our Laymen's group to be our guests for the evening.

June was a very busy month for all of us; the end of the school year and exams, our book review, and plans for attending District Conference at Shipshewana, Indiana. Back for Bible School, and our June meeting was election of officers and our Thank Offering service. Our new officers were installed during our July meeting. We close the year with our annual picnic and swimming in August after our devotional program. Of course, we plan on National Conference, too!

Debbie Smead, secretary

from . . .

PLEASANT HILL, OHIO
Junior

The Junior Sisterhood had a bike hike on July 6. We rode to the home of one of our leaders, had a picnic lunch and our meeting. At this meeting we elected officers for the following year.

During the school year we meet after school at the church. Our August meeting was a swimming party and the Junior W.M.S. went with us. We enjoy our Sisterhood group very much.

Betsy Kraus, reporter

from . . .

GOSHEN, INDIANA
Junior

The Junior Sisterhood of Goshen had a very successful year with ten members. In September, we had a

potluck supper and slumber party at the home of our patroness. Our October meeting found everyone looking quite different in weird costumes.

The laymen of our church were guests at the April meeting of the juniors and seniors. First they were treated to a turkey dinner, then observed a Sisterhood meeting.

"Children Of The Bush Country" was thoroughly enjoyed by all, as Mrs. Gerald Biller reviewed the book for us. We also made a trip to the Brethren's Home in Flora, taking gifts and presenting a program.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year.

Sandy Huber, secretary

from . . .

MILLEDGEVILLE, ILLINOIS
Junior and Senior

The Junior and Senior Sisterhoods of the Milledgeville First Brethren Church met jointly for their February meeting at the home of Dorothy Ruth Glenn, the senior patroness. The local laymen were guests. Joan Hollewell, a senior girl, and Jackie Warfel, a junior, were program leaders. The meeting began by group singing of choruses. Jill Glenn, a junior, read the Scripture followed by a senior, Julie Cunningham, offering prayer. The Bible Study was given by Leanne Deets, who belongs to the junior group. A vocal trio, composed of Jackie Warfel, Jan Glenn, and Vali Bushman, then presented special music. After Rhonda Merlah, a senior girl, gave the topic, Joan Hollewell read a letter from Mrs. Robert Bischof thanking us for bandages and telling of her work. The Sisterhood Benediction closed the meeting.

from . . .

NORTH GEORGETOWN, OHIO

For the June meeting, the Sisterhood met at the home of Joyce Hardy to elect officers. Carol Albright opened with prayer, followed by the singing of several choruses. Donna Borton and Pam Romigh had the topic entitled, "Daily Living." Pam read Romans 12:14-16.

Our next meeting will be held at the church to roll bandages with Cheryl Romigh as the hostess and Joyce Hardy as the leader.

Joyce Hardy, secretary

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for September 12, 1965
GROWING IN SELF-DISCIPLINE
Text: I Corinthians 9:24-27; 10:12, 13, 23, 24, 31-33

WHEN THE BIBLE speaks of discipline it does not mean that by a certain order of life we will gain merit nor by it do we bargain with God. Discipline is good for a person but this is not its primary purpose. By discipline one brings his body and life into subjection to the Lord and through this disciplined life God works. He works to strengthen and build that person and He works through that person to reach the world.

Being a disciple of the Lord Jesus literally means disciplining our lives as He has instructed. It means that whatever practices and attitudes one may have had in the past, they must first of all be put away and every step necessary be taken to assume the new pattern of life. It may mean doing what is against our nature to do, against what we may wish to do.

I Corinthians 9:24-27

We must discipline our lives as does an athlete. The athlete has one main governing purpose in life—to excel in his profession of field. His diet, personal habits, moral conduct and every daily routine are all geared to this one end. So it is with the Christian. His one aim is to glorify Jesus Christ both physically and spiritually. There can be no other interest to rival or distract from this goal. Every habit, every part of life rising in the morning to going to sleep at night is to this goal.

We know that being a Christian is a spiritual matter. It also involves every desire and emotion of the body (v. 27). If you have made a promise that you could keep, but just put it off, go keep it at all costs. When shopping, begin denying yourself some of those items that have eye-appeal but are unessential. So you don't feel like getting up and going to church worship some Sunday mornings? Do it anyway. You never tried to tithe? Do it this next payday, not the one after. Body desires must not dictate our course of life. Only through discipline can they be brought under control (Gal. 5:17).

I Corinthians 10:13

Your problems with strong sensual appeals of the flesh are not unusual. Some of the greatest saints have also at one time been the greatest sinners. But they sought the power of God and felt that power at work in discipline.

I Corinthians 10:23, 24, 31-33

Self-discipline is not for your own good alone. In one way or another we do, in a measure, reveal the glory of Jesus Christ in us. By His work in us, men are brought to salvation.

International Gospel League

by DR. HOWARD LEWIS

Dr. Howard Lewis, President of the International Gospel League, is pleased to announce THE AMERICAN VISIT, of the noted LEPEROLOGIST FROM INDIA.

Dr. Paul Brand has actually RE-BUILT THOUSANDS OF LEPERS HANDS! By the use of a rare new method of transplanting tendons from other parts of the arms and legs, Dr. Brand has given new use to the fingers of the lepers of India.

Dr. Brand is at present visiting the leprosariums of the major cities of the world, to explain this unique method to other doctors and technicians.

This exciting story will be completely told in the new book "TEN FINGERS FOR GOD," to be released by McGraw-Hill on, or before, October 11th.

Dr. Brand arrives in New York City within the next few weeks to appear on national television and be interviewed by radio and other news media.

President Howard Lewis of the International Gospel League, which has been supporting this hospital ministry in India for many years, has urged that Dr. Paul Brand (born in India of a noble, missionary mother) spend a few weeks appearing in key churches of many denominations across America, during his stay.

After his medical obligations at the American Leprosarium, Dr. Brand has promised to appear in several cities to report on the medical missionary work achieving such great results in India. (Church leaders may contact Mr. Lewis, 130 Walnut Street, Pasadena, California, for a few dates that remain open in the October schedule.)



Dr. Howard Lewis,
President, Gospel League

The International Gospel League has invited Dr Mervin E. Rosell to accompany Dr. Paul Brand on this speaking tour.

DR. PAUL BRAND

DR. PAUL BRAND is indeed one of the modern medical heroes of our day. He is recognized as one of the great men of the 20th Century. It has been my privilege to spend a great deal of time and to share many wonderful experiences with this leperologist, an exceptional man of God. I feel the best way for you to get to know Dr. Brand is to relate this story to you as he told it to me.

"Back in the fall of 1964, I boarded a ship for India, from England. I had in my pocket a cablegram from Dr. Robert C. Cochrane, the head of the Christian Medical College in Vellore, India. This cablegram proved to be the turning point in my life. The message said that I was urgently needed and must come at once to Vellore. I gave up my plans for a medical career in England, and started on a journey that seemed to be leading me toward a rather unattractive duty.

"One day, while I was visiting a nearby hospital devoted to treating leprosy, I stopped to examine one patient whose hands showed the paralyzed, claw-like deformity, typical of the disease. The hand had lost all sense of feeling, and the fingers were curled tightly against the palm.

"Upon asking what was being done to rehabilitate these deformities, I was absolutely astounded to learn that no rehabilitation was considered possible for leprosy patients. At that time, perhaps two out of every one hundred persons in that part of India, were in some way suffering from leprosy, and many, like this patient, showed the paralysis and deformation caused by the disease. They were outcasts, considered incurable and permitted to beg, or just shift for themselves. Up to that time, leprosy patients were not admitted to any general hospital. Even Vellore had no ward for them. A few homes and special hospitals

existed to give them some care and love and a place to stay when families could no longer accept them.

"Curiously, I pried open the fingers of the patient's hand and placed my own hand in his and said, 'Clasp my hand, squeeze!' Immediately the patient's fingers closed on mine and gripped like a steel vice. Long nails cut into my flesh.

"I drew my hand back in pain and then suddenly experienced a wonderful thrill. I realized that the patient's hand still retained life and some muscles that worked.

"Excited by the discovery, I discussed the possibilities with our research staff. The doctors, bio-chemists, and laboratory technicians began making extensive tests of the damaged arms and legs of leprosy patients. The results showed: nerves responsible for the sense of touch were dead, some muscles were damaged, others untouched. But most important of all, the deformed limbs showed no traces of live leprosy bacilli. It was a clue.

"About this time a patient saw me trying unsuccessfully to turn a key in a rusty lock. Offering to help me, he took the key and turned it hard—the lock opened. As the smiling patient handed the key back to me, I saw that the flesh of his fingers was torn to the bone. Apparently he did not realize the great pressure he exerted, because the nerves were dead and he had felt no pain.

"Following this discovery, we devised a test to measure the pressure used by patients in walking and working. Results showed that it was the use of strength with no feeling of pain that did most of the damage. Torn flesh from walking on sharp objects, cut limbs, and burns on un-feeling hands, all resulted in simple infections, which because they could not be felt, became serious, sometimes turning to gangrene and ending in permanent damage to the body. This was the most important discovery: the leprosy bacilli, itself, was not the deforming agent.

"And then we began to try for rehabilitation. First, we operated on hands, tendons from undamaged and little-used muscles in the patient's arm were grafted to the tendons of the fingers to provide a new source for activity. A graft took, and for the first time in years, a patient was able to open his hands and grasp the tools and articles of daily life.

"Since that day we have performed this operation on hundreds of others. Each day brought new challenge, new progress, new excitement."

The miracles that God has worked through Dr. Paul Brand are innumerable. Literal miracles have been worked by this medical giant.

The manual skills of these leprosy patients are quite remarkable when you consider that many of them have *no feeling in their hands.* Destruction of sensory nerves in the hands and feet is one of the early signs of leprosy. An individual may receive his first warning when he notices that he does not feel a burn. Nerve damages often begin before the appearance of skin lesions which might range from a small flat pale patch to masses of nodules or thickening lumps. This is why each "cured leper" is given a "personal cat" to keep the rats (while the leper is sleeping) from nibbling at the numb fingers that have literally been "rebuilt" by the Doctor.



Dr. Paul Brand as he examines some lepers of India

The story of John Parthasarthy is a beautiful example. John had not only the clawed hands of a leper, but he was blind, as well. The old man came one day to ask Dr. Brand to perform the tendon-graft operation on his hands. Now there were many thousands of persons in India with this deformity. So he tried to select for this operation those who, when healed, could be taught a trade and returned to useful service in their communities. When Dr. Brand asked John what work he thought he could do when the usefulness of his fingers was returned, John said, "I once played the organ. I have faith that I will make beautiful music again."

With great misgivings, but unable to resist John's pleadings, Dr. Brand operated on his hands. Months later when the incision was healed and the claws returned to a semblance of normalcy, John was led to the organ in the chapel. John's fingers caressed the keys, his sightless head bent to one side, as though listening. Then his hands moved—and discord filled the silence. Without the sense of touch the fingers would not obey.

Unhappily Dr. Brand drew away leaving John to his broken dream. He tried a few more chords without success, then paused—and began again. This time the melody mended and stray chords fluttered, then fell into place, as the lovely strains of an old hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign Where E're the Sun," filled the room with a glorious sound. Dr. Brand was filled with emotion while relating this story to me. He said that John's sightless face was magnificent to see.

There is a relationship between lepers that is very unique and unusual. Because of their loneliness, they band together as faithful friends. One of the best friends that they've found is in the person of Dr. Paul W. Brand. Dr. Brand is one of the world's outstanding leperologists, and a gifted and devoted Christian.

Howard T. Lewis
INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL LEAGUE

AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER

IT WAS SUNDAY MORNING, and Sarah was pulling on her white gloves before leaving for church. Ruthie, six-year-old daughter of Patricia, who shared an apartment with her, watched, bursting with a question, "Sarah, why do you love God so much?" Startled, Sarah's eyes flew to Ruthie's earnest face.

Sandwiched between escaping time and the intent look on Ruthie's face, Sarah looked inward and reached down deep for an answer. "Because I need Him so much," she said. Ruthie received this thoughfully and seemed satisfied.

As Sarah walked to church, she turned the question and answer over and over in her mind. Why did Ruthie think she "loved God so much"? Because she went to church on Sunday? Ruthie, insecure because her parents were divorced and because they had no religious convictions to give her, could well interpret this Sunday loyalty in such a manner.

Sarah turned her questions on herself. *Did* she? *Was it* because she needed Him?

As she walked down the cool, dim aisle under the high, vaulted church roof and stepped quietly into a pew, she continued to think about it. She certainly did need Him. She thought of her many prayers for help—the time, for instance, when the family car was crushed by a heavier car skidding into its side. Her mother had had fractured vertebrae and her father, fractured ribs. How frightened she had been and how quickly she had gotten to her knees. They were both well again, but,—who knows what day he may die? She remembered the day she was idly looking out the office window. Across the street, a couple walked out of the famous Pavillon Restaurant. She had regarded them with curiosity. What would it be like to have lunch at the Pavillon? Suddenly, before she could comprehend what had happened, she saw the man struck to the pavement by a falling object. In an instant, only a crowd was visible. Later, in the paper, she read about an 8-lb. dumbbell, used to prop a window screen, which had slipped from a maid's frantic grasp and plunged to the sidewalk, killing a visitor from Detroit. How unprepared he must have been!

Sarah thought again of Ruthie's searching question. Perhaps out of her own loneliness, Ruthie felt that when people love you, they give you their attention. Had she loved Ruthie as much as she should? Had she shared her convictions with her as much as she should have?

As Dr. Smith mounted to the pulpit, she looked down at her program. The sermon today would be "First, There Was the Word." After the singing of a hymn, the minister announced he would read from the thirty-eighth chapter of Job.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

"Or, who shut in the sea with doors when it burst forth from the womb; when I made clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling-band.

"Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or have you seen the gates of the deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings that they may go, and say unto you, Here we are? Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? Or who hath given understanding to the mind?"

The minister's voice stopped. "If only it were easier to know what to say to Ruthie," Sarah thought. She took out her envelope as the collection plate was passed. Ruthie's mother and father belonged to no church, but Patricia, Ruthie's mother, came from a Catholic background; Sarah had never met Don, her father, nor did Pat talk about him.

Dr. Smith's voice interrupted her thoughts.

"The word of the Scriptures tells of love that grows from understanding. When a man can understand he need not be afraid. Eugene A. Nida, Secretary for Translation of the American Bible Society, in his book *God's Word in Man's Language* tells us that 'The Valient Indians of Panama talk of people in authority, but they have no abstract word for authority—rather, a short and simple phrase, "those on the handle." The Valientes regard the ruler as the one who has the handle of the hunting knife in his hand. That is to say, "He is on the handle," while others could only grasp the blade, and of course would be injured in doing so. Hence, only the ruler can wield the knife and control its power; it is he who has the authority.' They had never been introduced to the ruler, of whom the psalmist said, 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.'

"The Bible," he continued, "is a dynamic history of peoples and nations over 2,000 years old, who were searching for God. Listen to their prophet, 'He has showed you, O man, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?' (Micah 6:8)

"It contains the biography of the Person who, in the short space of a lifetime, cut into the stream of human history and left an unerasible mark on it. These words echo down the corridors of time, 'Again the high priest asked him, are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am, and you will see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.' (Mark 14:60-62)"

Sarah stirred and looked down at the Bible in her lap, ". . . at the right hand of Power . . ." she mused, "if only God could somehow *tell* me what to say to Ruthie."

She looked up again, at Dr. Smith. He was saying "During the Dark Ages it was the Bible through the

Church that husbanded the seeds of civilization. In secluded spots, the Bible was copied again and again. Not only has the Bible fed the creative elements of civilization, it has nourished civilization through the men and women who have come under its influence.

"When the Danes threatened to overrun all of England, there arose a Christian leader called Alfred the Great, who subdued lawlessness. Drawing from the old Anglo-Saxon codes and Christian doctrine, he issued a new code of laws, which he prefaced by a translation of the Ten Commandments, with abridged portions of the three following chapters of Exodus.

"The Bible has supported the rights of the weak through seepage of its precepts into our laws. Edith Deen in her book, *All of the Women of the Bible* gives us an example, 'Moses wrote a new law which stated: "If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter." In the American Bar Journal of February 1924, there appears an article by Henry C. Clark in which this decision of the daughters of Zelophehad is quoted.' Edith Deen sums up, 'Up until now (Moses' decision) women had had no legal property rights. That is one of the reasons a man always desired a son. Now women were numbered as human beings and legally entitled to the same property rights as men' "

Dr. Smith looked up and noted the lighting of the stained glass windows where the sun shone through. "Contrast this," he said, "with the rights of women in pagan tribes. Again I quote Dr. Nida in *God's Word in Man's Language*, 'Formerly the Chols (of southern Mexico) believed that women had no souls, or at least their souls were of such a distinctly inferior quality that women were not even buried in the same cemetery with men. Religion was only for men, and in some pagan rites the presence of women and children was strictly prohibited. But the coming of the Gospel has changed all this.'

"The Bible," Dr. Smith said, "was the Magna Charta of democracy. The men and women who had the courage to escape religious persecution and debtor's prisons in Europe set off for America with only their faith as their security. Conscious that God had guided them, they determined to look to Him for direction in their plans."

Dr. Smith's voice continued, "In 1787, before the Convention assembled to form the Constitution of the United States, Benjamin Franklin said, 'In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for Divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending Providence . . . If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been answered, Sir, in the sacred writings, that, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." '

Sarah straightened. The Bible!—that was the answer. The Bible was the textbook of all faiths. She would read the Bible with Ruthie,—and Patricia, too, —if she would join them. She would show Ruthie a Father she could depend upon.

"The great universities and colleges of our country were founded by the churches," said Dr. Smith, "and the Bible has influenced the shape of the thinking of our leaders by the direction it has given to our education.

"Volume II of A Cyclopedia of Education informs us that 'The laws of President Dunster of Harvard, adopted in 1642, indicates the scope of the first college curriculum in America. The opening of the document is as follows: "Every scholar that on proof is found able to translate the original of the Old and New Testament into the Latin tongue, and shall be imbued with the beginnings of natural and moral philosophy, withal being of honest life and conversation . . . may be invested with his first degree." ' But even in wilderness cabins," Dr. Smith added, "the Bible had its influence.

"Early in the history of this country," Dr. Smith said, "the men who believed that a great destiny for this nation would have to be built on the rock of religious faith, founded the American Bible Society to publish the Bible without note or comment, or purpose of profit.

"The missionaries of the Church have gone to the remote corners of the earth to carry the Word, and the American Bible Society has been beside them, publishing Bibles, Testaments and little Portions of Scripture in most of the main languages of the world at cost, so that the humblest purse may have the price of God's Word.

"Air transportation," said Dr. Smith, "has diminished the distances of oceans and continents. Today, the goal is the moon. For countless centuries, war and strife have been the penalty of looking upon our next-door neighbors as foreigners. This century is a time of unparalleled challenge. Without a common tool of communication, without a faith in the God who created us all, what means has man of comprehending the strange ways of his neighbors?

"That is why the man with the Book finds the man without hope and offers him a faith to live by. When a man can understand that he is the child of a King; that he was created in God's image, then he will have the inner power to deal with his problems.

"Those who have gone beyond the crowd in faith cannot 'tell' the others what their experience is, any more than could the two French stewardesses who were relatively uninjured, when all the others were killed, in the recent airplane crash at Orly Field, Paris. They know only that the wellspring for their life is replenished. So, on this Universal Bible Sunday, let us rededicate ourselves to our search for God in the pages of His book, and replenish the wellspring of our faith."

When Sarah arrived home, Ruthie and Pat met her at the top of the stairs. "Sarah," said Ruthie, "Mother says we can go to church with you next Sunday." Sarah looked at Pat. "If it's all right," Pat began hesitantly. "Of course," Sarah said gladly, "and each day we can read the Bible. When we pray, we talk to Him. But when we read the Bible, He speaks to us."

The above article was submitted by the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York.

news ... from the Brethren

Massillon, Ohio On Sunday morning, August 15, Rev. William Fells was installed as the new pastor of the First Brethren Church. Rev. Virgil Ingraham, General Secretary of the national Missionary Board, and Mr. Thomas Stoffer, a member of the Ohio District Mission Board, were present to assist in this installation.

Rev. Fells moved to Massillon after closing his pastorate at the Stockton Brethren Church in Stockton, California.

Huntington, Ind. Rev. Ronald Laudenschlager, pastor, reports that ten persons have been received into membership of the church by baptism since November of last year.

Nappanee, Ind. Rev. Wm. Anderson reports in his newsletter of August 26 that a "Building and Planning Committee" has been appointed for the purpose of making a study of the needs for an expansion program for the church.

COMING EVENTS

St. James, Md.
Revival Services
October 24-31
Dr. Bruce Stark, evangelist
Rev. Jim Rowsey, Pastor

Huntington, Ind.
Revival Services
October 4-10
Rev. Herbert Johnson, evangelist
Rev. Ronald Laudenschlager, pastor

New Paris, Ind.
Special Services
October 11-17
Rev. George Solomon, guest speaker
Rev. Waldo Gaby, pastor.

Memorials

FRANTZ. Mr. Ezra Frantz, age 91, pased away on Sunday, August 22, at the Wabash Hospital. He was a retired lumber dealer and contractor. He was the contractor for the building of the present First Brethren Church of North Manchester, Indiana, of which he was a member.

His funeral was conducted at the First Brethren Church in North Manchester by the pastor, Rev Woodrow Immel.

Mrs. J. Raymond Schutz

Weddings

SHONKWILER - HEYL. Miss Sharon Shonkwiler and Mr. Kenneth Heyl were united in marriage on August 21 in the First Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio. Sharon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs Marvin Shonkwiler and the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Anna Holmes, oldest living member of the Park Street Church. Ken is a student, preparing to follow in his father's footsteps as a mortician

Rev. Phil Lersch, pastor

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RACEY - DONGES. Miss Eunice Racey and Mr. Nik Donges were united in marriage on August 22 in the First Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio. Eunice is the daughter of Mrs. B. V. Racey, a housemother at Ashland College formerly of the Mt. Olive, Virginia, Church. Nik's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Donges, are active in the college and community life. Following Eunice's senior year of college, Nik will enter the Disciples of Christ Seminary in Kentucky.

Rev. Phil Lersch, pastor

World Religious News in Review

PAKISTANI UPHOLDS RIGHTS OF MISSIONARIES

RAWALPINDI, PAKISTAN (EP)—Pakistan's parliamentary secretary said here that his government has no intentions of banning the activity of Christian missionaries in this predominantly Moslem country.

Such a step would be a violation of fundamental religious rights guaranteed in Pakistan's constitution, declared Hamid Rheza Gilani in answer to queries raised in Parliament by non-Christian deputies.

He asserted that "there is freedom to practice and disseminate" religion in the country, and that "it makes no difference which religion is extended to foreigners, as well as to citizens."

The deputies' questions sprang from recent agitation by some non-Christian leaders in the country who have been urging a ban against Christian missionaries.

Pakistan's total population of about 100 million, includes some 773,000 Christians. Moslems make up eighty-eight per cent of the people, and Hindus, eleven per cent.

CHRISTIANITY MUST PROTECT ISRAEL FROM ARABS, THEOLOGIAN STATES

COLOGNE, GERMANY (EP)—All Christianity is called upon to protect Israel from Arab attack, a prominent West German Protestant theologian declared here.

Professor Helmut Gollwitzer, of West Berlin's Free University, told a workshop on Christian-Jewish re-

lations attended by 3,000 persons that "so long as Arab leaders fail to recognize that peace with Israel is much better and more profitable for their peoples than the present hostility, and so long as they plan Israel's destruction, Christianity must feel responsible for preventing this destruction."

The workship was an outstanding feature of the three-day Twelfth German Evangelical Church Day Congress (DEKT) held in the Cologne sports grounds.

COURT RULES CITIZENSHIP APPLICANTS MAY OMIT 'SO HELP ME GOD' OATH

CALEDONIA, ONT. (EP) — Ontario's Court of Appeals ruled here that an atheist Dutch couple should not be refused Canadian citizenship because they could not, in conscience, take the oath ending with the words, "so help me, God."

The decision involving Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bergsma, following lengthy litigation, caused many Canadian officials to breathe a sigh of relief. Their satisfaction was short-lived, however. On the day after the ruling was handed down, another Dutch-born couple, also professed atheists, were denied citizenship at Victoria, B. C., for refusal to take the oath.

"It would have been easy to tell a lie and just recite the oath," said Mr. Martin Vanderpol, night auditor at a hotel who brought his family from Rotterdam five years ago, "but after you have believed in something for many years, it's difficult to let your principles go."

500,000 BIBLES ORDERED BY GHANA'S GOVERNMENT

LONDON (EP)—Ghana, a Western African republic in the British Commonwealth, has placed an urgent order for 500,000 Bibles with the British and Foreign Bible Society in London, it was announced here.

The order was placed by Ghana's government - sponsored book - supplying agency, which said that about half the copies should be in the English Authorized Version. The remaining copies will be translated into several of Ghana's tribal dialects.

The Bibles are for distribution in schools throughout the country, which has a population of about seven million. They will cost the Ghana government $140,000 and the first consignment of 120,000 volumes is expected to be on the way by mid-December.

ATTORNEY, IN SUIT, CHALLENGES CHURCH TO LOCATE HELL ON MAP

SAN FRANCISCO (EP) — Attorney Vincent Hallinan renewed his challenge to the Roman Catholic Church to point out on a map the location of heaven, hell and purgatory at a superior court hearing here.

The self-styled "outrageous atheist" has charged the Church with fraud in contesting the will of David F. Supple, who died at 81 in 1960 and left the bulk of his $200,000 estate to thirty-five Catholic charities. Mr. Hallinan claimed the Church had frightened Mr. Supple into the bequests with teachings that he could "buy his way into heaven." The lawyer has been unsuccessfully trying to break the will since 1961.

BILLY GRAHAM DEDICATES CROSS ON MOUNTAIN PEAK

WAYNESVILLE, S. C. (EP)—Evangelist Billy Graham dedicated a 60-foot steel cross atop Mount Lyn Lowry, a 6,280-foot peak near here.

Dedicating the cross to the "glory of God," the famed evangelist said: "This cross is going to have a tremendous repercussion throughout western North Carolina.

"It will shine out as a symbol of the faith our mountain people have in Christianity."

The cross can be seen from 30 miles in all directions and is lighted automatically each night at dusk. It was erected last year by Gen. and Mrs. Sumter L. Lowry in memory of their daughter, Lyn.

WISCONSIN SYNOD URGED TO SHUN 'BASHFUL BRAND' OF CHRISTIANITY

WATERTOWN, WIS. (EP)—If Christianity is losing its influence, an official of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) asked at the denomination's 38th biennial convention here, does the reason lie in the fact that the church today consist of "soft pews, soft music and soft soap"?

The Rev. John C. Jeske of Milwaukee, chairman of the Synod's Board for Information and Stewardship, called on the 325 delegates at the convention's opening session to fight the "temptation to be apologetic about the Christian faith."

He urged delegates to avoid a "bashful brand of Christianity which tiptoes up to people and hesitatingly suggests: I may be wrong, but I'm afraid that if you do not repent after a fashion, and confess your sins, so to speak, you might be damned, as it were."

"You must not apologize for the old-fashioned message of man's need and God's answer to that need —the suffering, death and resurrection of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ," he said.

The 358,000-member WELS, fourth largest Lutheran body in America, has been described by observers as "the most conservative Lutheran synod in the United States."

CONGRESS URGED TO DESIGNATE 1966 AS 'YEAR OF THE BIBLE'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Congress has been asked to pass a resolution designating 1966 as "The Year of the Bible."

Sen. Claiborne Pell (Dem.-R.I.) and Rev. Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen (Rep.-N.J.) introduced the resolution in their respective chambers, and the bills were referred to the Judiciary Committees.

Both legislators are vice-presidents of the American Bible Society, which made the original request.

CATHOLIC USE OF RSV BIBLE CALLED ECUMENICAL TRIUMPH

NEW YORK (EP)—With publication of a Catholic edition of the Protestant Revised Standard Version of the New Testament, Catholics "in a roundabout way" today can buy and read a version which "above all others, they scorned and condemned for centuries," according to an editorial in *Commonweal,* national Catholic weekly edited by laymen.

Called the new edition "a major ecumenical triumph," an editorial in the August 6 issue of the publication pointed out that the introduction to the Catholic version notes that the RSV was developed through revision of the American Standard Version and the King James Version of the Bible.

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Death of Jean Shank's Father

WORD was received from Reverend W. St Clair Benshoff of the death of Mr. Vernon Heck on September 7. The deceased was the father of Mrs. Glenn Shank, missionary in Nigeria. Brother Heck had a lingering illness for several years. Pray for Jean Shank at this time of bereavement.

REV. VIRGIL INGRAHAM
Leaves for Argentina

ON WEDNESDAY, September 8, Rev. Virgil Ingraham, General Secretary of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, left by air for South America to make a tour of our churches there.

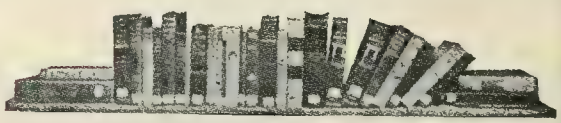
Rev. Ingraham will be gone for approximately six weeks and during this time he will not only visit the local churches, but will be there for the fifteenth anniversary of the radio work in South America. The celebration will be held in the Luna Park Stadium of Buenos Aires on October 11.

He will make stops at Quito, Ecuador, and in Costa Rica.

Remember to pray for Rev. Ingraham as he makes this tour.

A Picture of American Expenditures Last Year —

Food	$ 84,000,000,000
Cars and their Use	61,000,000,000
Housing	46,600,000,000
Household Operation	50,000,000,000
Clothing, Accessories and Jewelry	35,700,000,000
Recreation	21,500,000,000
Illegal Gambling	47,000,000,000
Alcoholic Drinks	11,000,000,000
Tobacco	8,000,000,000
Personal Care	6,200,000,000
Religion and Welfare	5,100,000,000
Pets	3,500,000,000
Dog Food and Care	210,000,000
Foreign Missions	190,000,000



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Christianity and Daily Living

IN A NEWS ITEM that reached my desk the other day the following statement was made: "Irrelevance to daily life called 'most serious failure' of church." This gave me cause to ponder upon the daily living of many Christian people as well as upon my own living.

Dr. Hugh R. Gough, Anglican Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia, stated that he had great concern over the church's "most serious failure"—its inability to show its relevance to daily life. "Many people outside the church," he said, "still regard Christianity as all pie in the sky. It is regarded as something to do with a vague theoretical hereafter, when what is needed is something practical for here and now." This statement is not only true for those outside the church, but there are many, many church members who do not really apply their Christianity to daily living.

As I read this news item, I was reminded of what a Sunday school teacher asked his class during the course of the lesson one Sunday morning recently. He asked: "Do you believe the doctrines of the Bible because your parents before you taught you to believe them, or do you know them for a fact because of your faith in Christ?" In essence this teacher went on to say that if a Christian believed these tenets in faith that he would live them day by day. The Christian experience can relate itself to daily living!

The reason that more people in America are not won to Christ today is because we Christians do not live our Christianity! We say one thing on the Lord's day and do other things during the week.

On Sunday morning we put on our best holy face; we sing as though we were akin to angels in heaven; we pray as though we had a special wavelength to God; we listen to the sermon, agreeing with every word of it, failing to apply it to our own lives (it always applies to others). But then the next day (Monday) we forget all this and become irritable, pouting, cheating individuals, always trying to take care of ourselves above all others. In fact, those around us who are not Christian cannot see any difference between our living and theirs which is of the world. Why should they change?

Jesus said "Ye cannot serve two masters." Many of us are trying to do this.

We Christians have a responsibility to the world. If we are going to profess His wonderful name in our lives, then we must live it! Every day! Every hour! In front of all people!

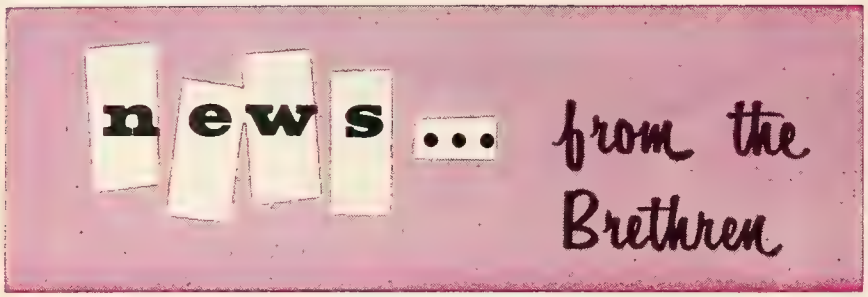
Now, back to the statement of Dr. Gough, is Christianity all "pie in the sky" for us? Is Christianity only something to do with a vague theoretical hereafter? Do we really believe in faith the great doctrines of the Bible?

The conference theme this year is "loving His appearing." Do you really believe that Jesus is coming again? Do you expect Him? If you do, then your life will tell it. God's holy Word teaches very definitely that our Lord is returning, soon; there can be no doubt in our minds but what this is true. We do not have to reason with our friends about this, we can know, within ourselves that this is an event that will happen. It is not a "pie in the sky" bit, but it is a fact that will come to pass! If you truly believe this, then your living on Monday will take on a different perspective than ever before.

If you have experienced the rebirth, then you are a new person in Christ, and those around you, wherever you are, will know that you belong to Christ, that you are different from the world.

Christianity can be related to daily living. Every phase of life can be controlled by the Holy Spirit of God; He can make life so sweet and peaceful that those around will know immediately that you are Christian.

God has not failed, but we have failed because we have forgotten the experience of the rebirth and have failed to relate it to our daily living. S.G.



St. James, Md. Rev. Jim Rowsey, pastor, reports that his father, Rev. H. H. Rowsey, was the guest speaker on Sunday morning, September 5.

Ardmore, Ind. Rev. William Cole reports that on Friday evening, September 10, a "victory banquet" was given in honor of the three quiz teams that won the national quiz contest in Ashland, Ohio, during General Conference. This banquet was also for the families of the contestants as well as for the supervisors.

Muncie, Ind. Rev. Glenn Grumbling and family have moved to Muncie from Wabash, Indiana, where he had served as pastor for the College Corner Brethren Church for several years. Bro. Grumbling was to assume pastoral duties for the Muncie church as of September 1. He and his family will be living in the recently purchased parsonage at 204 Hawthorne Drive.

Rev. Wayne Swihart who has served as pastor of the church for the past several years, will be living in Valpariso, Indiana, where he is on the faculty at the college.

Stockton, Calif. Rev. J. Milton Bowman has accepted the pastorate at Stockton, California, and he and Mrs. Bowman will be moving there later this month to begin the pastorate on October 1.

Rev. William Fells had just recently closed his pastorate there and is now pastor of the Massillon Brethren Church (Ohio).

Akron, Ohio. Rev. Glen Traver reports that four new members were received into the church recently —three by baptism and one by letter of transfer.

Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary

Enos and Venna Mae Pennington, charter members of the Firestone Park Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on August 19, 1965. The Penningtons were married in Akron, Ohio, August 19, 1900, and have been faithful members of our church from its very beginning.

Open house was held at the home of their son, Jack Pennington, on Sunday, August 21, 1965, with many relatives and friends in attendance.

Rev. R. Glen Traver

Weddings

DILE-PARKER. Miss Peggy Dile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dile, Pierceton, Indiana, became the bride of Thomas Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Parker, Larwill, Indiana, on Saturday afternoon, June 12, at the Dutchtown Brethren Church. Rev. Geo. Pontius read the ceremony.

The couple will be living on Route 1, Pierceton.

Mrs. Robert Webster

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FLOOR-GROSE. Miss Kay Floor, daughter of Mrs. Verna Floor, Warsaw, Indiana, became the bride of Fred Grose, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grose, Warsaw, on Sunday afternoon, August 1. Rev. Geo. Pontius performed the ceremony.

The young couple will reside at Winona Lake. Both have just recently been received into membership of the Dutchtown Brethren Church.

Mrs. Robert Webster

Memorials

GEESE. Harry E. Geese, deacon and faithful member of the Firestone Park Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio, passed away suddenly on July 30, 1965, while visiting in St. Cloud, Florida. He was married to the former Mrs. Lavenia Stoffer of Homeworth, Ohio, who survives.

Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned in Akron and burial was in the West Lafayette Cemetery in West Lafayette, Ohio.

Rev. R. Glen Traver

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MENZIE. Lyman Menzie, age 80, passed away on Wednesday, June 30, 1965. He had been a member of the Dutchtown Brethren Church for many years.

Services were conducted at the Spangle Funeral Home in Pierceton, on July 2, with Rev. Geo. Pontius officiating. Burial was in the Oakwood Cemetery at Warsaw, Ind.

Mrs. Robert Webster

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RANDALL. Mrs. Harry (Grace Leah) Randall passed away on Sunday, July 18, 1965. She was 70 years of age. She had been a member of the Dutchtown Brethren Church most of her life.

Services were conducted at the church on July 20. Rev. Geo. Pontius was in charge. Burial was in the Oswego Cemetery.

Mrs. Robert Webster

COMING EVENTS

St. James, Md.
Revival Services
October 24-31
Dr. Bruce Stark, evangelist
Rev. Jim Rowsey, pastor.

Linwood, Md.
Homecoming (October 10)
Revival Services
October 10-16
Rev. William H. Anderson, evangelist
Rev. Hays Logan, pastor

Wayne Heights, Penna.
Evangelistic Services
November 21-28
Rev. Jim Rowsey, evangelist
Rev. Marlin McCann, pastor

Burlington, Ind.
Homecoming and Dedication
October 17
Rev. Richard Allison, guest speaker

Fall Revival
October 19-31
Rev. Myron Dodds, evangelist
Rev. Gene Hollinger, pastor

Goshen, Ind.
Evangelistic services
November 7-14
Rev. Jim Rowsey, evangelist
Rev. Richard Allison, pastor

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Peter, James and John

Memory Scripture — I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

September 19-25

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1965

Read Scripture: I John 4:7-11

God Is Love

Daddy was standing with the children beside the kitten basket.

"Mittens is a good mother," said Gary. "She doesn't go far from the basket."

"She knows the kittens may need her," added Linda. "She loves them and wants to be near them."

"We see love in animals like Mittens," said Dad. "We see it in the people about us. The Bible tells us God is love. Think how much greater His love is than any we have seen!"

"It's hard to understand how great God's love is," said Gary.

"Yes," nodded Linda. "But we know He loves us and cares for us and wants us to show love to others."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for loving me and caring for me. Show me ways this day to be loving and kind. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1965

Read Scripture: I John 4:15-21

Gingerbread Boy

Gary was walking to school. A small boy dashed out of a house. He ran laughing across the yard toward the street.

"Stop!" shouted Gary.

"Me Gingerbread Boy," laughed the child. "Run away from you, too."

Gary ran quickly after him and pulled him back from the busy street.

"Oh, thank you! Thank you!" said the boy's mother as she ran to the curb. You might have been hurt yourself saving our little boy."

Gary smiled. "I didn't think about that. All I wanted to do was to get that 'Gingerbread Boy' before a car did. The Bible says God's love casts out fear. I know now it truly does."

"You Fox," said the little boy. "Me like you."

"Good!" declared Gary. "I like you, too."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You that I can show love to others. May my love be so great it will cast out fear. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1965

Read Scripture: I John 5:1-5

The Winner

"On your mark, get set, go!" shouted Linda.

Gary, Steve, Paul, and Ricky raced around the house. Steve was the first one back to the starting point.

"Steve's the winner," declared Linda.

"Steve's the best runner," said Gary. "He wins all the races."

"I knew I could run fast," smiled Steve. "I knew I could win."

Daddy who had been watching from the porch said, "Steve had faith in his ability to run, and he won the race. The Bible tells us if we have faith in God, we'll have victory over the world."

"That's one contest we can all win," said Gary. "If we really have faith in God, we'll be a winner."

Prayer:

Dear God, every day I'm tempted to do wrong. Help me to remember that faith in You gives the victory. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1965

Read Scripture: I John 5:10-12

The Record

"What are you reading, Dad?" asked Gary.

"A very interesting book," replied Dad. "It's a record of the beginning of our church here in Centerville. It tells who the first members were and how they started the church. It tells about the ministers from the very first one to Rev. Long."

"Is it true?" wondered Gary.

"Yes," answered Dad. "It's true. Three men spent a long time checking the records and talking with people before they wrote this book. This book is true. There is another record, however, that it's more important for us to believe."

"What's that?" questioned Gary.

"The record of Jesus as told in the Bible," replied Dad. "It is a true record, and all who accept Jesus have eternal life."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the record of Jesus. Show me ways to share this good news today with others. In His name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1965

Read Scripture: II John 6-9

Doctrines

"Abide in the doctrine of Christ," read Gary from the Bible. "Doctrine—that's a strange word. Does it have something to do with doctors?"

"No," smiled Mom. "It means teachings. The doctrines of Christ are the teachings of Christ. That Scripture is telling us to obey them."

"I've heard people talk about the doctrines of a church," said Linda. "Does that mean the teachings of a church?"

"Yes," replied Mom. "Some churches have teachings that are not from the Bible. As Brethren we believe we should follow the doctrines and examples given us by Jesus. We try not to change them or to leave out any or to add any other doctrines to them."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my church. Thank You that I can worship there and learn of Jesus. Help me to

remember His teachings and to follow them every day. In His name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1965

Read Scripture: III John 2-4

Mom Is Pleased

Mom was smiling when she came home from PTA.

"You look happy," said Linda.

"I am," replied Mom. "I'm like the Apostle John."

Linda giggled. "You don't look like him to me. I don't think he ever wore a bright red hat."

"I don't mean I look like him," laughed Mom. "I mean I feel like him. He said it was joy to hear his children walk in truth. The things I heard about my children this afternoon give me joy, too."

"You mean you heard good things about us?" asked Gary.

"Yes," answered Mom. "Both of your teachers told me that you are helpful and thoughtful; that you do your work well; and that you are obedient. It is good to know you are trying to follow the teachings you have learned at home and at church."

Prayer:

Dear God, I want my parents to be pleased with the things I do. I want You to be pleased with me. Guide me and help me to do the things I should each day. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1965

Read Scripture: III John 11-14

The Good Way

The children had on their sweaters when they came downstairs.

"Our rooms are cleaned," said Linda.

"Now we are going to rake the yard for Dad," added Gary.

"Betsy help! Betsy help!" said the little one as she ran to find her sweater.

"Big help!" laughed Gary.

"She is learning," said Mom. "She is learning to be helpful. As you and Linda do what is right and good, so will Betsy. I'm glad she has good teachers."

"We're not always good teachers," said Linda. "But we try to follow God's way. We want Betsy to learn of Him and follow Him, too."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to follow Your way today. Help me to show others this good way. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

WORSHIP IN GOD'S HOUSE

Think not my friend, because I seek
This quiet shelter twice a week
I better deem its pine-laid floor
Than breezy hill or sea-sung shore.
But Nature is not solitude:
She crowds us with her thronging wood,
Her many hands reach out to us,
Her many tongues are garrulous,
She will not leave our senses still,
But drags them captive at her will.
And so I find it well to come
For deeper rest to this still room;
For here the habit of the soul
Feels less the outer world's control;
And from this silence—multiplied
By these still forms on either side—
The world which Time and Sense have known
Falls off, and leaves us God alone.

—John Greenleaf Whittier

SPECIAL BLESSINGS are attached to regular church attendance (Ps. 84:10). The disciples in Jerusalem were gathered together in the upper room when the risen Christ appeared to them (Jn. 20:19). They were "with one accord in one place" (Acts 2:1) when the Holy Ghost came upon them. Subsequently, they continued in fellowship (Acts 2:42). The Love Feast was a time when the saints came together for spiritual cleansing (Jn. 13:14, 15), for eating together the Lord's supper in commemoration of the Lord's return (Lu. 12:37), and for remembering together the cost of their salvation on the Savior's cross (I Cor. 11:23-26). Those who walk worthily bear the marks of a true church of God (Eph. 4:1, 2).

Our Savior loved to fellowship with His disciples in a quiet place (Jn. 6:3; Mk. 3:13). Whenever Christians gather together in His name He is in the midst (Matt. 18:20). Today the beauty of Christ is revealed at meetings held in the local church (Matt. 17:1, 2). God rejoices to see his people serving Him, but He delights also in their worship (Lu. 19:37; 24:50-52). As individuals we may worship at any time in any place (Phil. 3:3). When we gather together with other believers, we glorify the Lord in united worship, which is an important function of a local church (Heb. 13:15). Since forgiveness is with God, He should be reverently worshiped (Ps. 130:4). The church is a place of teaching (Matt. 5:1, 2; 24:3). It is a place of prayer (Matt. 14:23; Lu. 6:12) — a place where saints meet with God (Ps. 84:2). It is a place of service as two delightful mountain scenes illustrate (Matt. 28:16-20; Mk. 11:1, 2). Here the called of God get a vision for service (Isa. 6:6-8). The church sets apart those who are called to a special work (Acts 13:1, 2). The Lord Jesus, God's perfect Servant, is our inspirational leader (Lu. 22:27).

Psalm 84: The place where the worshiper seeks and finds God is lovely (v. 1). True worshipers seek God, not a building or even familiar company (v. 2). What their nests are to swallows, God is to man (v. 3). They have the praises who have the prayers. Selah: give this some thought (v. 4). Going to church is a pleasant journey (vs. 5-8). Absence from church should make the heart grow fonder (v. 9). Real trust in God reveals itself in a longing for His house (vs. 10-12).

LIVING LIFE IN FOCUS

by REV. W. C. BERKSHIRE

LIVING ACCORDING to the standards of men and according to the dictates of common sense constitutes the high purpose in life for many individuals. This, indeed, may have some merit, but living according to the will of God is the ultimate in achievement. This is "living life in focus." It is also faithful stewardship.

Saint Paul said to the Corinthian Christians, "Ye are not your own" (I Cor. 6:19). This is a part of a larger truth; namely, that we really own nothing ourselves, for all belongs to God who is the Sovereign owner. He holds the title. This is revealed to us in Psalm 24:1 where David says, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." The Psalmist (Psalm 50:10) also records the declaration of God when he says, "Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." Haggai, the prophet, adds a dimension to this testimony as he writes, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8). Thus we have the first basic concept of Christian stewardship, God is the owner of all.

The second concept follows logically, for we do have things in our possession for which we are responsible. All that we have, God has entrusted to our care. This covers everything which we commonly speak of as being ours. God has put all things into our hands to manage. We are responsible for the way they are used. We are the stewards, the trustees, the managers. We are "living life in focus" when we glorify God in the management of our time, talents, and treasures, gratefully acknowledging His redeeming love.

In this owner-trustee relationship there is to be an accounting. The trustee, or steward, is accountable to the owner. The parable of the unjust steward in Luke 16 indicates this. The owner calls for the steward to "give an account of his stewardship." The steward finds that he must respond. II Corinthians 5:10 also suggests that an accounting will be required, for Saint Paul says, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." It needs to be perfectly clear that the Lord of life has the right to ask and will ask for an accounting from each of us.

A day to day inspection is helpful in evaluating our personal response to these basic concepts of Christian stewardship. How am I living in the light of God's gift of time to me? Am I disciplining myself to give adequate time for worship, for study, for work, for service to others? "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16).

Am I permitting God's Spirit to work through my stewardship of abilities God has given to me? In my vocation, my avocation, my free time interests, am I using God's gift of abilities in a way that honors and pleases Him? To refuse to lend my abilities to God's purposes is to deny His Lordship and to break my promise to Him. "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (I Peter 4:10).

What about my stewardship of God's treasures entrusted to me? Am I concerned about the needs of others as well as my own? Am I careful to plan so that God's cause is given priority? Am I consistent in giving regularly and proportionately as God has exhorted me? Am I heeding the admonition of Matthew 6:19-21? "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

God expects us to use what we have and what we are to His glory and to the service of our fellow men. When we do this we are truly "living life in focus."

Brethren Youth Crusaders

CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS

. . . **New Youth Conference officers** for 1965-66: Moderator—Jim Gilmer of Roann, Indiana; Vice Moderator—Rex McConahay of Smithville, Ohio; Secretary—Kathy Miller of Johnstown II, Pennsylvania; Ass't. Secretary—Peggy Payne of Burlington, Indiana; Treasurer—Candy Dickson of Tempe, Arizona; and Statistician—Larry Baker of Scottsdale, Arizona. Congratulations!

. . . **Interesting,** meaningful and inspiring messages by our speaker, Rev. Jerry Flora, with 13 decisions made. Thank you, Rev. Flora.

. . . **There were 23 Banner BYC groups** for the year 1964-65 and 7 Honor BYC groups. Out of a possible 110 points you must have at least 90 points earned on the Goals to be a Banner group. Meeting all 110 points means you are an Honor group.

The **Banner** groups were as follows: Goshen Junior—Ardmore Junior—Vinco Junior and Junior High combined—Vinco Senior High—Ashland (Garber)—Meyersdale Junior—Meyersdale Senior—Sarasota Senior High—South Bend Junior—Tempe—Canton—Milford Junior—Vandergrift—Pleasant Hill Junior—Pleasant Hill Junior High—Pleasant Hill Senior High—Fairless Hills Junior and Junior High—Berlin Junior High and Senior High combined—Johnstown II—Oak Hill Junior—New Lebanon—Maurertown Junior High and Senior High—County Line.

The **Honor** groups were as follows: Ardmore Junior High and Senior High combined—Gretna—Peru—Sarasota Junior—Sarasota Junior High—Louisville Junior—Elkhart. Good work! Let's have more in 65-66!

. . . **Youth Conference statistics—**
Registered Delegates—243
Communion Attendance—222
Outstanding Girl Delegate—Connie Miller, Loree, Indiana
Outstanding Boy Delegate—Jim Gilmer, Roann, Indiana
Picnic Attendance—255
Banquet Attendance—260

. . . **1964-65 National Project:** "fill the DERBY hat"
Goal: $10,000
Achieved as of the end of 1965 Conference: $9,371.45

. . . **1965-66 National Project:** Tapes, Bibles, radio time for Argentina
Goal: $11,000

. . . **1966 Bible Quiz:** "Book of Beginnings"—Genesis

. . . **Results of 1965 Bible Quiz finals:**

Junior Division
Ardmore, Indiana—winner
Derby, Kansas

Junior High Division
Ardmore, Indiana—winner
Gretna, Ohio

Senior High Division
Ardmore, Indiana—winner
Johnstown II, Pennsylvania

. . . **Miss Margaret Lowery** who has served long and well on the National Brethren Youth Board has resigned due to the need for long recuperation because of her May 2nd auto accident. Miss Lowery was honored at the Saturday afternoon youth program during Conference week and a set of Wm. Barclay commentaries on the New Testament were sent to her at Krypton, Kentucky.

. . . **New members** elected to the Brethren Youth Board are: Mrs. Tom Stoffer of Canton, Ohio; Rev. Jerry Radcliff of Johnstown III, Pennsylvania; Dick Jackson of Teegarden, Indiana. New officers for the Brethren Youth Board are:

President—Dick Best of Nappanee, Indiana
Vice President—Virgil Barnhart of Gratis, Ohio
Secretary—Mrs. Paul Steiner of Ashland, Ohio
Treasurer—Russ Gordon of Ashland, Ohio

. . . **The Brethren Youth Board** voted to join the American S.S. Union program called "Rural Outreach." A vigorous training program is provided for young people who will be seniors in high school and then they serve during the summer months in a rural area where there is no church or Gospel witness by teaching Vacation Bible School. The merits of this new program for Brethren Youth are many and these will appear soon on the youth pages of this magazine and in literature sent out to the churches. The Summer Crusading program has been eliminated to make way for this new, better and more outreaching program.

. . . **Dr. Clyde Taylor** was a challenging man for Christ and missions and three young people came forward each of the three times he spoke to the Conference, making a total of 9 decisions.

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" for a wonderful 1965 Catacomb Conference!"

MILFORD JR. HIGH

The Jr. High youth group at Milford, Indana, sponsored an Ice Cream social on June 21st. We served ice cream, cake, pie, coffee and Kool-aid. The title of our ice cream social was the "Twister Ice Cream Social." All the money we made on it we sent to the County Line church. We made about $40 and even though it is not a whole lot we are sure it will help out in some way.

We held our last meeting for the summer on June 27th. We went Miniature Golfing and later went to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Matthews' house for refreshments. We had pop, potato chips, Fritos, pretzels and a lot of other good food. We then played a game of softball in which two of the wives also participated.

The week before we opened the can we had welded shut for a whole year in which we put our offering. It was a lot of fun to see how much we had at the end of the year.

—Becki Barker

SMITHVILLE SENIORS

A fun-filled summer is almost at a close and we have indeed been busy. Following a bowling party, Rex McConahay departed to Kentucky for a summer of Christian work. Several of the others had summer jobs at home and still others went to camp and counsel at Camp Bethany.

We had a rummage sale from which we made $50. We reached our goal which was $350 for the project.

This spring new advisors were elected to lead our group so we would like to welcome Don and Doris Dravenstott and Don and LaVerne Zimmerly and say farewell and good luck to our graduates!

—Barb Blough, secretary

OAK HILL JUNIORS

We concluded our study on the book of Acts in our midweek prayer services and all feel a little bit smarter concerning the early Christians.

District Conference was held for the S. E. District in our church. Many friendships were made and renewed during this time.

We had nine juniors attending Camp Pinnacles, who all came home with the love of God and camp songs. According to the youth, they had quite a climax to their week. Just ask them. (Note: Acting Youth Director happens to know that flu struck the camp.)

OFFICIAL B. Y. SEAL



National Brethren Youth has an official seal! This announcement was made at the 1965 Conference. Designer of the seal, Mrs. John Vance, was given special recognition at the Saturday afternoon Bible Quiz finals when an engraved plaque was shown. The plaque read as follows: "Mrs. John Vance—In appreciation for original art and seal design. National Brethren Youth, August 21, 1965." Mrs. Vance lives near Warsaw, Indiana, and is a former member of the Warsaw Brethren Church. She could not be present for the presentation but the plaque and a check were delivered to her on Tuesday following Conference week.

The seal is shown above. The letters "BY" are placed on either side of the cross, representing that the cross is central to our faith. The official color for the seal is red and white, representng the shed blood of Christ which washes us whiter than snow.

Various items bearing the seal upon them were on sale during Conference week and are still available as follows:

Package of 25 small stickers—25¢
Kids T-shirts, sizes 2, 4, 6, 8—$1.00
Youth and Adult Tab T-shirts, sizes small, medium, large—$1.50
Sweatshirts, sizes small, medium, large—$2.25

If you would like any of these items, please write to: National Brethren Youth, 524 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio 44805. Be sure to state exactly what items you want and the sizes, including your payment for the articles.

The seal is available to youth groups if they desire to use it for any items of their own or to camps if they should like to use the seal for camp shirts. Just write National Brethren Youth, making your request for the seal and stating what you wish to use it for.

from the Woman's Outlook

Special Study

Brethren Home Missions in Review

INTRODUCTION

IT HAS BEEN nearly two thousand years since the Lord Jesus Christ stood on a hill outside Jerusalem and uttered the words, ". . . ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Although this commission was given to His faithful apostles, the Lord never meant it to stop there, but intended for each and every Christian of the generations to come to obey His command.

Jesus indicated to the apostles that day—as He does to his followers in 1965—that they were to take the glorious good news of His birth, death, resurrection and ascension to all people, beginning first with those who lived near them in their own city, their neighbors, in other words. The Gospel was not to stop there, but was also to be taken to those in the neighboring countryside, then into the nearby land and into all corners of the earth. It is from these words of Jesus that we receive our command to take the Gospel to those of our own country—the basis for home missions.

The Brethren Church has always had an interest in the rich home mission fields. If you will recall, when we studied the history of missions in the early Brethren Church, there was little or no work on foreign soil, but the church did send workers toward the west. These pastors and teachers were the home missionaries of that era as they brought the message of Jesus Christ to newly settled land in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and westward. It was only after the work of the Brethren Church was well established here at home that the vision of lost millions in remote corners of the earth was glimpsed. In 1900, the work of foreign missions was begun.

Through the years, the Brethren Church has continued its interest and support of home missions. This is evidenced by the support of the Kentucky work for more than fifty years, the establishment of home mission churches in various states of our country and the continual outreach into new areas.

The auxiliaries of the church have shown increased interest in the work of home missions. At our recent General Conference the youth raised nearly $10,000 to help build a home mission church. The Woman's Missionary Society has lent its support in many ways. Just a few years ago, we raised money to help complete the classroom building at Riverside Christian Training School. The district and local organizations have helped to establish new churches, have supported the Kentucky work by sending innumerable gifts of money, clothing, supplies, food items, and hours of loving labor. It is appropriate, then, that we focus our attention on the work of Brethren Home Missions.

During the coming year, we will discuss such things as the history and the work at Lost Creek and Krypton, the home mission churches across our country, the Brethren Home Mission Revolving Fund, and take a look at what the church is and can do in this important area of outreach. We trust you will enjoy these brief articles, that your understanding of home missions might be greater and that your interest will be keener.

Why not join the
TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

Bible Study for October

PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

Matthew 21:28-32

Introduction

DURING THE COMING YEAR, the Woman's Missionary Society will be joining with the remainder of the church in studying the theme suggested by the Central Council and adopted by conference, "Loving His Appearing." Those who attended General Conference in August were thrilled by the many fine messages centered around this theme. It is appropriate that we use this theme as a basis for our Bible studies. The year will be divided into four classifications, so during the first three months, we will be studying "loving His Appearing as Faithful Sons (or daughters)."

Since our Lord had much to say on these subjects, we are turning our attention to His parables which will teach us not only about our daily lives, but will also point us to the time when He will again appear in great power and glory. As Christians we must be looking for His second coming and be preparing daily for His return. We must remain as faithful sons and daughters if we expect to be received by Him.

Background

While Jesus was here on earth, He told many stories or parables which can serve as guides for our lives. As little children we learned these parables were "earthly stories with heavenly meanings." To a large extent this simple definition is very true, for the parables of our Lord were about the common ordinary things of daily life which were so familiar to His listeners. They always contained a meaning which only those who were enlightened by the Lord could understand, and, often, they pointed the way to those things which will take place at His second appearing.

Such a parable is found in Matthew 21:28-32 and is commonly called the "Parable of the Two Sons." If we would read the preceeding verses, we would discover that Jesus uttered this parable during the last week of His life upon this earth. At the beginning of the chapter we find that Jesus made His triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem as the King. This was accomplished on the first day of the week. He entered as a King, looked about on all things and turned His back on them.

On the second day, Jesus again entered the city, this time as Priest, and cleansed the Temple for a brief period restoring it to its true place—a house of prayer.

Now, on the third day, He enters the city as a great Prophet with the message of God. On the way into the city a strange thing happened, for as He approached, the Lord noticed a fig tree in full leaf. On a fig tree, the green fruit is first formed and then the foliage is produced, so that fruit might be expected on a tree in full leaf. Since Jesus was hungry, He desired to pick some of the figs, but as He approached the tree, He found there was no fruit—only leaves. The fig tree has always been a symbol of the nation of Israel—a nation which made a great profession of holiness—but when the King came, He found it contained none of the fruit of righteousness and He rejected it. Just as Jesus cursed the fig tree that day and it withered, so the nation of Israel was to wither and die.

This account also contains a warning for all of us who bear the name of Christ, that our lives must not have only the outward appearance of goodness, but that we must also bear fruit in His name. Each time I read this account I am reminded of the chorus of a song I learned many years ago:

"Nothing but leaves for the Master,
O how his loving heart grieves,
When instead of the fruit He is seeking,
We offer him nothing but leaves."

What are our lives bearing for Him—wholesome fruit or showy leaves?

As Jesus reached the city that day, He was at once attacked by Jewish leaders and rulers who challenged Him to state by what authority He received honor when He entered the city as a King and drove the traders from the temple on the day past. Their question is very subtle, and the rulers placed Jesus in a dilemma, for if He claimed the authority had been delegated to Him, then He might be accused of disloyalty. If, on the other hand, He claimed divine authority, He would be condemned for blasphemy.

Jesus silenced His enemies with a question which involved them in a counter-dilemma. He asked them, "The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven or from men?" The Jewish rulers could not say "from Heaven" for they had rejected John; nor could they say "from man" for they feared the people who regarded John as a prophet. They tried to escape by the cowardly reply, "We know not."

Jesus did more than silence them; He answered them, He rebuked them and exposed His enemies. When they answered, "We know not," Jesus knew, they knew and the crowd knew they were not honest. Jesus had defeated them with their own weapon and He replied to them, "Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things."

The Parable

In replying to the rulers, Jesus made a claim to divine authority. Now He adds three parables which condemn His enemies and pronounces judgment upon them. The first (which we consider this month) is very brief but pointed. He could have ended the conversation, but Jesus decided to continue and teach a much needed lesson.

In this parable He describes a father who had two sons. One day the father said to one of his sons, "Son, go and work today in my vineyard." The boy refused to do so, but later he decided to do what was right and to obey his father. We are told that the word "repented" means more than a change of mind, but that it also means sorrow. In other words, the first son was sorry

for his refusal, he thought the matter over and went and did his work.

The father also went to his second son with the same request, and he immediately replied that he would. However, he did not go and do as he was bidden. The Lord asked His questioners this question, "Whither of them twain did the will of his father?" The immediate reply was, "The first." They knew, they agreed and they were absolutely right.

Then the Lord made a remarkable application. He must have shocked His listeners when He said, "Verily I say unto you, that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you." As far as these Jewish leaders were concerned, the publicans were nothing more than crooked, dishonest tax collectors, and the harlots were filthy, sinful women who sold their bodies to lustful men. How dare Jesus say these people would enter heaven before them! But Jesus had a reason for saying what He did.

Application

The publicans and harlots had been like the first son in the parable. They had first said "no" to their Heavenly Father just as their sinful lives indicated, but under the preaching of John and Jesus, they believed on Him, repented and began doing things He taught. Meanwhile, the chief priests and elders were like the second son. They said they believed in God and would do as their Heavenly Father directed, yet when Jesus, God in the flesh, came, they did not obey Him. As a result, the former publicans and harlots were the ones who received the eternal inheritance instead of the non-believing chief priests and elders.

What about us? On the day of judgment, everyone will recognize the divinity and authority of Jesus, but for many it will be too late. Instead of the eternal happiness obedience to Christ would have brought, those who have not obeyed will receive eternal punishment. We must recognize and obey Jesus Christ as the Son of God if we expect to receive eternal life.

We recognize that we are like the first son in the parable. We are sinners, for the Scriptures tell us that "**all** have sinned and come short of the glory of God." However, upon hearing the Gospel preached, we repented and were sorry for our sins and we turned to His bidding.

There are many about us who are like the second son. They make great pretense of living good moral lives, but never actually accept the call of the Lord "to come unto me." They are, therefore, lost forever.

All authority is given to Christ. Jesus wants us to put Him first in our lives no matter what someone else would have us do. When we recognize Jesus as the rightful authority of our lives and obey Him, real blessings will be ours. Jesus also affirms that all who are like the chief priests and are impenitent and insincere, can never enter the kingdom of God. He promises that even the **worst sinner** may repent and be saved. What a promise this is for us!

Some years ago a murderer was sentenced to death in one of our states. The murderer's brother, to whom the state was deeply indebted for former services, besought the governor of the state for his brother's pardon. The pardon was granted, and the man visited his brother with the pardon in his pocket. "What would you do," he asked the prisoner, "if you received a pardon?" "The first thing I would do," he announced, "is to track down the judge who sentenced me, and murder him; and the next thing I would do is to track down the chief witness and murder him." The brother rose and left the prison with the pardon in his pocket. If there is no repentance, there can be no pardon!

Let us be as faithful sons who have repented of our sins, and who watch faithfully for His appearing.

Thoughts for Discussion

Do we ever question the authority of Jesus Christ? When?

Can you think of examples of persons who fit in the category of the first and second sons? What was it that made those like the first son repent of their disobedience?

A CHIPMUNK'S MISTAKE

by E. Schuyler English

BEFORE WE LEFT our summer cottage one autumn we had a great deal of fun with a happy little chipmunk who used to sit on our knee and stuff his cheeks so full of nuts that he could hardly close his mouth. Then he would scamper off around the corner to hide them for use during the cruel mountain winter when food is not easy to find. In a few minutes he would be back again for more, and the same procedure would be followed again.

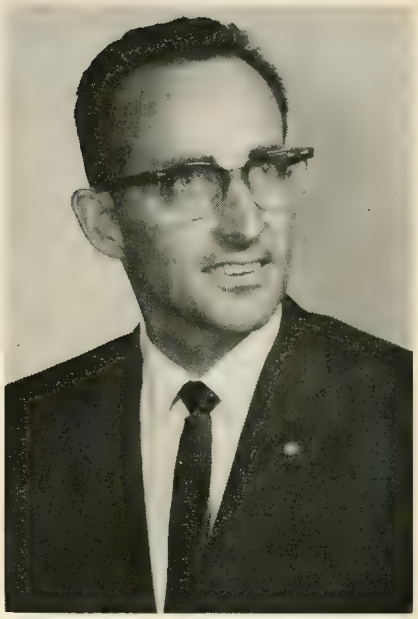
"Hoppy," for so we called him, would have kept this up all day every day if we had been able and willing to spare him the time and the nuts. We were sorry to say good-bye to him when the day came to leave for a warmer climate.

Upon our return in the spring we looked for our little friend. But he never appeared. Then one day during a severe storm, a nearby ditch which carries off the heavy rains became clogged up at its outlet and overflowed. We went for our boots that hang in the hall closet. Putting the first one on we found it filled with something and turned it up to empty it on the floor. Out fell several handfuls of uneaten nuts, a few empty shells—and some seed!

The mystery of Hoppy's disappearance was solved. The boot in our house had been his storage vault. But he had taken more than nuts into the hiding place. For when we left in the autumn we placed mouse-seed in a plate in the living room, and Hoppy, thinking he had found a treasure, in all good faith and sincerity stored the poison with the provender. Then he must have sampled the seed—and Hoppy was no more.

There is a spiritual parallel. For we find all about us those who "in all good faith and sincerity" store their minds with something "religious" but which is not truth. It does not bring life but death. For there is only one way of life, eternal life—it is a Person, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"(Acts 4:12). Reprinted from *Evangelize*

The Brethren Layman



Searching the Psalms

PSALM 46

by DORMAN L. RONK

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

UNLIKE THE MAJORITY of Psalms, Psalm 46 was not written by David. This and ten other Psalms are ascribed "to the sons of Korah." Korah was a historical character who rebelled against Moses and Aaron, as told in Numbers 16. The Sons of Korah were his descendants, and David organized them as singers of sacred songs in the Tabernacle. This demonstrates that children of delinquent parents need not be considered hopeless, but can be saved for God's kingdom and the Lord's services.

This Psalm can be divided into two parts. Part I shows our trust in the Lord and the strength from the Lord, verses 1-7. Part II shows the greatness and majesty of the Lord, verses 8-11.

Though we may experience earthquakes, volcano, flood, war, or similar experiences, God is with us, a Helper *always* with us. Fortunately, very few of us may have to be tried in such awful experiences. However, our daily trials and problems which often perplex us and arouse the ill-feelings of hate, jealousy, and bitterness, can also be dissipated when we call upon God, our refuge and source of strength, our Helper at all times.

What do we mean by saying God is our refuge, a help in trouble? Do you realize that many times we discuss our various problems with a friend or several friends? Each one, of course, realizes this discussion is "confidential." But how often the friends meet together—without us—share our confidences, solve our problems, which by now may be quite exaggerated. Too often our troubles are not kept in confidence when dealing with human friends. Not so with God. He doesn't betray our secrets, neither does He exaggerate, nor talk behind our backs.

When we talk with God, acknowledge our sins, and present our problems to Him, He will direct our thinking, our decisions; He will strengthen our Christian life, and enable us to walk closer with Him. Isn't it strange that we fail to rely on such a Friend, when all we need to do is to talk with Him? He is closer than our neighbor or our telephone. *He is with us.*

Sometimes in our confused state of thinking we are too agitated to face the problem clearly and to see God's answer. I am thankful that certain people have been given the proper qualifications to direct our thinking, so that we may realize God's will. I do believe that this is God-given ability. Not every Christian, nor every minister or teacher, not every psychologist, psychiatrist, counselor, or neighbor is qualified.

There are times when not even one of these special people can help with the solution. We walk with God

in faith and trust, believing that God will care for us (a refuge), prepare us (strength), and encourage us (will not we fear). We could not ask for, nor receive, a better confidant. Put your faith and trust in God, and permit Him to take over your problems. Then, be still. Know, realize, listen, and accept God's plan.

It was Psalm 46 which prompted Martin Luther to write the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is our God." It is easy to find parallel thoughts: "God is our refuge and strength"—a mighty fortress is our God; "a very present help in trouble"—a bulwark never failing. Luther, the great Reformer, and a man of courage and strength, sometimes became discouraged, then he would say, "Come, let us sing Psalm 46."

It is good to search the Scriptures and read other references under the subject of "strength." *Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee . . .* (Psalm 84:5). *My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness . . .* (II Corinthians 12:9). *They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint* (Isaiah 40:31).

In the latter part of the Psalm, we read of the greatness and majesty of the Lord. "Come, behold (see) the works of the Lord": wars will cease, He will be King, nations will exalt Him. And then the conclusion, the resume of the entire Psalm: "The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge." Notice how the last phrase says the same thing as the previous phrase, but so much stronger. The strength for us is there when we know "the God of Jacob is our refuge."

Several hymns have been written expressing a refuge for mankind. In addition to "A Mighty Fortress," there are "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," "The Lord's my Shepherd," "Rock of Ages," "Faith of our Fathers," and this, "O Love Divine," by Oliver W. Holmes.

O Love Divine, that stooped to share Our sharpest pang, our bitt'rest tear!
On Thee we cast each earthborn care; We smile at pain while Thou art near.
Tho' long the weary way we tread, And sorrow crown each ling'ring year,
No path we shun, no darkness dread, Our hearts still whisp'ring, Thou art near.
When drooping pleasure turns to grief, And trembling faith is changed to fear,
The murm'ring wind, the quiv'ring leaf, Shall softly tell us, Thou art near!
On Thee we fling our burd'ning woe, O Love Divine, forever dear;
Content to suffer while we know, Living and dying, Thou art near!

Writing Psalm 46 for the searching article for this month is brother Dorman L. Ronk. Mr. Ronk is an active layman in his home church, Park St. Brethren Church of Ashland, and an instructor in the public school system of that city. He is a member of the church choir and the Foundation For Faith Choir; he served the denomination as statistician for some years, and is presently the president of the Brethren's Home and Benevolent Board of General Conference.

F.S.B.

My Impressions of GENERAL CONFERENCE

by DEVON "Happy" HOSSLER

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them (Matt. 18:20).

The third week in August found approximately 800 Brethren gathered together in the name of Christ on the campus of Ashland College. Surely the Lord was in the midst of us.

The entire week was an inspiration that will live on and on in my life. The speakers, including our moderator and vice moderator, were outstanding. The business sessions were interesting and a source of great satisfaction in doing important business for the Lord.

The Missionary Banquet was a great affair, and the reports of our missionaries, both at home and abroad, made us happy to be a part of this great work. The only sad note is the poor health of Bob and Bea Bischof. Brethren everywhere are praying for their complete recovery so they might return to the work they love.

The laymen sessions, ten in all, opened with an inspirational address by Bob Bischof, and ended with an inspirational address by Richard Kuns. Every session was a joy to attend, and every man was keenly aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit as we prayed for each other and for the needs of the Brethren everywhere.

The wonderful Christian fellowship displayed throughout the week is a joy to behold. Renewing and strengthening old friendships and making new friends is one of the blessings I enjoyed.

My plea to Brethren laymen is to pray for the Lord's work and plan now to attend the 78th General Conference of the Brethren Church to be held the third week in August, 1966, in Ashland, Ohio. You, too, can enjoy the same "mountain top" experience I have enjoyed.

CLEANING CONFERENCE CUFF

THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH General Conference of the Brethren Church concluded Sunday, August 22, 1965, at about 12 noon, E.S.T., after a week of intensive "conferencing." A total of 411 delegates was recorded as against 376 last year.

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PROFESSOR CHARLES MUNSON, moderator, (otherwise known as "shaker") conducted the sessions with finesse born of knowledge and his inate ability to assume the casual, friendly air . . . his moderator's address was given Tuesday morning entitled: "Shaking the Little Boxes" . . . this is the second time he has shaken these things before General Conference, having originated them as he filled the post of vice moderator in 1964. He said: "the Brethren Church can be exclusive, extinct or expansive." Very significantly, it seems to me, he said, "there is a tug to be like others." Be sure to read his address in full in the August 21 issue of your favorite weekly.

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I GOT THE IMPRESSION from vice moderator Dr. Harold Barnett as he spoke in his address Monday evening, "A Brethren Legacy," that he believes in the Brethren Church. "I am a son of the Brethren Church . . . I owe more to it than I can ever repay . . . God didn't say, 'go out and be big' . . . He did say, 'go out and be faithful.' " Dr. Barnett recommended we make our mistakes in the direction of trying to follow the Scriptures. Professor Munson observed that he had never known Harold as a "little" boy. A near capacity audience heard the vice moderator. Read it in full in an early issue of *The Brethren Evangelist.*

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LAYMEN SPEAKER KEN ANDERSON, on Tuesday evening, addressed a full house, including a host of young people, who filled a third of the one side of the chapel as they "paraded." With considerable meaning he said, "it is hard to tell which is the work of light and which is the work of darkness" . . . he used an amplified New Testament, which, said he, "is for people hard of hearing." Led by president John Porte and vice president Richard Reed, the service also featured a short piano-organ recital by Rev. and Mrs. W. St. Clair Benshoff and a spirited song service conducted by James I. Mackall of Vinco, Pennsylvania.

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"Do unto others as though you were others." —Schuster.

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THE VICTORY OR DEFEAT of motions on the floor of General Conference ofttimes has a far-reaching effect on the organization. This scribe submits to you that the years will prove a number of things, as we acted on them the week of August 16.

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THE CONFERENCE CHOIR, with Leo Jones at the helm and Jean Lersch, organist, gave some "delicious" music for our edification at the evening sessions and Sunday morning. It looked and sounded like Leo had fine co-operation from a goodly number of able singers. Speaking strictly as an impartial observer, "ahem," I thought the Conference Quartet covered themselves well, too.

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AN ASSIGNMENT to continue as Editor for the Laymen's pages for another year was given your humble servant while I was out of the meeting Friday afternoon. James E. Norris of St. James, Md., was asked to continue his "The Laymen's Meeting" notes.

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MEN, as of now you have no tract fund.

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MY CHOICE OF SPEAKERS for the week . . . Dr. Charles Blair of Denver, Colorado, speaking Wednesday evening for the National Sunday School Board. I'm sure he was more clearly heard by all in the chapel than some others, who, at times seemed to "trail off" on their "punch lines." Dr. Blair emphasized that the disciplined life is the happy life. His story of the tobacco man who offered him a cigarette in a plane coach, his refusal, and the information given by the T.M. that the tobacco companies were concentrating on the teen-agers, person to person . . . seemed to remind me that we're giving in a bit to the "tug."

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"Church politicians make strange bed-fellows . . . but before long they get used to the same bunk." —Mills

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DR. RALPH EARLE, Kansas City, Mo., gave the four morning Bible lectures and was well received. He said, "we are condoning what we should be condemning . . ." Amen. (Earle guesses that one-half of the families of America spend their complete evening before the TV set.) Advice: don't try to sell him an expensive copy of the King James version. Continuing, he reminded us that there is no condoning of sin in the New Testament but that there is much condoning of sin in the new morality slant some preachers and churches are following. (Ed. note: this couldn't be why the Brethren Church isn't growing . . . or could it?)

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DR. CLYDE W. TAYLOR was the missionary emphasis speaker of the week. He said we are not called to be soul winners . . . we are called to be witnesses. The soul winning will be accomplished by the Holy Spirit. Having traveled all over the world in the interest of Evangelical Christian Missions, he has discovered that "appreciation will get you everything." Mission offering of Sunday morning was $5,178. The 10:30 service, in charge of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, featured the dedication of Larry and Rose Bolinger to the mission field. They have four children. The oldest held the youngest in arms as the parents knelt.

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NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE is scheduled for Ashland, Ohio, August 15-21, 1966, and the '67 dates are corresponding.

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THE LAYMEN VOTED $500 toward the preparation and publishing of the history book, (The Brethren, 1880-1920) being spearheaded by

Rev. Albert T. Ronk, Central Council and General Conference.

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"YOU LIVE MORE when you walk than when you drive."—Taylor

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WATCH FOR AN EARLY REPORT of the Feast of Ingathering details received Wednesday afternoon at the Seminary building. Dean Joseph R. Shultz spoke and conducted a tour of inspection of the addition. (Let's have the inspirational address before the offering next time, fellows.)

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"WHEN PEOPLE DON'T MIND that their children don't mind, they don't." —Schuster

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MINISTERS - LAYMEN BREAKFAST a fine success. Rev. Bates and Cole and Laymen Best and Randall were the set spokesmen. In the forum which followed, many laymen responded. This should be a regular feature. Rev. George Solomon says, "it is not our principal task to raise money and maintain a National Laymen's Organization . . . it is our task to evangelize." The thought was expressed by several, "we are laborers together . . ."

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THE LAYMEN WOULD CONGRATULATE the Brethren Youth and their leadership on conducting a fine auxiliary conference. From catacomb to picnic to banquet to quiz to communion we would say that the youth who stayed at home for no good reason didn't do themselves any favor.

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LAYMEN - BOYS' BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST was an eye-opener to any man. Virgil Barnhart laid it on the line and gave us all a lesson on how to talk about and with boys. His handeling of the meeting and the drawing out of the boys were par-excellent. This feature bears repeating another year.

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F. S. B. was named the laymen's representative on Central Council and Isaac Litton, the alternate. Ralph Fairbanks is the departing alternate and has attended every session of the Council with your Editor during the past year.

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REV. JERRY FLORA and REV. RICHARD KUNS were among the busiest speakers during the week and still the minutes of General Conference were efficiently prepared for reading on regular call.

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"AMERICA HAS DONE MUCH to raise its standard of living . . . now, perhaps she should do something about her standard of thinking." —Schuster

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YOU ARE STILL ADVISED to write Arthur DeLozier, Ashland, Ohio, for your N. L. O. lapel pin. $1.50, please.

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THE ACCOMMODATIONS for conference folk on the campus of Ashland College were the best in the memory of this scribe. This memory covers a few years . . . 1924-1965 . . . the food and service for a reasonable fee at Redwood Dining Hall was a delight. (Aside to dwellers in Clayton Hall . . . those doors shut quietly, if you try. Please try at about 6 A. M.)

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SUMMARY: A fine conference.

F. S. B.

World Religious News in Review

PITTSBURGH ISSUES GUIDE FOR SCHOOL EXERCISES

PITTSBURGH (EP)—A book to guide teachers in opening exercises, consistent with the U. S. supreme Court decision against the use of prayers or Bible reading, has been approved by the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education. It will be used in public schools here beginning in September.

The guide is the work of a committee of teachers, librarians, principals and supervisors named by Superintendent Sidney P. Marland, Jr. Miss Agnes Krarup, director of school library services, was chairman.

Pittsburgh's guide is designed for those planning exercises for kindergarten through twelfth grade. It recommends that "whatever is done should be entirely worthy of being associated with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

CHURCH HAS MOVING EXPERIENCE

FRESNO, CALIF. (EP) — An annex next door to the Church of Christ here rose two feet above its foundations.

But it wasn't a miracle. It was a mistake.

The Rev. Doyle R. Zachary, minister of the Church of God—across the street from the Church of Christ— had hired a house moving company to move the old parsonage that stand beside the Church of God. The moving crew went to work.

When Mr. Zachary checked on the job he was surprised to see his parsonage, solid as a rock. And he was astonished when he looked across the street and saw the white frame annex of the Church of Christ in an apparent state of levitation.

The structure was up on jacks. Its plumbing and wiring had been disconnected. Workmen were attacking its foundation.

"Stop!" cried the Rev. Mr. Zachary. "That's the Church of Christ! The Church of God is across the street!"

Ruben Hernandez, owner of the moving company, said later it was the first time he had ever got a Church of God mixed up with a Church of Christ—or anything close to that. He vowed to make his peace with both at no extra charge.

CHRISTIANS CRUSADE LEADER TO CONTEST TAX EXEMPTIONS

LOS ANGELES (EP)—Evangelist Billy James Hargis threatened here to contest the tax-exempt status of various church-related groups if the Internal Revenue Service successfully lifts the exemption now enjoyed by his ultraconservative Christian Crusade.

Here for the annual convention of his group, Mr. Hargis charged that the pending "proposal of revo-

cation" filed by the IRS against his organization amounts to a discriminatory action.

He declared that tax-exempt organizations friendly to the Administration have engaged in political activity but have not been challenged.

The IRS office in Oklahoma City, Okla., filed its revocation proposal against the Christian Crusade last November and the organization subsequently appealed.

Under the country's revenue codes, religious, educational and charitable organizations are tax-exempt if "no substantial part" of their programs involve political activities.

AMERICAN CLERGYMEN WILL VISIT SOVIET UNION BAPTIST CHURCHES

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. (EP)—A belief that communism in Russia is showing signs of "breaking down" was expressed here by a Southern Baptist clergyman as he prepared to join four other ministers of the denomination on an extensive preaching tour in the Soviet Union and other European countries.

Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock who visited Russia in 1959, said he is convinced that today "little by little" the USSR "is moving closer to capitalism and freedom."

"When the yoke of communism is finally broken, as it most certainly will be, we believe the door will be open to Christian missions.

"And," he added, "if anything is more alive than when the Communist movement began, the Baptist church is. After 48 years of communism, the Baptists pay a tremendous price to be devoted Christians, and they need encouragement from the outside world."

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCE REPORT

THE FOLLOWING Standard of Excellence and Camp reports were presented at the Sunday School Inspiration session of the 77th General Conference of the Brethren Church.

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Class A—90 and above

St. James, Maryland	101½
Sarasota, Florida	96
Levittown, Pennsylvania	94½
South Bend, Indiana	90

Class B—80 through 89

Goshen, Indiana	88

Class C—70 through 79

Vinco, Pennsylvania	79½
Derby, Kansas	77
Washington, D. C.	73
Ardmore, Indiana	72½

Explanation of Classifications

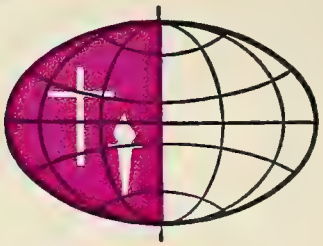
With the adoption of the 1964 Revision of the Standard of Excellence, a different system of awards was also adopted. The Standard of Excellence now has a total of approximately 100 points. Sunday schools achieving ninety or more points are rated as **A** Sunday schools; those achieving 80 through 89 points as **B** Sunday schools; and those achieving 70 through 79 points as **C** Sunday schools. Sunday schools falling in each of these classes receive appropriate certificates of recognition, with the top Sunday school also receiving a "highest achievement" award plaque.

CAMP REPORT

Our ten Brethren camps have completed another successful summer camping season. The following is a report of these ten Brethren Camps:

Camp	Total Weeks of Camp	Total Campers	First Confessions	Life Recruits
Cheyenne	1	30	6	9
Arizona	1	39	3	1
Wyandotte	2	41	3	12
Riverside	1	30	0	0
Blackhawk	1	52	16	2
Berea	3	75	15	3
Pinnacles	2	135	16	3
Shipshewana	6	366	61	21
Juniata	2	188	6	1
Bethany	6	314	38	16
TOTALS	25	1,270	164	68

MISSIONARY NEWS



Missionary Board Highlights - - -

August Board Meeting sessions were held simultaneously with General Conference, convening afternoons with Executive Committee Meetings scheduled among all the conference program.

ELECTED BOARD OFFICERS . . .

. . . to serve in 1965-1966 as follows:

Reverend J. Milton Bowman — President
Reverend William H. Anderson — First Vice President
Reverend Donald Rowser — Second Vice President
Dennis Randall — Third Vice President
Mrs. Dorman Ronk — Treasurer

NEW BOARD MEMBERS . . .

. . . to serve a three-year term were welcomed after their election by General Conference delegates. The board is privileged to have these three men serving the mission program:

Reverend Woodrow Immel — North Manchester, Indiana
Norman Grumbling, Jr. — Johnstown, Pennsylvania
James Eck — New Lebanon, Ohio

RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS . . .

. . . Everett E. Miller, John Golby and Ronald Conaway were voted an expression of deep appreciation for their services to the board. Mr. Miller had twenty-one years of continuous service; John Golby, twelve years of service; and Mr. Conaway, three years of service. These men helped to shape and mold our progressive missionary program and will share in the blessings of further advances, having played so vital a part in their development.

NAMED TO CENTRAL COUNCIL . . .

. . . Donald Rowser as representative and William Anderson as alternate board representative.

RECEIVED NIGERIAN MISSIONS REPORT . . .

. . . from Robert Bischof, supplemented by a written report covering all major aspects of the program there. This report will be mailed to pastors and other interested leaders soon. It was a pleasure to have Bob and Bea Bischof as guests of the board. Also in attendance to share in the Nigerian missions discussion were Rose and Larry Bolinger, candidates in preparation for serving in Nigeria in 1966.

HEARD FIELD REPORT . . .

. . . from Argentina that the residence under construction at the Bible Institute is progressing very well. The $6,400 fund available through a former Woman's Missionary Society project has been exceeded by $2,500. With continuing increases in costs due to inflation, no final cost figure could be submitted. This residence will be occupied by the administrator of the Bible Institute now living in one of the Institute buildings. This will then provide room for resident students.

ARGENTINE PASTOR RICARDO RIVERO . . .

. . . was seriously injured in an auto accident on August 4 and the board was notified by H. Raymond Aspinall, President of the Argentine Field Council, of the details. After a week of consultation and surgery and much prayerful hope, Pastor Rivero's foot was amputated. Brother Rivero is pastor of the Villa Constitucion Church, our largest congregation in Argentina, and is President of the Board of Elders. His accident is of concern to all the Brethren in Argentina and North America. In response to a special need, the board directed that an appeal be sent out to pastors, and other interested people of our brotherhood, to make possible financial assistance for Pastor Rivero's hospital and medical expenses and purchase of an artificial limb.

REVOLVING FUND . . .

. . . report heard indicating progress toward a goal of a quarter million dollar fund with a new high of $169,000 at present.

PURCHASED NEW MISSIONARY HOME . . .

. . . located at 705 Grant Street, Ashland, Ohio. It is an older type four-bedroom home well located near the Missionary Board offices, the Park Street Church, Ashland College and Seminary and the Grant Street Elementary School. The Shively Missionary Residence, located at 1014 Grant Street, was sold to Ashland College. The Bischof's will be our first missionaries to ocupy the new home, moving in shortly after the first of September.

REVIEWED PROBLEMS . . .

. . . of the Stockton Church and voted special assistance for their financial and pastoral needs.

JAMES SLUSS, . . .

. . . candidate for missionary service at Krypton was interviewed. He expects to graduate from Ashland Seminary next June and will begin work in Krypton shortly thereafter. It is expected that he will teach in an area school and assist in the work of the church. Jim is a member of the Louisville, Ohio, church and has served four summers previously at Krypton.

MARGARET LOWERY. . .

. . . was unable to attend General Conference, breaking her attendance record of seventeen years. Word from Margaret indicated that she will still have several weeks of inactivity as she recovers from an auto accident several months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tracy give valuable assistance to the Krypton work as new staff members.

LOST CREEK FACULTY RESIDENCE . . .

. . . was provided through the efforts of Reverend and Mrs. Dana Hartong and other Brethren of the Wabash, Indiana, area. A fifty-foot by eight-foot house trailer was purchased to provide housing for a faculty member's family at Riverside Christian Training School. This will alleviate the great need for housing to replace the girls' old dorm which was razed.

HEARD PROGRESS REPORTS . . .

. . . on Home Missions churches at Herndon, Derby, Massillon, Levittown, Cheyenne, Stockton, Lathrop, Muncie, Mulvane, Newark, Mansfield and Tempe.

MET WITH COUNTY LINE . . .

. . . delegation, who outlined re-building program for the church which was destroyed by a tornado last Palm Sunday. Response from churches and individuals throughout brotherhood now totals $15,000 for Tornado Disaster Appeal.

CONSIDERED PITTSBURGH CHURCH . . .

. . . needs and met with representatives of the Pittsburgh congregation to determine steps to be taken for strengthening the church there. Pennsylvania District Board of Evangelists also share in this joint venture of assistance.

HEARD APPEAL . . .

. . . from Florida for seeking to establish another Brethren Church there. Voted that a survey should be conducted to explore possibilities for another church there, with assistance of the Sarasota brethren.

DON'T INVOLVE ME!

by MRS. EDWARD BARGERHUFF

Numbers 13:2, 17-25; Acts 24:24

THE AGE WE LIVE IN has been given so many names—atomic, space, electronic, to list a few—one hesitates to add another. Unfortunately, it seems to deserve it.

Judging from existing incidents of our day, the proper title, summing up the human situation in mid-20th Century, might be "The age of Non-involvement."

In the New York borough of Queens a few months ago, a young woman was pursued and stabbed to death on the street while thirty-eight persons watched from their apartment windows. No one wanted to get involved to the extent of calling the police from the safety of their homes, much less go outside and try to aid the woman.

In Los Angeles, policemen appealed in vain for help from passing motorists as they clung desperately to a man who was trying to jump off a bridge. "We were hanging on for dear life," said one of the officers, "But they drove on like they didn't want to get involved."

We shouldn't forget the incident on Memorial Day several years ago in Indianapolis during the 500 mile race when a bleacher collapsed. Those sitting nearby went on chewing their hot dogs, oblivious to the screams of the people crushed in the wreckage.

Some would argue that a decade of watching daily shootings, knifings, beatings and other assorted assaults in our living rooms on television has deadened our faculties of compassion. However, we must remember that before television, a whole nation played the game of non-involvement while six million humans were exterminated in gas ovens.

As was read from the Scriptures, Moses, after God's deliverance of the Israelite people from Egyptian bondage, brought a million people to the edge of the promised land. Twelve spies were sent out to survey the land and the inhabitants thereof. After forty days they returned. Ten told Moses that the land was good, but the cities were walled and men who were giants to them dwelled therein. Two gave wise counsel and urged Moses to arise and possess the land, for "God will be with us and we will be able to overcome all obstacles." The people murmured because of their plight and didn't want to get involved in such a great undertaking. God heard their groanings and caused this disbelieving generation to perish in the wilderness because of their lack of faith in God to deliver.

In the second portion of Scripture, St. Paul is defending himself before Felix the Roman ruler. Paul relates his involvement with Jesus on the road to Damascus. How he has heard Jesus and he no longer could be the same, but was commissioned to be involved to such an extent that his whole life would be dedicated to the advancement of Christ and His cause among the Gentile nations to whom he was sent. You will note that Felix trembled when he reasoned about righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, but begged Paul to return some other time and not to involve him at this particular time. We never read of Felix calling upon God.

This is what I'm trying to say, we are living in a day and age when we are so prone to be solely concerned with ourselves and our families, we miss the total picture into which we should be involved.

God has put four areas on my heart where we beg to not be involved, or choose the closed-eye approach. The story is told of a group of men riding on a Pullman car through the drab, ugly, depressing outskirts of a large industrial city. One man glanced hastily out of the window, winced at the unlovely scene and lowered the shade. He said that he couldn't stand to look at such misery and suffering because it depressed him, and he was convinced that there was nothing he could do about it.

One of his fellow travelers looked him straight in the eye and told him there was something that he could do, if nothing more than keep the shade up.

So many of us, like this man, deliberately close our eyes upon unlovely panoramas of life. We do not care to know how the other half lives, and if we inadvertently catch a glimpse of their misery and suffering and hardships, we hasten to close our eyes upon the scene, in the complacent attitude of believing that our fellow man's plight is no concern of ours, for there is nothing we can do about it anyway.

The first area of non-involvement is on a world-wide scale. Please imagine this hall containing a thousand persons, representing the total population of the world, now more than two and one-half billion persons. The following is a picture of the contrasts that would be vividly seen.

Sixty would represent the United States population, receiving one-half of the total income of the entire group. Thirty-six of the sixty Americans would be members of Christian churches. Less than one hundred of the entire number would be Protestant, two hundred and thirty Roman Catholic, six hundred and seventy would not be classified. More than one-half would never have heard of Jesus Christ, what He taught, and for what He lived and died. More than

one-half would hear the teachings of Marx, Lenin, Stalin, and Khrushchev. Eighty would be believing Communists and three hundred and seventy others would be under communistic rule. Three hundred and three would be white. The sixty Americans would have a life expectancy of seventy years, all the rest would be under forty. Sixty Americans would possess fifteen and one-half times as much goods per person as all the rest of the group. On an average, they would produce sixteen per cent of that and keep most of it for their own future use in expensive storage equipment. Nine hundred and forty non-Americans would always be hungry and never quite know when they would get enough to eat. Ignorance, poverty, and sickness would be a constant problem.

In the view of these facts, the average American family would be spending $850 each year for military defense against the rest and less than $3.50 a year to share their Christian faith with the rest. This question arises, how much do we wish to share the Christian faith and get involved in the problems of our world?

Communists give their whole life to the propagation of Communism. We need to involve ourselves in a study of the doctrines and teachings of Communism if the necessary understanding of their psychology, morality, and program is to be achieved. There is no substitute for knowledge. Ignorance is evil and paralytic. The greatest ally Communism has is the existing ignorance concerning its true nature. War must be declared on this ignorance. Involve yourselves by learning their tricks. Don't be oblivious, complacent, nor ignorant, keep up the shade of understanding. God is shaking our world and summoning us to be responsible, involved, stewards in meeting the needs of our age.

Second, don't involve me in a wake-up America campaign. There are five volumes written about the Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire. Every American should be caused to read the conclusion of Gibbons history account.

Up to this time, the Roman Empire was the best organized and strongest nation, much like the United States in advanced culture, the world had ever seen. Yet, the vast empire slowly eroded away and finally was destroyed. Here are the five reasons given for the fall of ancient Rome:

1. Rapid increase of divorce and the undermining of the sanctity of the home.
2. Higher and higher taxes and the spending of public money for bread and circuses.
3. Craze for pleasure which grew more and more brutal from year to year.
4. Increase of armament of war, piling up weapons, when the real enemies were within.
5. The decay of religion. Faith faded into an empty form.

Is this the fact among us? Can these five reasons be applied to our nation, and are we willing to involve ourselves to the extent that we will read and secure knowledge to stem the tide before it is written in history of our downfall. The nations that forget God finally forget what is worth protecting.

Don't involve me in the growing trends toward atheistic education in our schools. PTA Organizations in Arizona recently went into city streets asking parents to sign petitions protesting the Darwin Theory being taught. Do you have an answer for this question, "Is there a God? Creator? Or did we come from an animal?" There are many children asking these questions today. Do we as parents have the answers and believe that it is true without doubt or double talk?

Is it right for an atheist to say that her child shall not pray, neither shall yours? Have you become involved with such interest that you have expressed your views to your congressman about the Prayer Amendment? Let us not forget about the patriots who have lived and died for the cause of our religious freedom, and that they involved themselves in the cause of God in this nation.

Perhaps you are thinking what can one do! I, as one person, have mailed over two hundred letters concerning the Prayer Amendment issue. I have reasons to believe that over two thousand signatures on petitions and personal letters have been sent through my efforts. God only knows the end from the beginning, so involve yourself. By failing to speak out, parents are allowing a small minority to establish the educational philosophy under which our children shall be trained.

Lastly, don't involve me in the answer to all of these great perplexing problems. The Church, Christ and prayer. The church needs willing dedicated workers. In this second half of the 20th Century, when our world totters on the brink of destruction, Christians have a mission to perform, a Gospel to share. Nothing less than a complete dedication, reaching down to touch us deep in our souls, then extending our lives into every day routines of service, will make our call adequate. We need to study the whole Bible diligently and prayerfully and especially the prophecies of the Word, that we may not be surprised and confounded, but understand the signs of the times, and know what we ought to do.

We need to involve ourselves with Christ. As Paul heard Jesus on the road to Damascus, and his life was changed, we, too, need a personal involvement, a commitment to His will for us. Too many of us don't involve ourselves in a dedicated prayer life. We worry much, but pray little. We read in Philippians to not worry about anything; instead pray about everything; and we will find God's peace which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. Prayers of the righteous availeth much, and miracles are wrought through prayerful, Christ-centered church members. Then we will arise from our place with God and stop

1965 - 66 Theme II Timothy 4:8

"LOVING HIS APPEARING"

being spectators in life and learn to become participants in it—which means to become involved in the welfare of our fellow men. If we fail to be involved we may someday find ourselves spectators to our own destruction, if not that of society itself.

THE MEASURE OF LIFE

What does it matter if I live
For fifty years or one,
As long as I have time enough
To get my duty done?
The more important thing in life
Is trying to decide,
What talent I possess, and how
It ought to be applied.
How can I use that gift to God,
As everybody should,
To bring about more happiness
And do the greatest good.
To help my neighbor, and to serve
My country in its need,
With kindness and sincerity
In every word and deed.
It matters not to me how long
I dwell upon this sod.
I'll do the very best I can,
And leave the rest to God.

—James J. Metcalfe.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for September 19, 1965

GROWING IN UNDERSTANDING AND PATIENCE

Text: Philippians 4:1-7; Colossians 3:12-15

CHRISTIAN GROWTH means the applying of ourselves to the development of Christian virtues. "Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good" (Romans 2:9). The ways taught us by Jesus are the ways of peace and blessed living. This text deals with two more goals for us to reach: patience and understanding. Every one of us has had and will have ample opportunity to check on ourselves to determine just how mature we are in our understanding of and patience with others.

Problems (Philippians 4:1-3).

Typical of a situation demanding efforts to understand and to be patient was that of two Christian ladies of the church at Philippi. Paul offers us directions for our well-being as we find ourselves involved.

1. 4:1. Be resolved that no problem will be allowed to effect the stand we have taken for Jesus, but that we will remain true to Him.

2. 4:2. Take the initiative in coming to an agreement so that our fellowship will not be destroyed.

3. 4:3. Be willing to accept the counsel of a "true yokefellow," a capable Christian, to effect reconciliation.

4. 4:4. Rejoice in the Lord. Do not let trivial things supplant Jesus Christ as the cause of joy in your life.

5. 4:5. Be forbearing, patiently enduring, to others. We are not to "make an obstinate stand for what is one's just due" ((Peloubet's).

6. 4:6. Stop your anxious dwelling on your problems. Rather speak to God about them. Ask His help and direction. Set your mind on being grateful to God for everything.

7. Don't question the peace that Jesus gives you. Accept it and it will be a guard over your heart and mind helping you in the next situation.

Eight Virtues (Colossians 3:12-15).

We do not need to wait for a serious crisis before beginning to develope and practice these virtues. To possess them does not mean that we become blind to circumstances about us. Instead it opens our eyes to understanding and enables us to go about solving them in the right manner.

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

PLEASING THE MASTER

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth (Psalm 121:1, 2).

I OFTEN wonder what really constitutes the real reason for man's efforts to do the Master's bidding. The story goes of a young man who was studying to become a violinist. He took his tutelage under a famous director and had studied and practiced for long and tiresome hours. Patience and practice had brought him to the anticipated hour when he should be permitted to give evidence of his mastery of the instrument whose technique and tones he loved.

Finally the hour arrived for his first recital in the great hall before the vast throng who had gathered to be charmed by the touch of his magic bow upon the strings of the beloved instrument. One stroke of the bow across the strings and the vast audience sat silent under the magic of the rhythm which poured from the strings.

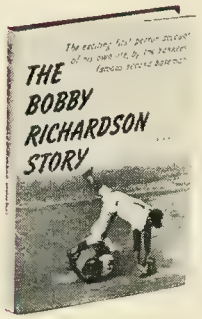
When the thrilling performance had ended, long lines of auditors waited to congratulate the young performer. One man said to him, "Your music truly stirred my soul. It was deeply inspiring. But I am curious about one thing, why did you keep your eyes always turned toward the second balcony?"

The young performer answered, "My master was up there. I kept looking toward him because when I saw a smile on his face I knew my master was well pleased."

If Jesus declared that he "strove always to do those things that were pleasing unto His heavenly Father," how much more should we strive to bring joy to the Master's heart. The violinist was yearning for the smile of the master, the greatest reward he could receive. How about pleasing our Divine Master by striving for mastery in our lives?

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NOTES and COMMENTS

DO YOU KNOW YOUR VALUE?

THE TITLE of this article asks a question worth considering. Too many people undervalue themselves. No doubt some think because they are not born as geniuses they cannot amount to much in life, therefore go forth to merely eke out an existence. Others may think because they are not highly educated they had just as well live in obscurity, throw their talents away and never strive for some good, great and worthwhile achievement. Then there may be those who think because they are poor, having nothing of material worth, they are destined to littleness, worthlessness, failure and defeat.

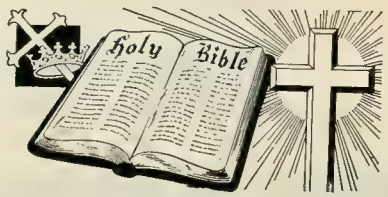
All this is untrue. Every person, whom God has created with common sense and talent, can amount to something, and prove himself valuable to mankind and acceptable to God. Some handicap may be a blessing in disguise. Don't throw yourself away, for this is exactly what the enemy would have you do. Remember that your soul is indeed the pearl of great price—more valuable than gold or silver, diamonds and pearls, rubies and other gems.

God doesn't put us here as worthless beings. We are to live for Him: love, serve and worship Him. The life that may seem the most worthless, if given entirely to God, may become the most prosperous and valuable. Life is more than learning, more than money, more than riches. All this without God will perish; but a life given to God, along with what we may possess, never proves worthless. God never throws away any life, any soul, anything that is yielded unreservedly unto Him. However, to withhold from Him, to live apart from Him, to reject and disown Him, means that men throw themselves and their values away.

Do you know your value? Perhaps not, but God does. Let him size you up. Let Him use you and make you a blessing to the world.

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A New Magazine - - - New Subscription Rates

BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1966, **The Brethren Evangelist** will be a biweekly magazine, that is, it will be published every two weeks instead of weekly. It will be increased from a 24-page issue to a 32-page issue, but will carry almost the same information as it now carries with the exception of the Woman's Missionary Society materials. The W.M.S. has decided to return to their own publication, **The Outlook,** therefore none of their programming materials will be included in **The Brethren Evangelist.**

In the new magazine you will have the opportunity to "write to the Editor" to express your views relative to articles which appear in the magazine or to any subject you wish to write to. Your Editor, however, will decide what letters or comments will be printed. Also, the name and address of the person writing must be included and will be printed following the letter. This should be a most interesting feature for the readers of the magazine.

It is hoped that more doctrinal articles will appear in the magazine during the course of the year. The Laymen, the Brethren Youth, the Sisterhood and the Boys' Brotherhood programs will remain in the magazine each month. These organizations, as well as the Missionary Board, will continue to have space in each issue. The magazine will continue to carry news from the local churches.

The single subscription rate of the magazine will not change, however there will be special rates for 100 per cent and 50 per cent churches. These rates are as follows:

Single Subscription	$4.00
100 per cent church	3.50
50 per cent church	3.75

Now, as stated very clearly during General Conference, in order to be a 100 per cent church a subscription must be sent to every family of the congregation! Our office will use as a basis for determining the number of subscriptions needed, the **1965** statistical report. This report will be used until the new statistical report comes out next August. Therefore, be sure to check this report before you send in your church list. In case your list does not reach the number of family units as reported in this report, why not send the magazine to prospective families, or to friends of the church, or subscribe for several copies that will be sent directly to the church and can be used as complimentary copies to visitors who might be interested in the magazine. A few of our local churches send the magazine to the library of the city and to the local hospital.

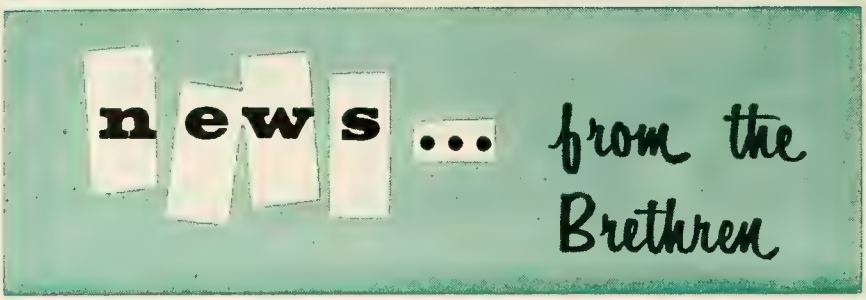
These same rules apply to any church requesting the 50 per cent subscription rates.

Beginning as of now, when a church list is sent in for the year, our office determines the status of the church (100 or 50 per cent) and then prorates the subscription fees for the remainder of this calendar year and for the new year. It is to your advantage to become a 100 per cent church! This helps you and it helps us.

According to the 1965 statistical report there are 8,027 family units in our denomination; last week 3,562 copies of our magazine were mailed out and part of these are exchange copies. Therefore, less than 44.4 per cent of our Brethren families are receiving the official magazine of the Brethren Church! This percentage should be much higher and we are hoping that through these special rates our subscriptions will increase.

We need your help!

We feel that our magazine will become a better magazine as we go to biweekly publication for several reasons. First, we hope to make some minor changes in the overall format, thus making it more interesting and appealing to the eye. Second, your Editor will have more time to plan and organize the material to be printed for there will be more time between the issues. We trust that the denomination will support us in this new venture of improving our magazine! S.G.



Sarasota, Fla. Rev. J. D. Hamel has been chosen for "Who's Who in the South and Southwest" by Marquis, publishers of "Who's Who in America," and a biographical career sketch will appear in the tenth edition of "Marquies Who's Who in the South and Southwest."

Eleven members were recently received into membership of the church by transfer of letter.

Gretna, Ohio. Rev. L. V. King reports that nine persons were baptized and received into membership of the church on Sunday, August 15.

Flora, Ind. Rev. Clarence Kindley, pastor of the First Brethren Church, was the devotional speaker on WSAL radio Logansport during the week of September 5.

New Paris, Ind. Rev. Waldo Gaby reports the reception of one new member into the fellowship of the church on Sunday, September 12.

North Manchester, Ind. On Sunday September 5, the mortgage to the new educational annex of the church was burned. Rev. Henry Bates, former pastor, was the guest speaker. Rev. Bates was the pastor during the building of the annex.

Rev. Woodrow Immel, pastor, reported that this was also Homecoming Sunday. A carry-in dinner was enjoyed during the noon hour.

Tucson, Ariz. Rev. Clarence Stogsdill reports that three members were received into the church recently by transfer of letter; two more were received by baptism.

Memorials

LYONS. Roy J. Lyons passed away very suddenly on Tuesday, May 11, 1965, at his home in Falls Church, Virginia. He was a loyal member of the Washington Brethren Church, Washington, D. C.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jerry Flora and interment was in the Cedar Hill Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Ona Lee Sams

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NEVIN. Brice Nevin, a member of the First Brethren Church, Flora, Indiana, passed away August 15 at his home. Services were held at the church on August 18 with Rev. Clarence Kindley, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Rosseville Cemetery.

Mrs. Lee Voorhees

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MILLER. Harry Miller, age 71, passed away on Monday, June 7. He was a faithful member of the Trinity Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio. Memorial services were conducted by the undersigned.

Rev. Keith Bennett

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BRANT. Robert Brant, age 67, passed away on Monday, July 26. He was a faithful member of the Trinity Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio. Memorial services were conducted by the undersigned.

Rev. Keith Bennett

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RITCHEY. William Ritchey, age 84, passed away on Thursday, August 12. He was a member of the Family Circle Sunday school Class of the Trinity Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio. Memorial rites were conducted by the undersigned.

Rev. Keith Bennett

Weddings

LAYTON - GRANDSTAFF. Miss Nancy Layton became the bride of Charles Grandstaff on Saturday, June 19. Mrs. Grandstaff is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Layton. The ceremony was held in the First Brethren Church of Roann, Indiana, of which both are members. The undersigned performed the ceremony. The couple will live at Bloomington, Indiana.

Rev. Herbert Gilmer

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GILMER-WOLLESON. Miss Sharon Gilmer became the bride of Gerald Wolleson on Saturday, August 14, at the First Brethren Church, Roann, Indiana. Mrs. Wolleson's parents are Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Gilmer of Roann, Indiana; Mr. Wolleson's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wolleson of Ashland, Ohio.

Sharon's brother, Arden Gilmer, read the vows; her father (and pastor) gave her in marriage. The couple will live at the present in Lodi, Ohio.

Rev. Herbert Gilmer

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LATTA - KITCHEN. Miss Betty Jane Latta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Latta of Canton, Ohio, was united in marriage to Mr. Donald Earl Kitchen on Saturday evening, August 28, 1965. The ceremony was conducted by the pastor in the Trinity Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio.

Rev. Keith Bennett

Men are what their mothers made them.

Emerson, quoted in WITH LOVE TO MOTHER
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

COMING EVENTS

St. James, Md.
Revival Services
October 24-31
Dr. Bruce Stark, evangelist
Rev. Jim Rowsey, pastor

Brush Valley, Penna.
Revival Service
October 11-17
Rev. Robert Keplinger, evangelist
Rev. Thomas Kidder, pastor

Levittown, Penna.
Evangelistic Services
November 14-19
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, evangelist
Rev. Robert Keplinger, pastor

Ashland (Park St.), Ohio
Preaching Mission
October 10-17
Rev. Jerry Flora, guest speaker
Rev. Phil Lersch, pastor

Flora, Ind.
Revival Services
October 31-November 7
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, evangelist
Rev. Clarence Kindley, pastor

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Peter, James and John

Memory Scripture — I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

September 26 - October 2

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 3:1-6

The Voice

"How can our missionaries in Argentina help the people learn of Jesus through the radio programs?" wondered Gary. "Don't they have to see the people and talk with them?"

"First," answered Dad, "they need to get the people interested. The people listen to the lovely music and the preaching. They write to the broadcast to find out more about it. The missionaries answer the letters of the people who write. Many of them are far from where our missionaries live. They also write to a Christian minister in that area and ask him to talk with those who have written. Many learn of Jesus this way. Many who are far from a Christian church. Then they help tell others the good news of Jesus."

"All because they heard a voice on the radio," said Gary.

"John the Baptist is said to have been a voice crying in the wilderness," said Dad. "Our radio broadcasts in Argentina could also be called a voice crying in the wilderness. They, too, ask the people to walk closer to God."

Prayer:

Dear God, may others see Jesus in me today. Use me to draw them closer to Him. In His name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

My Son

It was a sunshiny fall afternoon with a crisp breeze blowing. Gary shuffled the leaves with his feet as he walked across the yard toward the garage.

"Hi, Gary," called Steve. "John and I are going to the vacant lot to play football with the gang. Want to come along?"

"It sounds like fun, but I'm going to rake the leaves," replied Gary.

"Did your Dad tell you to do it?" asked John.

Gary shook his head. "No, but he's had lots of extra work to do lately. I thought I would like to surprise him."

As Steve and John ran off to play football, Gary got the rake from the garage and began cleaning the yard. He worked steadily and by dusk the leaves were all in three big piles ready for Dad to burn.

Just as Gary finished, his father and a neighbor came home from work.

"Say, look at your yard!" said the neighbor. "Who's done all that work?"

With a pleased look at Gary, Dad answered, "My son has done it."

Today's Bible reading tells us how pleased God was with Jesus when He did what His Heavenly Father wanted Him to do. God said, "This is My beloved Son."

Each time we choose God's way, we know in our hearts even though we cannot hear it with our ears that God is saying, "This is My beloved child."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Jesus my Savior and Example. Help me to choose Your way today and every day. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 4:17-22

Following

Mittens jumped from the basket. The three kittens tumbled out, too.

Mittens walked to the back door. Mom opened it for her. Out she went with the kittens following. It was easy for Mittens to go down the back porch steps. The kittens had trouble making their short legs reach from one step to the next. At last they, too, were on the sidewalk.

When Mittens stopped to play with a bug, the kittens stopped. When Mittens chased a butterfly, the kittens scampered along behind her.

"Kittens follow Mittens," said Betsy.

"Yes," answered Mommy. "They are learning from her the things kittens need to know."

The early disciples followed Jesus so they might learn from Him the things that would help them to be better children of God. We, too, should follow and learn from Him.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for Jesus. I want Him to be my guide. May I always try to do the things He would do. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 4:23-25

As Jesus Did

Betsy had her dolls and stuffed toys sitting on the floor in front of her. "This is Sunday school," she told them. "We will sing 'Jesus Loves Me.'" After the song Betsy asked, "What is our verse? Do you know, Teddy Bear? That's right. God is love."

Linda and Judy were playing hospital. They were nurses trying to help their doll patients to get well.

Gary and Steve were on the back steps talking about what they would do when they were older. "I'm glad we both want to be ministers," said Gary.

"It will be great if we go to the same college to study," added Steve.

A short time later all the children were in the kitchen for cookies and milk.

"Preaching, teaching, healing," said Mom. "Those are all things Jesus did. I hope you children will remember to do as He did always, not just in your play and day dreams."

Prayer:
Dear Jesus, thank You for coming to earth. Thank you for showing us the things we should do. Guide me today I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Happy

The children and Mom were watching the kittens play. They jumped at one another and tumbled about on the grass. Then they chased each other around and around the big tree.

"The kittens seem to be happy all the time," remarked Gary.

"They are good kittens," said Mom. "They obey Mittens. As long as they obey they stay out of trouble and are happy."

"Just like children," giggled Linda.

"Right," smiled Mom. "Jesus suggested some ways we can be especially happy. They are called the Beatitudes."

"Oh, yes," said Gary. "We studied those at the Children's Bible Hour. Mrs. Weaver asked us to memorize them."

"They are a good part to memorize," agreed Mom. "The Beatitudes help us to remember the special blessings those who walk close to Jesus will receive."

Prayer:
Thank You, Jesus, for the Beatitudes. Help me to memorize many parts of the Bible. Help me to obey your teachings. Amen.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16

A Light

Just at dark a severe storm began. The lightening flashed. The thunder roared. The rain fell rapidly.

Suddenly all the lights went out. Even the street lights were out.

"What happened?" asked Linda.

"Boy! I never saw it so dark," said Gary.

"Hold me tight," Betsy told Daddy.

Just then Mommy came in from the kitchen with a lighted candle. It was just one candle but in the darkness it shone forth brightly. She placed it on the tea table. Then she lit another candle from its flame and placed it on the tea table, too.

"How pretty," exclaimed Linda.

"Light! Candle light!" laughed Betsy.

"A candle in a candle stick to give light to all who are in the house," said Dad. "Jesus said Christians should shine like this for Him."

Prayer:
Dear Jesus, show me the ways today I can shine for You. I want to be kind and thoughtful and friendly. I want others to know I follow You. Amen.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 5:17-19

A Pumpkin

Gary and Jack were hiking in the country.

Suddenly Jack stopped. "Boy! Look at those pumpkins, Gary. I bet there are a million of them! Let's take one home to make a jack-o-lantern."

"There are no houses near here," said Gary. "How will we know who to ask?"

"We don't need to ask anyone," replied Jack. "The farmer will never miss one little old pumpkin from that field."

Gary shook his head. "No, he wouldn't, and probably no one would ever know we took it—except God. Do you remember our last Sunday school lesson, Jack?"

"Sure it was about being least in the kingdom of heaven if you broke the least commandment."

"Thou shalt not steal is a commandment," added Gary. "Stealing a pumpkin is a small way of breaking it, but you know what that would mean."

"Thank you for reminding me, Gary," said Jack thoughtfully. "Let's hike on down the road. Perhaps we can find the farmer and buy a pumpkin."

Prayer:
Dear God, help me to think carefully about the things I do. Help me to try harder this day to obey Your teachings. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

RAPTURE

I Thessalonians 4:16, 17

Hark the Shout! There's no mistaking!
All the powers of death are quaking!
Round the earth the graves are shaking!

Speaks the Voice! The earth's receding!
Saints of old are first proceeding
Upward, where the heaven's cleaving!

Oh, the Trump! The Lord's descending!
Angel hosts with joy attending!
Myriads to the clouds ascending!

Changed! Vile body of our mourning,
Instant is thy great transforming,
To the glorious One conforming!

Swiftly flying, roaring, racing,
Caught into His vast embracing,
Saints their Lord at last are facing!

Holy intense love inflaming,
Souls in ecstasy exclaiming!
His redeemed the Lord is claiming!

—Florence Malone

THE SECOND COMING of the Lord in its two phases is described in I Thessalonians 4:13 to 5:11: 1. the Lord descends from heaven (v. 16a); 2. the resurrection and the rapture of those that are "in Christ" (vs. 16b, 17); 3. the Day of the Lord comes unexpectedly, with sudden destruction upon "them," i.e. those that are not "in Christ" (5:1-3); 4. the day of the Lord, the revelation, shall not come upon those in Christ, because they are not of darkness, but children of light (vs. 4, 5); 5. a parenthetical admonition

—in view of their position, children of light should watch and be sober (vs. 6-8); 6. those in Christ are not appointed unto wrath (of the day of the Lord), but to live together with the Lord Jesus Christ (vs. 9, 10); 7. the rapture means deliverance from the wrath of the day of the Lord and assurance of dwelling with Christ—the ground for comfort and edification (v. 11).

The term "rapture" is the "blessed hope" of the Church described in I Thessalonians 4:13-18. It is referred to in other passages, such as I Corinthians 15:51, 52. It is after the rapture that Christ returns to the earth in sovereign glory and His saints with Him (I Thess. 3:13; 4:14; Col. 3:4; Jude 14, 15; Zech. 14:4, 5). It is after the rapture that the Great Tribulation comes (Matt. 24:15-22, 29, 30). For the Church is to be delivered from the "wrath to come" (I Thess. 1:10; 5:1-9; II Thess. 2:1-10). No believers will be left behind the rapture (I Cor. 15:51).

The great tribulation period involves unbelieving Israel and the Gentile nations in wars, famines, disease, and natural disasters (Jer. 30:1-24). The regathering and conversion of Israel and its subsequent blessings on the Gentiles are to be the work of the Messiah (Zech. 14:4, 9; Matt. 16:27; 24:30; 25:31). The abomination of the man of sin opens the eyes of the Jews as to his deception (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15). Christ warned the Jews to flee from Judea into the mountains when they see the abomination of desolation (Matt. 24:15-44). But we are told to look for the coming of the Lord, not for the sign given by the appearance of the man of sin (Phil. 3:20, 21; Titus 2:13). Other passages of pre-tribulation rapture are Acts 15:14-17; Rom. 11:25-27; Rev. 3:10; 4:1.

from the Woman's Outlook

A Letter from - - -

MRS. FRAN CURTIS

Our Missionary to South America

O'Higgins 3162
Buenos Aires, Argentina
August, 1965

Dear Friends,

We have just attended our first conference with our Argentine Brethren. The 1965 Spiritual Conference was held at the site of our future Bible Institute at Eden near the city of Rosario. On Thursday afternoon, July 8, we packed our suitcases with warm clothing and blankets and set out for Rosario in the Jeep station wagon which the Lord has provided for our use. Three of our Argentine Brethren accompanied us on the trip. After a five-and-one-half-hour drive over the flat plains of central Argentina, we entered the gates of Eden. The three day conference consisted of singing, testimonies, and Bible lectures. Reports from the various churches were also given. During a conference such as this, a new missionary has every opportunity to meet and talk with many new friends. Although the nights were cold (30 degree) and some of the dormitories unheated, nevertheless, we still enjoyed the time of fellowship.

We are back in Buenos Aires resuming radio programs and helping our technical director, John Rowsey, with the ever present "little jobs" around the studio. I help with the office work and sing in the choir. Deborah, who is now five and one-half years old, is enjoying a three-week vacation from her kindergarten school. The language is still difficult for us but every day we understand and speak a little more. Bill has been speaking in our nearby churches.

I'm beginning to believe that the Argentine days are shorter, for we never seem to have enough time to do everything. We sometimes have to almost pinch ourselves to make ourselves really believe we are FINALLY here where the Lord has called us. Our adjustment has been easier due to our stay in Costa Rica. We find the people here very agreeable and pleasant. Even though you don't know the right words in Spanish, a smile works wonders.

We are enjoying our fellowship with the Rowseys, Bylers, Solomons and Aspinalls. We feel like one big family, which we are, in the Lord.

We do want to thank you for your letters to us. It is our fondest wish that you share in our joy for the Lord's work in South America. Pray with us that we might be able to communicate the love of Spirit in all things to His honor and glory.

In Christian love,
Fran Curtis

Brethren Youth Crusaders

TOP TEN

The 1964-65 National B.Y. Project "fill the DERBY hat" came to a climax on Saturday morning of Youth Conference. It was suggested that some might like to know the top ten contributors to the project for this year. Therefore, we are listing the ten churches who gave the most to the 64-65 project and please note that others came very close to these top ten in giving and we are grateful to all who helped.

1. Roann, Indiana
2. Nappanee, Indiana
3. Pleasant Hill, Ohio
4. Smithville, Ohio
5. St. James, Maryland
6. Ardmore, Indiana
7. Vinco, Pennsylvania
8. Johnstown II, Pennsylvania
9. Loree, Indiana
10. Maurertown, Virginia

LOUISVILLE JRS.



Always a highlight at the close of each B.Y.C. year is a weekend trip to Camp Bethany.

The above group enjoyed another weekend of spiritual fellowship and fun on June 12 provided by their sponsors, the Ankroms, and several other leaders.

May God bless us that we might be true witnesses through the months ahead.

—Becky Hawks, secretary

CANTON HOOTENANNY



Group Singing

With the Ohio District Conference at our church this June, we were host to a fine group of youth from all over the state. We particularly wish to thank Louisville, Massillon, and Akron youth who journeyed daily from home to join us to make this the best attended district youth program ever. We are grateful to Joe Shultz of Canton Youth for Christ for making our program so interesting and vital.

We enjoyed a full day of Christian fellowship as we took charge of both morning and evening services at church in February. A chili dinner was followed by games in the afternoon.

This spring, Louisville BYC joined us for a Hootenanny held in the church basement. We all were in our hillbilly best as we sat on straw mid Heist's herd of two dimensional cows. Two pictures appear with this article, showing Hootenanny scenes.

The last of our money-raising projects to "fill the DERBY hat" was done at an outing where each member contributed the earnings from his original one dollar capital. Other projects included Slave Days, selling fruit-cakes and a skate for the whole church.

We have maintained care of the church bulletin board and have kept it alive with a spiritual thought each month.

—Bonnie Dobbins, secretary



Best Dressed Hillbillies
Duane Conroy and
Debbie Dickerhoff

Rural Outreach - - -

Sponsored by Whom?

. . . The American Sunday-School Union. This a pioneer, nonsectarian home-missionary organization which is dedicated to the task of teaching people throughout America with the redeeming Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The organization has been in existence ever since the year 1817.

But what is "RURAL OUTREACH"?

. . . American youth are ready to be challenged and will respond in a most thrilling way when confronted with a real need. The remarkable enrollment in the Peace Corps in the first few months of almost 12,000 young people, half of whom were serving overseas, heartened every American. The response to the prospect of the rigors of the very intensive training and subsequent sacrifice has surprised many who have written off American young people as unresponsive. Christian youth are especially ready, willing, and abundantly able to serve Christ sacrificially, as has been demonstrated in Rural Outreach, a form of Christian youth corps of the American Sunday-School Union.

What is its Purpose?

. . . There are several purposes in the Rural Outreach program of the American Sunday-School Union. First, it makes possible reaching children for Christ in out-of-the-way places in our country where local vacation Bible school teachers are not available. Secondly, it provides dedicated high-school seniors and college-age young people a missionary internship during the summer which greatly influences their lives at a most vital period in their spiritual growth. Third, Rural Outreach provides a skillfully developed training program in the local church with a service impact of far-reaching benefit to church and individuals alike.

What kind of Preparation is required?

. . . Through the ministry of the local church, young people are presented with this challenging form of ministry. A complete manual for study is provided by the American Sunday School Union for Rural Outreach. Adult leadership which is spiritually and educationally qualified is selected to train the young people who respond to the invitation to prepare to teach vacation Bible schools the following summer.

The training program includes an intensive study of Scripture, memorization methods, teaching principles and guidance in leading children to Christ. The Union's "Our Redeemer" series of material for vacation Bible school is carefully studied, since it is used by American Sunday School Union missionaries in vacation Bible schools where the young people will ultimately serve. The training program usually starts in January and continues through the spring, with a minimum of 24 classroom hours of required instruction.

What is a Team Educator?

. . . This is an individual in the local church (pastor, pastor's wife or member of the laity) who supervises the training of the young person/s in his church for work during the summer. This team educator has a Rural Outreach manual which outlines all the various types of study the young person must undergo and he obtains individuals who are knowledgable in the various areas to teach the young person/s. The team educator himself goes to the field with the young people during the summer or arranges to have someone go in his place to advise and help the young team members on the field.

How do you become a Team Educator?

. . . You write to the National Brethren Youth office, 524 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio, 44805, and simply ask for an application to become a Rural Outreach Team Educator and we will send the necessary form to get you enrolled as a Team Educator.

How do you become a Rural Outreach team member?

. . . You write to the National Brethren Youth office, 524 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio, 44805, and simply ask for an application to become a Rural Outreach team member. You *must be* a high school *senior* or *college-age* young person to apply.

What happens after you apply for a Rural Outreach position?

. . . You begin your required 24 hours of study from the Rural Outreach manual which you must purchase for $5.00 under the supervision of a team educator in your church. After you complete the 24 hours of training, you may then proceed to the orientation section of training or you may decide to quit the program. The orientation section will include training by an American S. S. Union representative to prepare you for the particular field where you will be going and then you will also prepare the lessons which will be taught in the Bible schools. ($5.00 fee) Because this is a missionary effort and is presented to train you well, each team member must raise his own money for going to the field and suporting himself while there by doing deputation work before going or seeking financial help in his home church, or working, but he must raise his own money as missionaries and other volunteer program workers do.

One other important ingredient!

. . . Prayer! The vital determinant for success in such an important project as Rural Outreach is prayer! Each participant must be much in prayer for guidance. He also enlists Prayer Partners from his local church who will covenant to pray for the team member as he studies, works and serves.

Memo from your Acting Youth Director:

The National Brethren Youth Board voted to enter this program of Rural Outreach and it will supplant the Old Summer Crusader program. Additional information and promotion ideas will be included with the packets of new youth materials sent to pastors and youth leaders the latter part of September. But begin now to pray and consider your part in the Rural Outreach program!

How to build a SUNDAY SCHOOL in Times Like These

by Dr. Charles Blair

Part I

HOW TO BUILD A SUNDAY SCHOOL IN TIMES LIKE THESE—This was the subject of Dr. Charles Blair's Sunday school workshop address on Wednesday afternoon of this year's General Conference. This is a subject on which Dr. Blair is particularly well qualified to speak because of his own success in building a great Sunday school in Denver, Colorado. In his address Dr. Blair set about to answer five questions which are basic to building a Sunday school. Three of these questions and Dr. Blair's answers to them follow:

Question 1. What is the purpose of the Sunday school?

To **build** a Sunday school you must understand the **purpose** of the Sunday school. The purpose of the Sunday school is twofold.

A. To win the lost.

B. To make disciples of those who are won. Under this point Dr. Blair explained that there are five things he wants for each student in his Sunday school. Each student is (1) to be saved, (2) to be baptized, (3) to become a church member, (4) to learn to pray, and (5) to learn to give. Each Sunday school teacher should have at least one personal interview with each of his pupils each year to determine if that pupil is a Christian and to see if he is experiencing Christian growth.

Question 2. How do you build a Sunday school?

Once again Dr. Blair had a two part answer to this question.

A. One step in building a Sunday school is by **building up lists of prospects** and then getting these prospects. Prospects can be secured in various ways—by community census, from first time guest lists, from unchurched relatives and friends of those who attend church, and so on. But prospect lists are not enough. These prospects must be reached. This requires visitation campaigns. Dr. Blair reported that his church has two campaigns a year—one in the fall and one in the spring.

B. The second step in building a Sunday school is to have an **organized Sunday school.** The type of organization referred to is that of a properly proportioned Sunday school with proper sized classes. Under this point Dr. Blair stressed the importance of starting new classes as soon as present classes reached maximum size. For example, a class of ten junior high girls is a maximum sized class. When student number eleven arrives it is time to start a new class—but not be dividing the old class! Rather, student number eleven now becomes number one in a new class, and it is the responsibility of this class to grow.

Question 3. How can a Sunday school secure enough teachers and workers?

To this perennial problem Dr. Blair had four suggestions for a solution.

A. Prayer. We are reminded that Jesus, himself, told His disciples to pray to the Lord of the harvest that He would send laborers into the harvest.

B. Take a census of church members to determine their talents and what tasks they are willing to perform.

C. Ask the present staff for suggestions.

D. Present lists of classes and of prospects before the adults and **challenge** them with the need for teachers.

Dr. Blair demonstrated the effectiveness of this fourfold approach to the teacher recruitment problem when he reported that his church now has a waiting list of teachers who are ready and willing to teach but for whom there are no classes.

(Next week, questions 4 and 5.)

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

"Facing the Sun"

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me (John 12:32).

A MAN, whose wife was an admirer and grower of African violets, noticed that the flowers on the plant that adorned the breakfast table, were all turned toward the sun. Curious, he turned the plant so the bloom was turned away from the sun. A few days later he again observed the plant, and again noted that the bloom had turned toward the sun. God has ordained that there is life and health and beauty of color for the flower in the rays of the sun.

Pondering this fact from the realm of nature reminds one of our text, the Master's words, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Just as the flowers were drawn to the sun, so are men drawn by the love of God.

It is unwaveringly true that if men lift up the crucified Lord before their fellows, He will draw into the fellowship of His love all those who surrender themselves to Him and strive honestly to do His will. "There is life for a look at the crucified One." "It is only that you look and live."

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for September 26, 1965
GROWING IN CHRISTIAN LOVE
Text: I John 4:7-21

THE CROWN of all Christian virtues is love. Love is the cause, effect and foundation of salvation. It is the basis for marriage, the home, the church and fellowship. No other theme has been so beautiful and yet made so ugly as that of love. Since to God it is "a more excellent way" (I Cor. 12:31; 13), it should not surprise us that Satan and the world should make every effort to identify love with the base passions of the flesh.

God is Love: I John 4:7-11.

There are many attitudes that may pass for love in this world, but Christian love can only come from God (4:7). It is evident that those who love thus are born of God. This is how we know that a person is born of God, a disciple of Jesus Christ (John 13:35).

The fact that we love God is revealed by an active, living love. If one truly lives, walks and talks with God, then that one cannot contain such acquaintance with Him. It will be expressed in love.

Christ is the greatest example of how God's love works. God showed His love to us by **sending** Jesus Christ into the world so that we who were under sin's death penalty might live. The mere coming of Jesus and His revealing God to us was wonderful, but God did more than this, He sent His Son for the express purpose of dying to satisfy the law's demands on behalf of all who believe. This love is more amazing yet when we realize that the men for whom God was doing these things were not even loving Him at the time. It took His love to cause us to love.

4:11. We are bound by the love of God to love others just the same way He loved us. Have we always been lovely, kind and considerate toward God? To receive the best without giving the least is mean and selfish. Without loving we cannot receive love.

4:12. We may have never seen God but we do know that He lives in us when we love. His Spirit will let us know that He is there.

Love, then, does something for us. When we love we have God's presence in us. When we love, fear will be pushed out of our lives. When we love we will have boldness in the day of judgment.

World Religious News in Review

HARRIS POLL SHOWS NINETY-SEVEN PER CENT OF AMERICANS BELIEVE IN GOD

NEW YORK (EP)—Fifty-four per cent of adult Americans claim they attend church services at least once a week; fifty per cent report they say grace at most meals in their homes; ninety-seven per cent profess a belief in God; and seventy-two per cent believe in life after death, according to a Louis Harris poll of a cross-section of the population.

Yet in spite of these evidences of religious interest, nearly a third of American adults, according to Mr. Harris, feel they are less religious than their parents or than their children will be.

The question: "Do you feel you are a deeply religious person, only somewhat religious, or hardly religious at all?" received these replies: twenty-seven per cent rated themselves as deeply religious; sixty-three per cent as "somewhat"; seven per cent as "hardly ...at all"; and one per cent, not religious. Two per cent were "not sure."

Those "deeply religious" included a disproportionate number of Southerners, women, Catholics and Negroes. Lowest level of religious interest was reported from Eastern states.

Eighteen per cent of those interviewed said they go to church more than once a week; thirty-six per cent said they go at least weekly; eleven per cent twice a month; eight per cent, once a month; twenty-four per cent, less often; and three per cent, never go.

ISLAM 'DISCIPLINE, ENTHUSIASM' HELD CHALLENGE TO MISSIONS

ST. PETER, MINN. (EP)—Christianity must learn from the "discipline and enthusiasm" of Islam in the foreign mission struggle, according to a former medical missionary.

Dr. Kristofer Hagen, who spent eight years in India before practicing in Minneapolis, said the prize was most of Africa and a third or more of Asia.

Africans and Asians would adopt an organized religion or idealogy in this century, he said, and the Christian cause deserves "greater zeal and efficiency."

Dr. Hagen told the Minnesota Synodical unit of the Lutheran Church Women (LCA) they must help the church "kindle the fire in every heart."

MOSCOW RADIO HAILS PAPAL CALL FOR NUCLEAR ARMS BAN

MOSCOW (EP)—Moscow Radio, in a lengthy commentary, hailed Pope Paul VI's recent call for a ban on nuclear weapons as bound to "meet with the understanding of people of goodwill, of all those who hold dear the future of mankind."

The pontiff's plea was made on Sunday, August 8, when, in a talk to pilgrims at the papal summer residence, he called attention to the twentieth anniversary of the atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima.

MID-WEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE of BRETHREN CHURCHES

October 7 - 10, 1965

MORRILL BRETHREN CHURCH
Morrill, Kansas

MID-WEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE THEME:
"AWAKE THOU THAT SLEEPEST"
Text: Ephesians 5:14

PROGRAM

Thursday Evening—October 7

7:30 Song Service
Prayer Period Elder Kenneth R. Howard
Installation of Officers
Elder Kenneth R. Howard
Welcome to the Conference
Pastor of Host Church
Elder Robert Holsinger
Roll Call of the Churches and their Response
Appointment of the Committees ..The Moderator
Special Music Falls City
Vice Moderator's Address
Elder Myron W. Dodds
"Awakening Unto Change"
Invitation
Benediction Elder Carl Barber

Friday Morning—October 8

8:15 Simultaneous Sessions
W.M.S., Laymen, Ministers, Youth
9:15 Hymn
Devotions Fort Scott
Special Music Carleton
Message Elder Robert Holsinger
"Awake Unto The Great Commission"
10:00 Business Session
Report of Credential Committee
Statistician's Report Dwight Bishard
District Evangelist Report
Elder Robert Holsinger
Benevolent Board Report Mr. John Porte
Brethren Field Secretary Report
Mr. John Porte
Sisterhood Report Mrs. Carl Barber
District Planning Committee Report
Camp Board Report
(to include Cheyenne's Camp)
Youth Board Report Beverly Summy
12:00 Noon Fellowship Meal

Friday Afternoon

1:30 Hymn
Devotions Carleton
Special Music Fort Scott
Ashland College and Seminary Trustee Report
Ashland College Elder Virgil Meyer
W.M.S. Report Mrs. Edith Culp
District Missionary Board Report ..Lester Peck
National Missionary Board Report
Elder Robert Bischof
3:30 The W.M.S., Laymen Sessions
5:30 Evening Dinner Hour

Friday Evening

7:30 Song Service
Devotions Mulvane
Special Music Morrill
Moderator's Address Elder Buck D. Garrett
"Too Many 'Rockers' "
Hymn and Invitation
Benediction Elder Myron W. Dodds

Saturday Morning—October 9

8:15 Simultaneous Sessions
9:15 Hymn
Devotions Derby
Special Music Cheyenne
Message Elder Kenneth R. Howard
Ezekiel 3:17-19
"Awake Watchman—Awake People"
Invitation
10:00 Business Session
Announcements
Report of Credential Committee
Conference Minutes
Laymen's Report District—Mr. Earl Clyburn
National—Mr. John Porte
Election of Officers
Unfinished Business
12:00 Noon Fellowship Meal

Saturday Afternoon

1:30 Hymn
Devotions Falls City
Sunday School Board Report
Elder Carl Barber
Board of Christian Education Report
Elder Myron W. Dodds
Treasurer's Report Mr. Lee Howard
Resolutions Committee Report
Committee on Moderator's Address

Conference Officers

Moderator - - - - Elder Buck D. Garrett
Vice Moderator - - Elder Myron W. Dodds
Secretary - - - - - Mrs. Olen Davis
Treasurer - - - - - Mr. Lee Howard
Statistician - - - - Mr. Dwight Bishard

Brethren Publishing Company
Elder Spencer Gentle
Unfinished Business
Final Reading of Conference Minutes
3:30 Laymen's Presentation for the Conference
Special Speaker Elder Robert Bischof
Hymn and Invitation
5:30 Evening Dinner Hour

Saturday Evening

7:30 Song Service and Testimonies
Devotions McLouth
Special Music Mulvane
Message Elder Carl Barber
"Awake Unto God's Judgments"
Hymn and Invitation
Benediction

Sunday Morning—October 10

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Morning Worship
Song Service
Devotions Morrill
Offering
All loose offering goes to the Conference
Special Music Derby
Message Elder Robert Bischof
Benediction The Moderator-Elect
Adjournment of Conference

Woman's Missionary Society

Theme: "Fruits of the Spirit"
Text: Galatians 5:22
Pianist: Mrs. Carl Sherman
Song Leader: Mrs. Olen Davis

Friday Morning 8:15

Prelude Mrs. Carl Sherman
Hymn
Devotions Morrill W.M.S.
Business
Secretary-Treasurer's Report Mrs. Lee Howard
President's Report Mrs. Edith Culp
Announcement of Committees
W. M. S. Benediction

Friday Afternoon 3:30

Prelude Mrs. Carl Sherman
Hymn
Devotions Cheyenne W.M.S.
Special Music Mulvane W.M.S.
Memorial Service Falls City W.M.S.
Announcements and Comments
W. M. S. Benediction

Saturday Morning 8:15

Prelude Mrs. Carl Sherman
Hymn
Devotions Carleton W.M.S.
Special Music Derby W.M.S.
Business
Highlights of National Conference
Roll Call of Societies
Election of Officers
Adoption of goals and Camp Project
W. M. S. Benediction

Saturday Afternoon 3:30

Prelude Mrs. Carl Sherman
Hymn
Devotions McLouth W.M.S.
Special Music Falls City W.M.S.
Courtesy Report
Installation of Officers
Final Reading of Minutes
Hymn
Closing Prayer and W.M.S. Benediction

W. M. S. DISTRICT OFFICERS

President Mrs. Edith Culp, Fort Scott, Kansas
Vice President Mrs. Milford Brinegar, Carleton, Nebraska
Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Lee Howard, Mulvane, Kansas

Brethren Youth

Thursday Evening

7:30 Attend the regular session with the adults
9:00 Registration and get acquainted

Friday Morning

8:15 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Sessions
9:15 Be in General Session
10:00 Late Registration
Songs
Devotions Carleton Youth
10:30 Workshop
11:15 Youth Speaker

Friday Afternoon

2:15 Devotions Fort Scott Youth
3:00 Business Session
3:30 Recreation

Friday Evening

7:30 Attend General Session
9:00 Singspiration
Special Music from each Church

Saturday Morning

8:15 Brotherhood and Sisterhood
9:15 Attend General Session
10:00 Workshop Session
10:45 Business
11:15 Youth Speaker

Saturday Afternoon

2:00 Business
Election of Officers
Youth Project Explained
1965-66 National Quiz Contest Explained
4:00 Recreation and Picnic

Saturday Evening

7:30 Attend General Session
9:00 Christian Movie

Sunday Morning

9:30 Sunday School
10:00 Morning Worship

SISTERHOOD

Devotional Program for Octobe

DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Worship:
"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32, 33).

Hymn: "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Circle of Prayer:
Remembering especially this month, Margaret Lowery and the Bischofs.

Bible Study:

Special Music:
Vocal Number by one or several of your group.

***Topic:** "Confess Before Men"

Poem:
Holy Lamb, who Thee confess,
Followers of Thy holiness,
Thee they ever keep in view,
Ever ask, "What shall we do?"
Governed by Thy only will,
All Thy words we would fulfill;
Would in all Thy footsteps go,
Walk as Jesus walked below.

Hymn: "Spirit of Sisterhood"

Sisterhood Benediction

Business Meeting

*The general theme for the Sisterhood this year is **"Demands of Discipleship."** It is our prayer that each girl will desire and feel the need to serve her Lord; and through this series of topics this year, we will attempt to show the demands that are required as disciples of Christ. The first demand, then, is to **"Confess Before Men."**

For this topic we are asking the patroness to present a discussion to the girls in the manner desired by each particular patroness for her group. We ask that you use Matthew 10:23, 33 as the Scripture reference and you may supplement this with other Scriptures or poem or story that is relevant to the topic.

READ THE SISTERHOOD PAGE IN THE EVANGELIST EVERY WEEK!

JUNIOR BIBLE STUDY

THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST

by MRS. EDWIN BOARDMAN

"How blue the sky is!" we sometimes say. Or, "We need rain!" And sometime later, it does rain. Do we say then, "Oh, let us thank our President for making the sky so blue"? or "How good of our Mayor to give us rain"? No! Since we were small children, we have known that God, the Creator, makes the sky so blue. Even the scientists cannot send rain or make a rainbow in the sky. So we praise *God* for the wonders of earth and sky. "Well then," someone might remark, "if man cannot make rain, but only God, then rain must be a miracle." That brings us to our new study.

WHAT IS A MIRACLE?

Would you call rain a miracle? "Well, no," you answer, "rain and sun are natural." You are right. In the beginning miracle, God made everything that is. Christ was there, too, as God started the natural order—the movements of earth and planets, of sun and stars. This included also the laws of gravity, light, sound, heat, atoms which we find in our natural world. Even small children learn to depend on these unchanging laws. Water is wet; fire burns; light is pleasant; and clap of hands brings sound. A book will not float in the air.

Wouldn't it be dreadful if you were unable to close your eyes at night for fear the next day might not come. But we know that day always follows night. When the leaves fall and the flowers fade in autumn, we do not fear. We know that God will never fail to bring the springtime after winter frosts. It has always been so—the Christian knows it always *will* be so! God has given His promise. In Genesis, after "the flood," He says, "While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease." Thank God for His *natural order!*

Only when God wills to move across the natural order with a higher power do we call it *miracle*. God has *supernatural* power. For His own glory and at His will, God has power to set aside earth's natural forces. By this power Christ performed miracles—so that men said of Jesus, "We never saw it on this wise."

Since God is our Creator, He alone knows the arrangement of every cell—every atom in our bodies and in the universe around us. By Him all things are held together. When He wills He can, in an instant, cause water to support the steps of a man. He can replace with healthy cells the marks of disease so that

the blind see
the deaf hear
the crippled rise straight and strong
the dead are restored to life.

We repeat—we see God's *supernatural power* at work in the miracles of Christ.

Many times in the Gospels you have read the miracles of Jesus. Just now, in your place of meeting, pause for a moment, that each of you may mention the miracle that comes first to mind.

THE KEY MIRACLES

You were sure to think of the miracle of *Jesus birth*. Remember? the angel song, the shepherds who heard of the new-born Savior, the Wisemen and above all—the *wonderous star!*

Perhaps you mentioned the *Easter* miracle when the grave could not hold the Savior. He arose and later appeared to "the eleven" in a room where all the doors were locked!

Did you think of our Lord's *Ascention* when He passed out of sight into the heavens? He went back to the glory He had with the Father? If you have mentioned these three, you know the *key miracles* as they are called. They show that Jesus, the Christ, was divine—that He was, indeed, God's only Son.

FOUR CLASSES OF MIRACLES

Others may have remembered blind Bartimaeus receiving his sight. (A healing miracle.) Then there was the man with the unclean spirit. At Jesus word, "the demon cried with a loud voice and came out!" (Demons cast out.) You may have recalled how the raging sea with its great billows and roaring winds obeyed when Jesus uttered three majestic words: "Peace, be still." (Jesus power over nature.) What of the little girl who lay dead until she heard from the lips of Jesus, in His gentle voice, "Little maid, I say unto thee, 'Arise'"? (The dead restored to life.)

Notice from the above, the four classes of Christ's miracles.

1. Healing.
2. Demons cast out.
3. Christ's power over nature.
4. Christ's power over death.

No doubt you thought of still other miracles, but each one recorded can be placed in one of the above classifications.

OPEN YOUR BIBLE

John 2:1-11

You will want to look again at these and other miracles in your *own* Bible. We shall begin with another "nature miracle." If you will read John 2:1-11, you will learn of Christ's very first miracle. It is such a happy picture! It takes place at a wedding. Later on we will see Jesus moving among many who are suffering and sad; but here we are in a lively group, and Jesus adds to the happiness of the occasion. Think of it!

The servants have just finished filling those six enormous stone jars with water. When they draw out the liquid, it is *not* water. It has become, at Jesus' will, rosy juice from the grapes to refresh the guests. Jesus blessed marriage that day by His presence. How thankful we should be that He binds together each Christian family in His love.

This is how Jesus began His ministry of miracles—as if He is saying to our sad world, "I am bringing you a religion of joy." To quickly find other miracles, turn to the Gospel of Mark, for at least one miracle is recorded in each of the first ten chapters. Mark has only four parables but nineteen miracles so you can move rapidly from one wonder to the next. Try to classify each in its proper group.

We know from the Gospels that Jesus performed thirty-five individual miracles. How many more wonders He performed, we cannot tell. John's Gospel says, "And many other signs did Jesus in the presence of His disciples which are not written in this book" —but we have enough! They show us that Jesus is the Christ, given power from God. And as John intended, "believing this, we have life through Jesus' name."

Let us pray that God, in this study, may lay these miracles on our hearts and in our memory. For we must tell others this "good news" of a wonder-working Savior. We must tell them that Jesus has made a direct path from earth to heaven. There are so *many, many* with broken hearts who *need to find this Way.*

We must be able to answer when they cry,

Tell me the stories of Jesus
I love to hear;
Things I would ask Him to tell me
If He were here;
Scenes by the wayside,
Tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus,
Tell them to me.

Tell me in accents of wonder
How rolled the sea,
Tossing the boat in a tempest
On Galilee.
And how the Master,
Ready and kind,
Chided the billows
And hushed the wind.

Signal Lights Program for Octobe

Prepared by Mrs. Alberta Holsinge

Bible Theme: "OBEYING GOD"

Project: OUTFIT THE BOLINGERS FOR NIGERIA

Call to Worship:

"Follow Me," we hear Christ say.
"Follow Me every day;
Following Me brings great joy
To each person—girl or boy."

Sing:

"Follow I Will Follow Thee"
"Trust and Obey"
"Can a Little Child Like Me"
"I Don't Have to Wait"

Bible Story:

Abraham Obeys God

In the country where Abraham lived most of the people worshipped idols. They would sing and dance before the idols. They would ask the idols to help them.

Abraham knew the idols were just carvings of stone. He knew they could not help the people who worshipped them.

Abraham knew more than this. He knew the true God. He did not bow before the idols. He prayed to God in heaven.

Abraham was happy in the country where he lived. His father and other relatives were nearby. He had many friends.

One day God spoke to Abraham. "Leave this land," He said. "Leave your relatives and your friends. With your wife, Sarah, travel to a land I will show you. If you obey me I will greatly bless you and make of you a great nation."

What would you do? Would you leave your home and family if you knew God wanted you to do it? Would you travel to an unknown country if God told you to go?

It is not always easy to follow God's instructions. Often we would rather do something else.

Abraham obeyed God. He and Sarah traveled to a new country. And God blessed Abraham as He promised to do. He made of Abraham a great nation. Abraham found true happiness by obeying God.

Based on Genesis 12:1-7

Sing:

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"
"Telling Others" (from Beginners Sing)

Mission Story:

The Missionaries Leave

"The Bischofs are going back to their country," said the people of Mbororo. "They need a time of rest. They want to see their families at home. Rev. Bischof will help teach young Brethren ministers."

"But who will help us?" asked Small One as he listened to the grownups talk.

His mother shook her head. "There are many, many things our own ministers and nurses do not know. We need someone like the Bischofs, but there is no one to come. It makes us sad."

"We are glad, too," said Father to Small One. "We are glad the Bischofs came. We are glad they taught us of Jesus. We will have a party for them before they leave We will have plays and give them gifts. While they are gone, we wil try very hard to remember and t do the things they have taught us. I a year they will come back to us.

"I'm glad the Bischofs will com back," said Small One. "Perhap other missionaries will come, too. will ask God to send them to us.

The prayers of Small One and th Higi people, the prayers of th Brethren here at home have bee answered. Another missionary fam ily is going to Nigeria.

Rev. and Mrs. Larry Bolinge have one more year of study. The with their four young children they will go to help the Higi people lear of Jesus.

Will you pray for the Bolingers Will you help send them?

Our doing-without-money this yea will be used to buy the things they will need in Nigeria. They will nee to take clothes (including shoes an boots!) for all of them for fou years. They will need linens, towels a butane gas stove, suitcases, storag chests, and many, many other things

We can help. We gave $700 for th tractor for the Eden Bible Institut in Argentina last year. If we all d our part we can give $900 to hel outfit the Bolingers for Nigeria. You can help the Higi children learn o Jesus by sending the Bolingers t them.

Friendship Circle of Prayer:

Let us thank God for our ministers and parents who teach us of Jesus.

Let us ask Him to be with the Bischofs during this year of rest at home and with the Bolingers as they prepare to go to Nigeria.

Business:

1. Roll Call
2. Secretary's report
3. Talk about doing without things to have money for our project.
4. Encourage family devotions.
5. Plan a Thanksgiving tree for next month. (You might like to have a mitten or sock tree. Or you might like to have the children bring miscellaneous supplies such as pencils, crayons, needles, thread, etc., for one of our Kentucky missions.)

Handwork:

A Hand Bookmark

Give each child a pencil and a half sheet of colored paper. Have the children trace around one of their own hands. Cut out the tracing. On the paper hand print "I will not forget Thy Word." (The younger Signal Lights will need to have this done for them.)

Suggest to the children that their paper hands be used to mark the place in the Bible for their family devotions. The tip of the longest finger may be bent over the edge of the page.

Encourage the Signal Lights to read and obey God's Word.

Signal Lights Benediction:

Dear Savior, help us to be signal lights shining for Thee in the dark places of the world. Amen.

CENTRAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August - 1965

Elected officers of the Central Council to serve in 1965-66 are as follows:

W. Clayton Berkshire, Chairman
M. Virgil Ingraham, Vice Chairman
Richard E. Allison, Secretary
Mrs. Robert Keplinger, Ass't. Secretary

The members of the Central Council for 1965-66 are as follows:

Regular members are:

Dr. Glenn Clayton
Mr. Dorman Ronk
Mr. George Kerlin
Mr. Richard Best
Mr. Floyd Benshoff
Rev. Donald Rowser
Rev. Richard Allison
Mr. A. Glenn Carpenter
Mr. Elton Whitted
Mrs. Robert Keplinger
Rev. Thomas Shannon
Mrs. Howard Winfield
Rev. Harold Barnett
Rev. Charles Munson
Rev. M. Virgil Ingraham
Rev. Spencer Gentle
Dr. Joseph R. Shultz
Mr. John Porte
Rev. Albert T. Ronk
Rev. W. Clayton Berkshire

Alternate members are:

Rev. Virgil Meyer
Mr. Ernest Fair
Mr. Virgil Barnhart
Rev. Jerald Radcliff
Mr. Isaac Litton
Rev. William Anderson
Rev. George W. Solomon
Rev. Phil Lersch
Rev. Smith Rose
Mrs. Paul Steiner
Rev. Richard Kuns
Mrs. Charles Munson

The receipts for General Conference expenses for 1964-65 hit a new all-time high of $13,417.13. This is indicative of the increased support given to Central Council.

$2,700 will be made available for the proposed Brethren History book. This money will be given by the Laymen's Organization, the Ministerium, the W.M.S., the Brethren Youth Board, the Missionary Board, the Publication Board, the Sunday School Board and from the General Conference budget.

The Music Committee of General Conference presented a recommendation to the Central Council as follows:

> "Until a definite decision can be made concerning conference hymnals, the Music Committee recommends that the hymns be printed in the conference program, with the possibility of going to a 16-page section, effective next conference year."

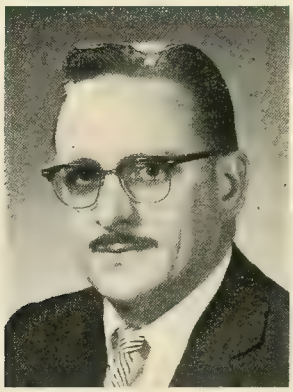
The Central Council approved this recommendation.

The next meeting of the Central Council will be at 1 o'clock on November 29, 1965.

MISSIONARY NEWS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ARGENTINA

July 9 - 11, 1965



by REV. KENNETH L. SOLOMON

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

THIS WAS the testimony of the psalmist many years ago and it *is* the testimony of the more than 100 Argentine Brethren who gathered together on the Eden campus to celebrate once again their annual spiritual conference. They came from Cordoba, Victoria, Rosario, Buenos Aires, Colon, Bombal, Villa Constitucion and Soldini to enjoy the rich Christian fellowship, the inspirational messages, the Bible studies, and fine hospitality of the recently formed Soldini church, all of which was a part of this year's conference.

The month of July is not the ideal time to have the conference since here in Argentina it is the coldest month of the year. Therefore, we were pleasantly surprised at the fine response and we do hope that none were sorry they came, even though the majority returned to their homes with a head cold. As it turned out, the three days of Conference were the coldest that have been recorded in the past 20 or 30 years according to the report. I understand that it got down to at least 19 degrees farenheit and that with a cold damp wind out here in the country seems twice as cold. This, too, without central heating in the buildings. Fortunately we were able to house the majority of the mothers with babies and little children, plus the elderly ladies, in the large rooms opening out into the large living room where we kept a blazing fire going in the fireplace day and night. Also the large fireplace in the dining hall helped that part of the house and made it comfortable during meals. In the meeting hall we placed a small gas heater. Therefore, the only ones to suffer from the cold were the men who had to sleep in unheated dormitories.

It was quite a chore to provide food and lodging for so many but it was well worth the effort. This is the testimony of those who did most of the work—the members of the new work here in Soldini—and they speak of having received a marvelous blessing from it all. This was their first experience at a Protestant conference and they really enjoyed it. Those in the Soldini membership were just baptized in May

of this year. A promising sign for the future of the Brethren Church in Argentina was seen in the presence of so many youth and young married couples.

The general conference closed with the evening meeting of Sunday, the 11th of July, and then the Pastors conference began and continued for three days more. There was much need for talking over and sharing ideas concerning the co-ordination of the overall work, the ways in which we might all work together more as a team toward some common objectives, and the problems and needs being faced by individual pastors and congregations. It came out that two of the greatest problems facing the Argentine Brethren church at the present time are: (1) lack of funds to pay our pastors a living wage so that they might stop working on the side and dedicate full time to the ministry; (2) lack of funds for building adequate church accommodations for our growing congregations. We believe there is sufficient evidence to indicate that this situation is brought on more by the inflationary economic situation in the country than by poor stewardship on the part of the Brethren.

We close this brief report soliciting the continued support of the North American Brethren, especially in the areas of prayer and finances. There are unlimited possibilities here and a tremendous need of the saving Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. May He continue to reward you richly for your faithful contribution to, and active participation in, the cause for which He gave His ALL.

CANDIDATES IN TRAINING

Rev. and Mrs. Larry Bolinger
628 Clifford Street
Lansing, Michigan

Our candidates for Nigerian service are studying at Michigan State University and would be pleased to hear from you. Your prayers and encouragement to them are appreciated.

Larry will be studying a two-year course of the Hausa language while there for this one year. It is a very intensive program in addition to their other orientation courses.

NEW MISSIONARY RESIDENCE in ASHLAND

THE BISCHOFS are the first to occupy the new dwelling for furloughed missionaries, having moved in September 3 following their visit with relatives in the eastern part of the U. S. There will be more in future editions of *The Brethren Evangelist* giving details of this lovely home. Here is the new address:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bischof
705 Grant Street
Ashland, Ohio



PRAISE the Lord for the Bolingers who are in training for missionary service in Nigeria

PRAY for the financial situation in the Argentine Church, that there might be funds to provide adequate wages to pastors and for building programs.

PRAY for the recovery of Pastor Ricardo Rivero from his automobile accident.

PRAY for the preparation of the fifteenth Anniversary Rally of CAVEA, the South American radio ministry, to be held October 11.

PRAY for the Nigerian evangelist among the Higi people with their tremendous work load and responsibility in the absence of the Bischofs from the Mbororo Station.

PRAY for the recovery of Margaret Lowery.

PRAISE the Lord for the new workers at Riverside Christian Training School and at Krypton.

The Brethren Layman

The Laymen's Meeting

James E. Norris

Program for October

Topic:

LIVING FOR JESUS

Scripture for Devotions: Philippians 2:1-18

Hymn: "Living For Jesus"

Prayer

Lesson Introduction:

Much of the thought for this evening's lesson comes from the hymn we have just sung. (If you are unable to the have the hymn as a part of the program, possibly someone could read it.) There is nothing more revealing than to teach a Sunday school class and have a question period. Then some younger person asks, "When I listen to a prayer made by someone in the church, why is he always asking God for something but never offers to give anything?" That is why this lesson is being written. Many of the saints were looking for Christ's appearing in the days of the early church. Today, people are not as anxious, or they do not appear so. This set me to thinking.

Topics for discussion:

1. A Life that is True.

Striving to please Him in all that I do. "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21). Do you know where to turn in God's Word for directions on Christian living? "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Where is this Scripture found?)

2. Follow His Leading (Discuss and find in the Bible).

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?" Do we need any other leading than His?

3. Living for Jesus Wherever I Am.

In Acts 24, 25 and 26, we see the wonderful defense of St. Paul climaxed by this statement—"Whereupon O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision" (26:19). It is possible, then, to live for Him as a prisoner, and to witness for Him wherever we are. How can we witness for Christ when we are surrounded by ungodly men where we work? Read Philippians 2:13-15.

4. Do we ask God for everything and give Him nothing?

This question is purposely asked this way to point out what the duty of man is. In Deuteronomy 10:12, 13, "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul. To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?"

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:13). Then we realize we are unable to give equal to the Lord for what He gives us. Everything we attain first requires faith, being "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

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II Timothy 4:8

"LOVING HIS APPEARING"

Boys' Brotherhood Study Article —

The Relationship of BOYS' BROTHERHOOD TO GOD

SOMETIMES YOU MAY FEEL that at your age there is so little that you can do or that you should be planning to do, but I say to you that you should plan very early in life what you will make of your life. About one week ago I heard of a girl who at the age of three and one-half years had sung on stage. At five years she was in her first play on stage. Her parents were concerned that she start early to make a success on stage. Boys, if it is important to get at this early in life, is it not far more important to get started in the Christian life at an early age? If at a later date in life we are to have power to do for our Lord, He would have us prepare at an early age. If we are to have power, then we must overflow with power. The earlier we start in life, the stronger this will be. Paul prayed that we might all be characterized by power, faith, knowledge, and love in a marked degree. In a word, God's plan for a Christian is that he must be a good man, overflowing in all the qualities of a Christian life and character. In God's Word we find a reserve of all these qualities.

God overflows in power, love and knowledge. He plans that every Christian may, also. But to have this, our whole nature must be in touch with God. So our first question is: "Am I a Christian?" Am I living at a poor starving rate? Am I only paying just a respectful attention to public worship? OR, am I putting my shoulder to the wheel of Christian progress, and giving it the movement that ought to characterize it?

We must have an overflow of faith. "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith . . . unto all the fulness of God." Faith has removed many things in lives that appear to be mountains. It will continue to do so. The victories of faith are simply marvelous. Victorious faith is not just enthusiasm. It is conviction in action. It begins within us and is demonstrated in the outside world.

Now, again God says that he wants us to have an overflow of knowledge. At a tender age we learn rather rapidly. All you boys know this. The Apostle Paul prayed, "That ye may be able to comprehend," to know "the length, breadth, depth, and height" of God's plan for a Christian. Any man, woman, boy or girl who is spiritually responsive to the touch of God on his or her soul is a larger person, made so by that very touch. He has a knowledge not possessed by the world, given to him by God. He comprehends all that is essential to this life, and also the life to come. What we need is breadth of mind to grasp the plan of God. Oh, yes, how these young minds can grasp all this!

Next, God mentions love. As Paul says, "And to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge." It is written, "Whoso dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God and God in him." He who loves God and loves his fellow man has God in him. The act of knowing everything is not the greatest thing. Science does not redeem the world. Philosophy does not do so. "The world by wisdom knew not God." But love saves: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son" to save. Now, into this plan for a Christian, love enters, and it must have exercise. Only when we overflow in this love will we conquer sin, and destroy the works of the devil, and hasten the return of our Lord.

Prayer on the part of each one of us can bring about the attributes of which we are talking. Prayer "moves the arm that moves the world." No one can comprehend the possibilities of his life until God gives him the plan.

Remember, boys, we are the offsprings of God. God made us in his own image; breathed into us his own life. We came from Him. We are one in Him, and are made for Him. Our very souls cry out for the living God. As the hart pants for water, so do our souls pant for him. Man has always desired to be his own god. He will establish his own throne, supply his own need, and build his own tower that shall overtop the throne of heaven. This is the very essence of disobedience. Sin is lawlessness. It is not an act; it is an attitude, a revolt against God.

Jesus Christ claims He can satisfy our every need. All we need to do is come to Him in all sincerity; seeking and finding. He meets man's physical needs; He meets man's spiritual needs. What light is to the eye and water to the body, so Christ is also to the soul. Christ is essential to life; life eternal. He, himself, said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me."

Now we ask, "Why do men refuse this gift of God?" It is ours without money and without price. There is no substitute. "If thou knewest . . . thou wouldst have asked." Listen to the cry of Christ, "Come unto me." Hear the cry of the Holy Spirit, "He that is athirst, let him come; he that will let him take the water of life freely." So, boys, early in life, let us know our position with God. Let us receive all that He has to offer us. Let us be assured of our own salvation, and be ready to aid in the Christian way of life. Yes, lead souls to Christ.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH --- WORLDWIDE

by DENNIS RANDALL

One of the two laymen speakers at the Ministers-Laymen breakfast held on Thursday morning of General Conference week was Dennis Randall of the Pleasant Hill, Ohio, Brethren Church. The following is his message of that morning, submitted for publication at my request. F.S.B.

"There were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven," so that every man heard in his own tongue the wonderful words of God. Very fitting was it not? — that God so arranged that on that inauguration day the entire then known world should first hear the Gospel representatively, through the providential presence in Jerusalem of individuals from every land, near and far! Can we not conclude that from the very first, God intended that the mission of the Church was to be worldwide?

Dr. John R. Mott, in speaking of the Christians of the apostolic period, candidly says: "They did more to accomplish the world's evangelization than any succeeding generation. Then how did they do it? Did they use methods which cannot be employed today? Had they any power available to them which is not available now?

"In numbers they were a paltry few; financially they were poor; their means of travel were meager and crude, and of such modern utilities as the post, the telegraph, the wireless, the amplifier, and many others, they possessed none. And yet thus heavily handicapped they totally eclipsed the Church of today in missionary achievement and efficiency. Wherein, then, lay their secret? we must look for it not in the superficial realm of the material but in the deeper realm of the spiritual."

I would like to suggest a few of the reasons which I believe attributed to the early Church's success in reaching the then known world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. First, *they believed literally and obeyed explicitly the simple command of Jesus.* Observe this simple commission found in Matthew 28: 19, "Go ye . . . and teach *all nations* . . ." Note the record found in Mark 16:15, "Go ye into *all the world* and preach the gospel to every creature." Likewise, Luke records "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among *all nations.*" May I remind you that the very last words to fall from the lips of the Lord Jesus Christ before He ascended into heaven were these: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . *unto the uttermost part of the earth.*"

Second, I believe that the early Church's success in accomplishing its worldwide mission was that *they were completely convinced in the eternally lost condition of all men apart from Christ the Savior.* This accounts for Peter declaring very boldly, if you please, "that there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12, 13). Certainly the Apostle Paul shared Peter's conviction by the use in his epistle of such words as "lost" and "perish" when referring to men outside of Christ. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are *lost* . . ." (II Cor. 4:3). "For the preaching of the cross is to them that *perish* foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1:18).

Rev. Louis L. King, director of the Christian and Missionary Alliance's overseas ministry recently reported a growing belief in what is known as "universalism." He defined it as "the theory that because Christ died for all, He will bring all men to salvation." He went on to say, "that this universalism of our day cannot but blunt evangelistic effort and destroy the urgency of preaching to the lost." How true! I personally feel there is a tremendous need to re-emphasize the "lostness" of men apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ if we are to be motivated in taking the gospel to the regions beyond.

Finally, I would like to suggest that the early Church was *possessed with a sense of divine obligation and urgency.* The Apostle Paul confessed, "I am *debtor* both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" (Romans 1:14). Is not Paul implying, "I *owe* you the gospel, and therefore, I am ready to do my very utmost to get it to you"? Elsewhere, he uses such words as trustee, steward, witness, and ambassador. Surely, these words carry searching implications. To the Corinthians he declared, "for though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of, for necessity is laid upon me: yea, woe is me if I preach not the gospel" (I Cor. 9: 16).

I think Paul Smith, in his book "World Conquest," aptly states the urgency of getting the gospel out by stating, "that this generation can only reach this generation. This generation of Christians is responsible for this generation of heathen, and if we fail to give them the gospel they will be lost. It is impossible for us to reach the last generation. They have long since died. It will be impossible for us to reach the next generation. By the time they are alive we will be with the Lord. That means that the only group of people we can reach is our own generation and we are the only ones who can reach them."

Christian, would we not do well to emulate the early Church in these spiritual factors in order to fulfill our missions as a Church to the world? Would not the material means follow if we put the spiritual aspect in proper perspective? I sincerely believe it would.

LAYMEN GOALS REPORT for 1964 - 1965

The goals achievement reports were given at the late General Conference as follows:

Derby, Kansas	93
Vinco, Pennsylvania	91
Smithville, Ohio	86
Kokomo, Indiana	86
Canton, Ohio	83
Gratis, Ohio	83
Milledgeville, Illinois	81
Johnstown III, Pennsylvania	80
Loree, Indiana	75
Washington, D. C.	75
Louisville, Ohio	75
Falls City, Nebraska	69
Pleasant View, Pennsylvania	65
Hagerstown, Maryland	65
Nappanee, Indiana	62
Dayton, Ohio	60
North Liberty, Indiana	50
County Line, Indiana	47

Only eighteen churches reported as participating in the goals program. This does not mean that we have only eighteen live local groups. It does mean that most of our organizations didn't "bother" to send or bring a report to General Conference. Mr. Secretary, possibly a small itemized blank, sent to each church about August 1, 1966, would render better results next conference on this particular phase of our work. Ed.

FALL RALLY

Pennsylvania District Laymen

Thursday, October 7, 1965

THIRD BRETHREN CHURCH

Johnstown, Penna.

Spring St. and Grape Ave.

10:30 A.M. . . . 1:30 P.M. (D.S.T.)

FEAST OF INGATHERING REPORT 1964 - 1965

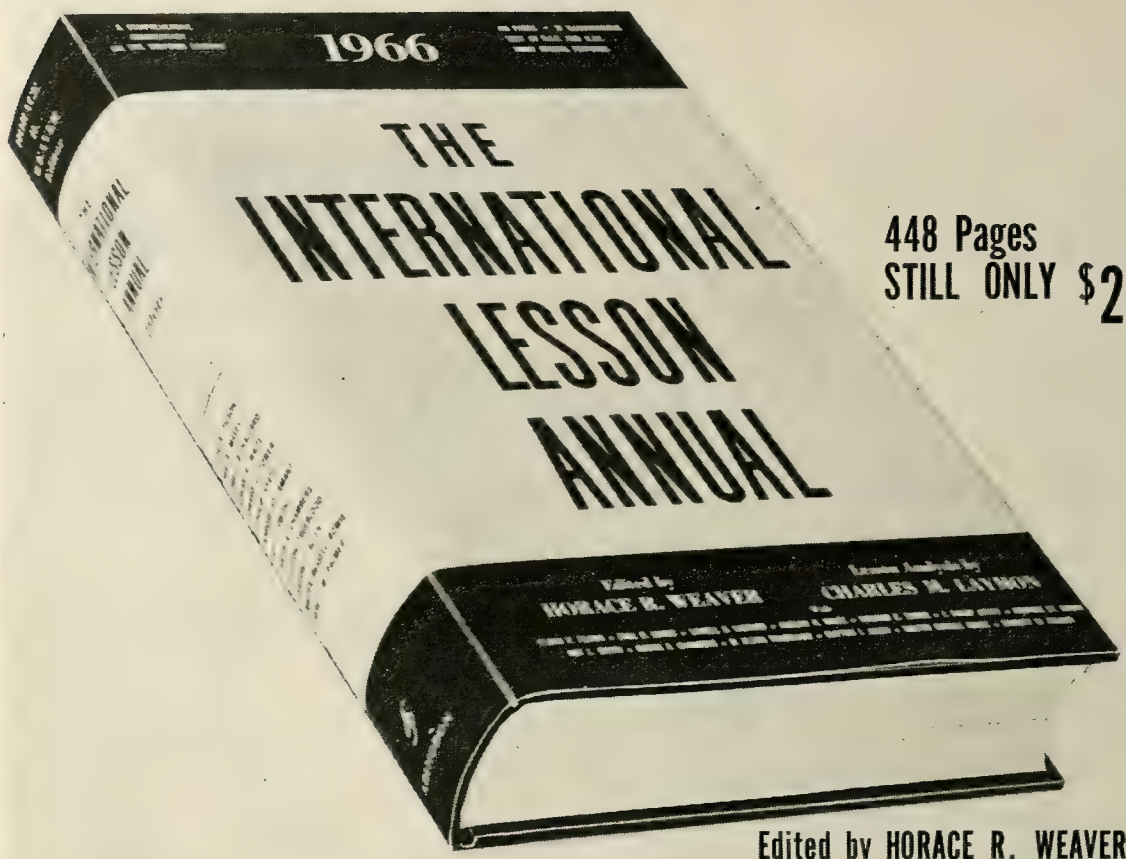
WEDNESDAY afternoon of General Conference found the laymen assembled in the chapel of the Seminary for an inspirational service which included an address by Dean J. R. Shultz and the annual Feast of Ingathering. This is the principal source of income for the N.L.O., from which they pay on their $30,000 pledge for books for the Seminary and other worthy projects, as they agree upon at their annual, August gathering. Thirty-seven churches responded, led by the men of Hagerstown, Maryland, who contributed $350. This is the usual spot for these southeastern men. Thanks and congratulations, Hagerstown laymen!

Two district organizations, Northern Indiana and Indiana, made sizeable contributions. Second place in the list was shared by Nappanee, Indiana, and the Northern Indiana District organization.

The detail:

Hagerstown, Maryland	$350.00
Linwood, Maryland	24.00
St. James, Maryland	45.00
Washington, D. C.	64.00
Levittown, Pennsylvania	12.00
Johnstown III, Pennsylvania	65.00
Masontown, Pennsylvania	50.00
Pleasant View, Pennsylvania	50.00
Vinco, Pennsylvania	50.00
Ashland (Garber), Ohio	107.50
Ashland (Park St.), Ohio	100.00
Canton, Ohio	50.00
Dayton, Ohio	126.00
Gratis, Ohio	50.00
Louisville, Ohio	75.00
Mansfield, Ohio	20.00
New Lebanon, Ohio	50.00
Pleasant Hill, Ohio	20.00
Smithville, Ohio	117.22
Bryan, Ohio	43.00
County Line, Indiana	51.75
Flora, Indiana	5.00
Goshen, Indiana	100.00
Kokomo, Indiana	20.00
Loree, Indiana	70.00
Nappanee, Indiana	200.00
North Liberty, Indiana	105.05
North Manchester, Indiana	72.00
Roann, Indiana	25.00
Warsaw, Indiana	25.00
Lanark, Indiana	75.00
Milledgeville, Illinois	100.00
Waterloo, Iowa	81.00
Carleton, Nebraska	18.25
Derby, Kansas	26.65
Falls City, Nebraska	25.00
Mulvane, Kansas	13.00
Northern Indiana District	200.00
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NEWS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES

MANY BRETHREN have indicated how much they appreciate the "News from the Brethren" column which appears in *The Brethren Evangelist* each week. This news is gleaned from the bulletins and newsletters that are mailed in to the Editor.

Also, some have complained that they never see news from their churches, and on checking, we find that the church bulletin or newsletter are not mailed to us. If you want news items in this column, then please see to it that your bulletin is sent in *each week;* especially be sure your newsletter is sent to us!

Ask your pastor if he is sending us your bulletin. If he says "yes," ask him if it is being done every week. Many times we find that the bulletin is just being mailed once in awhile—not regularly. Be sure it is sent in weekly, don't bundle four or five up and mail them all at once, such news is stale.

The task comes to the Editor in gleaning news from these bulletins that is of interest to the entire denomination. Class meetings, picnics, painting walls, raking the lawn, are not newsworthy items. However, if someone in the congregation receives special recognition for work done in the church or in the community, this is good news. When new members are received into the church, when there are very special and unique services held, when something outstanding is achieved, these are items of interest and should be included in the news column. If such items are included in the bulletin, please mark them so that your Editor will take special notice of the event.

Be assured your Editor examines every bulletin that comes to his desk!

Memorials and wedding announcements will be printed, but by action of the Publications Board, these items are trimmed to the minimum facts. Also, the person sending in such items must include his name at the bottom of the information.

We need your news, we appreciate your news, we will print all news that is of interest to our brotherhood. S. G.



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the editor's editorial

Intellectualism vs The Spirit

THE FOLLOWING is a news item that caused your Editor to do some thinking relative to our present day form of theology, morality and spiritual status:

"Narrow intellectualism is the fad and malady of our day, all at the expense of the spirit. But in time the realm of the spirit will come into its own again.

"This was the kernel of the answer given by Germany's best-known Protestant leader when asked to look back over his 85 years and to comment on the present.

"For 32 years, Dr. Otto Dibelius, Lutheran Bishop of Berlin-Brandenburg, has been a towering figure in European Protestantism and especially in its battle against fascism and communism.

" 'Since I came to Berlin in 1915, 50 years ago, to work for the Prussian Church, a great change has taken place in the intellectual and spiritual climate of the world,' the bishop commented. 'There has been an increasing trend to pure intellectualism. It is now at its height.

" 'All feelings and emotions are suspect. Mankind does not turn to Gemueth, as we Germans term it (mind, soul, heart), as a source of truth. Now everything must be rationalized, demythologized, and brought before the single standard of man's reason.' "

We Christians today are afraid of the leading of the Spirit of God, and this is true in the Brethren Church. We are afraid that the spiritual, if it is not controlled, will take on the shade of emotionalism, which we are prone to feel will disrupt and disturb our sense of balance in our so-called Christian living.

We are very careful in our worship services, for instance, to see to it that the emotions are not aroused to the extent that an "amen" might be heard from the audience lest per chance someone might be offended or disturbed. The pastor many times must contain himself in the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ lest he mention the atoning blood of the Lord, His crucifixion and His resurrection. By all means we do not want to cause anyone to be disturbed over his sins to the extent that tears flow. This is emotionalism and this we do not want!

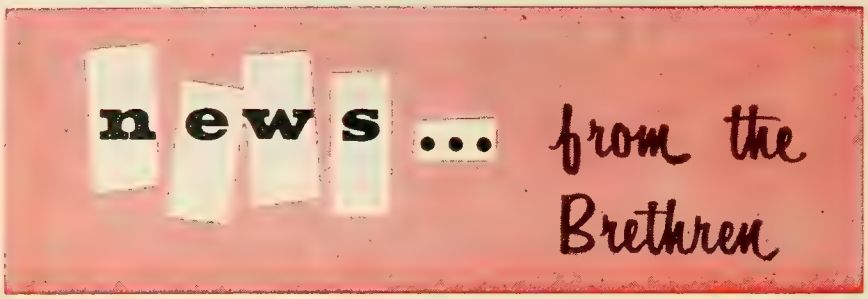
Many Christians are allowing intellectualism, reasoning and rationalism take the place of the old fashion faith which Paul speaks of in his letters to the early Christians. We have the feeling that to accept anything on faith is not sound, intellectually. Our whole Christian experience is based on faith, we cannot possibly do away with it! We must accept the truth of the Scripture by faith and because we cannot explain parts of it by human reasoning does not mean it is not true.

One of the disturbing trends of our day is that of terminology revision. We have, in an effort to interest more people in the work of the Church, given different terms to conversion, to sanctification, to worship, to visitation, to preaching, to special services, to sin, to immorality, and to a host of other elements of Christian living. We never use the term "born again" for fear we will be tagged as a "fanatic" and yet our Lord used this term in explaining the plan of salvation to Nicodemus.

Your Editor was in a church recently (a Brethren church, if you please) where time was given for testimonies (of all things)! How refreshing it was to hear various members tell of special experiences they had had with the Lord! How encouraging it was to hear that God had answered prayer in a very special way in the lives of two or three. Emotionalism? No, these were statements of fact produced by faith in the lives of men and women. Intellectualism comes as a result of faith in the life of the Christian, he is certain of his spiritual status by his faith, he does not have to rationalize his experiences, they are real because of his faith in his God!

Let us awaken to our need of spiritual fervor before our faith is drowned by human reasoning.

S. G.



Milledgeville, Ill. Rev. Arthur H. Tinkel, pastor, reports that the congregation has voted to install a new oil-fired furnace in the church building.

Goshen, Ind. Rev. Richard Allison, pastor, reports that twelve persons were baptized and received into membership of the church on Sunday, September 19.

Nappanee, Ind. On September 5, four persons were received into the fellowship of the church.

Mansfield, Ohio. The plans for relocating and building are moving along very well. The parsonage has been sold at a very good price and the three-acre site is completely paid for.

The Evangelical Church Building Corporation has submitted their first report and the prospects of a growing church in the new, growing community are excellent. The first drawings will be submitted within the near future.

Derby, Kans. According to Rev. M. W. Dodds, pastor, the first worship services were conducted in the recently constructed church building on Sunday morning, September 12. This was truly a very special day for this congregation.

Dedication of the church will occur in November.

COMING EVENTS

St. James, Md.
Revival Services
October 24-31
Dr. Bruce Stark, evangelist
Rev. Jim Rowsey, pastor

Linwood, Md.
Homecoming (October 10)
Revival Services
October 10-16
Rev. William H. Anderson, evangelist
Rev. Hays Logan, Pastor

Brush Valley, Penna.
Revival Services
October 11-17
Rev. Robert Keplinger, evangelist
Rev. Thomas Kidder, pastor

Levittown, Penna.
Evangelistic Services
November 14-19
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, evangelist
Rev. Robert Keplinger, pastor

Wayne Heights, Penna.
Evangelistic Services
November 21-28
Rev. Jim Rowsey, evangelist
Rev. Marlin McCann, pastor

Ashland (Park St.), Ohio
Host and Guest Services
October 10-17
Rev. Jerry Flora, guest speaker
Rev. Phil Lersch, pastor

Bryan, Ohio
Homecoming Sunday
October 24
Rev. C. A. Stewart, guest speaker
Rev. Smith Rose, pastor

Burlington, Ind.
Homecoming and Dedication
October 17
Rev. Richard Allison, guest speaker
Fall Revival
October 19-31
Rev. Myron Dodds, evangelist
Rev. Gene Hollinger, pastor

Flora, Ind.
Revival Services
October 31-November 7
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, evangelist
Rev. Clarence Kindley, pastor

Goshen, Ind.
Evangelistic Services
November 7-14
Rev. Jim Rowsey, evangelist
Rev. Richard Allison, pastor

Derby, Kans.
Evangelistic Services
November 7-20
Rev. Carl Barber, evangelist
Rev. M. W. Dodds, pastor

Pastor Wanted

The First Brethren Church of Cumberland, Maryland, is in need of a pastor. Interested ministers may contact:

Mr. Russell D. Beery, Chairman
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Memorials

LAMB. Mr. Eugene A. Lamb, age 80, passed away on Sunday, August 8, following several weeks of illness. He was a longtime member of the First Brethren Church in Waterloo, Iowa, and served as deacon for many years. Services were conducted by the undersigned at the church on August 11.

Rev. James R. Black

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WEIGHLEY. Mrs. Anna Weighley, over 101 years of age, passed away on Friday, September 10. She had been a member of the First Brethren Church in Waterloo, Iowa, for over 54 years. Services were conducted by the undersigned on Monday, September 13.

Rev. James R. Black

STAMP SERIES HONORS MISSIONARY MARTYRS

SEATTLE, WASH. (EP) — A stamp series, recently issued by the government of Ecuador, honors the five young American missionaries who were slain by the Auca Indians in 1956.

John Alsop, Wycliff worker from Mexico, teacher at the Summer Institute of Linguistics at the University of Washington in Seattle, received a letter from Ecuador with the five pictorial stamps on it, the first seen in the Northwest.

One stamp pictures Nate Saint and the ill-fated plane. The other pictures James Elliott, Ed McCully, Phil Fleming and Roger Youderian, with a picture of an animal peculiar to Ecuador, on the face of each.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Peter, James and John

Memory Scripture — I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

October 3-9

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 5:43-48

Whom Do You Love?

"Hello!" called Gary. He ran to the car to meet Grandma and Grandpa. "I'm glad you came to see us. The rest of the family is in the house."

Gary dashed ahead into the house. "Grandpa's here! Grandma's here!" he shouted.

"How nice to see you!" declared Mom.

"I should say!" agreed Dad.

"Sit here on the davenport," suggested Linda. Then she sat beside Grandma and Gary sat beside Grandpa. Betsy sat on Grandpa's lap.

"There are some things in the car for you," said Grandpa.

"What?" asked Gary.

"Well, one is big and round and orange," replied Grandpa.

"A pumpkin!" laughed Linda.

"For a jack-o-lantern," added Gary. "Just what we've been wanting!"

"I made grape jelly yesterday," said Grandma. "There are six glasses of that for you, too."

"Yum! Yum!" said Gary. "Come, Linda. Let's carry the things into the house."

It's easy to love those, like our grandparents, who love us. Jesus tells us in today's Bible reading that we should love even those who are unkind to us. Do you show love for all people? Even your enemies?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I want to obey and follow You. Help me to be loving and kind today even to those who are not loving and kind to me. Amen.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 6:5-8

Before You Ask

"Mom," said Gary, "there's a hole in the bottom of my shoe. See?" He lifted his foot so Mom could see the sole of his shoe.

"Yes," nodded Mom. "I know you need new shoes. Betsy and I will pick you up after school. We will go to the shoe store to get shoes for you. You will need boots, also. We'll get shoes and boots for you, too, Linda."

"Oh, good!" smiled Linda. "I know just the kind I want."

"Hurry, Linda!" called Gary, "or we will be late. See you after school, Mom."

And the children ran off to school.

Our parents know the things we really need. Even before we ask, they are planning to get them for us. So it is with our Heavenly Father. He knows what is best for us. We do not need to keep reminding Him of the things we need. He will supply our needs just as our loving parents do.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my parents. Thank You for all they do for me. Thank You for supplying all my needs. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 6:9-14

Forgiving

"Debts," said Linda, "is money we owe. Isn't that what debts are?"

"Usually," said Dad looking up from the newspaper. "Why do you ask?"

"When we pray 'forgive us our debts,' do we want God to make the people forget we owe them money?" she asked.

"No," smiled Dad. "In that sentence debts does not mean money. It means the wrong things we have done. Be sure to add the rest of the sentence."

"As we forgive our debtors," continued Linda. "I suppose that means the people who have done wrong to us."

"Right," said Dad. "Do you understand why it is important to be willing to forgive others?"

"Yes," answered Linda. "If I don't forgive others, I can't expect God to forgive me."

Prayer:

Dear God, I know I do many wrong things each day. Forgive me, please. Help me to be more willing to forgive those who do wrong to me. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21

Betsy's Ball

When Daddy came home from work he had a large brown bag. "Who is the girl who has been wanting a new ball?" he asked.

"Me!" laughed Betsy as Daddy handed the bag to her. She took from the sack a big blue ball. "Pretty ball. See it bounce?"

"Yes, I see it bounce," smiled Daddy.

"Gary! Linda!" called the little one. "See my ball? Pretty blue ball."

When Betsy ate supper, the ball was on the floor by her chair. When she went to bed, it was on top of her toy box so she would see it first thing in the morning.

For days Betsy told everyone she saw about her ball. She showed it to everyone who came to visit.

Jesus tells us this is the way we should feel about Him. We should love Him so much that we think of Him often and tell others about Him. If He is our "treasure," our thoughts will be about Him.

Prayer:
Thank You, God, that Jesus is my Savior. May I tell others about Him today. In His name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 7:1-5

Judge Not

"Janet was a crosspatch today!" said Linda. "She said unkind things to everyone who even looked at her."

"Janet was unhappy and upset," replied Mom. "Her mother and father were in a car accident last night. They are both in the hospital."

"How dreadful!" declared Linda. "No wonder she didn't want to play and joke with the other girls. May I invite her to eat supper with us?"

"Yes," answered Mom. "She's staying at her grandmother's. Call her there. And, Linda, after this try not to think mean things about others. Often there is a reason for the way people act. Look for the reason and try to help them."

Prayer:
Dear God, help me to think kind thoughts. Help me to remember not to judge other people. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 7:7-12

Planning a Picnic

"We're going to have such fun Sunday afternoon," said Linda to Janet. "Daddy is going to take us to the State Park. The trees will be lovely. We'll bring home some of the prettiest leaves we find. We like to hike along the trails and eat our lunch at one of the picnic areas. Mom will fry a chicken. She'll make potato salad and baked beans and . . ."

Linda stopped. Suddenly she remembered that Janet's father and mother were in the hospital. They had been very badly hurt in the car accident.

"If I were Janet I wouldn't want someone telling me about these things," thought Linda. Then she had another thought.

"Wait here a minute, Janet." Linda ran into the house. Soon she was back.

"Mom said I may invite you to go with us. Let's go ask your grandmother."

Two happy girls skipped down the street. They knew Grandmother would say yes.

When Linda thought of how Janet must have felt, she was obeying Jesus' teaching, "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

Prayer:
Dear God, I have so many good things. Help me to be more thankful for them. May I be willing to share with others and help in any way I can. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 7:24-29

The Leaf House

The children and their friends were busy raking the leaves. They carried all of the leaves to the backyard. There they were making a leaf house.

"It will be the biggest and best leaf house ever," declared Gary.

"We'll all play in it this afternoon," added Linda.

The children worked and worked. At last it was dinner time and the leaf house was finished. "See, it is the biggest and best leaf house," said Gary proudly.

At dinner they told Mom and Dad about the leaf house and their plans for the afternoon.

Soon a strong wind began to blow. It blew and blew and blew. The leaves were scattered all over the yard again.

"Oh, our house!" said Linda. "Our lovely leaf house is all gone!"

"Yes," answered Mom. "It didn't have a foundation and it didn't have anything to hold it together. The wind blew away your leaf house."

"We are like that," added Dad. "We need Jesus as our Savior and His love to hold us in time of trouble."

Prayer:
Dear Jesus, I want You to be my Savior, my Helper, and my Guide. I want to build my life on Your love. Amen.

Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

GRETNA, OHIO

THE GRETNA BRETHREN CHURCH, located six miles southwest of Bellefontaine, Ohio, and in the country, closed a wonderful revival of one week duration with Rev. Donald Rowser as our evangelist. We had the largest revival attendance in the history of the church with an average of one hundred and twenty-nine at the evening services. The first Sunday of the revival we hit a high of one hundred and forty-five which was just below by one the highest on Easter. We also hit a high of two hundred and one at the last Sunday evening service when the building was crowded. There were ninety-six youth and children present for the story that evening. The youth and children averaged sixty-one for the week.

The people greatly enjoyed the chalk drawings of prominent hymns, the stories for the children and the inspiring Gospel messages. As a result of the meetings eight were baptized and received into the membership the following Sunday. One will be baptized later. There were five rededications. Our people will not soon forget the week's effort for the Lord. This brings our membership to one hundred and forty-four.

There has been a gradual increase in membership from thirty-six in 1949 to the present membership. There has also been a gradual increase in Sunday school attendance from an average of thirty-three in 1949 to the present one hundred and thirteen. This quarter promises to be the largest in our history, also.

Our B.Y.C. work is taking on new life this summer. We have services now every Sunday during the winter as well as in the summer. We had three teams for the Bible Quiz. The seniors were eliminated in the

Ohio State District but the intermediates and juniors went to the national competition. The intermediates were eliminated in the final round by the Ardmore church team.

The Gretna church was seventh in the net increase in membership this year although we were forty-seventh in membership.

We do not rank high in the standard of excellence and church goals as it is difficult to get our farmers out for more than the Sunday services. We believe we will have a nice increase in prayer meeting attendance as the youth are meeting regularly along with adults.

We thank God for any progress we have made and pray we may continue to grow in our mission outlook, in evangelism and in the deepening of our spiritual lives.

Rev. L. V. King, pastor

How to build a SUNDAY SCHOOL in Times Like These

by Dr. Charles Blair

Part II

IN HIS WORKSHOP ADDRESS on Wednesday afternoon of this year's General Conference, Dr. Blair asked and answered five questions about building a successful Sunday school. Three of these questions we considered in last week's S. S. Suggestions article. Now we continue with the last two questions and Dr. Blair's answers.

Question 4. How do you plug up Sunday school leaks?

One reason why Sunday schools do not grow is that they lose students as fast as they gain them. How can a Sunday school prevent this loss of membership? Dr. Blair had three suggestions.

a. By having a good record system. Records must not only be kept, they must be used. Absentees must be followed up and brought back before they are lost completely.

b. By giving individual attention to each pupil. This does two things. It makes the individual pupil feel wanted—it makes him feel a part of the church. Second, it enables the teachers to determine the wants and needs of the pupils so that they can prepare lessons and teach with these needs in mind.

c. It takes time and hard work. Dr. Blair reported that church people everywhere are looking for a way—an easy way—to build their Sunday schools. He assured us that there are proven ways to build a Sunday school, but they all require time and effort.

Question 5. How can Sunday school leaders get their staffs to perform well?

a. Dr. Blair's first suggestion here was that the leaders must begin by asking God to give him lots of patience, for this patience will surely be needed.

b. Second, training is required. A leader in the Sunday school (Pastor, Superintendent, Director of Education) must train his staff if they are to perform well. This takes time, said Dr. Blair.

c. Dr. Blair's third suggestion—one which he strongly emphasized—is a bit surprising. He said that an important means of getting a staff to perform well is by showing love and appreciation. These people must know that their work is recognized and appreciated.

d. Evaluation is also important if a staff is to perform well. There must be regular evaluation of the staff and their accomplishments. In Dr. Blair's own church in Denver, Colorado, he has an evaluation department made up of public school educators who do not wish to teach in the Sunday school. It is their task to evaluate the work which is being done.

e. A final suggestion for getting a staff to perform well is one which is often overlooked. That is that the members of a staff—teachers, leaders, etc.—must be told what is expected and required of them. They must have some guide by which they can set goals and by which they can evaluate their own work.

Dr. Blair concludes this section of his address with a few words about the pastor's responsibility in relation to his Sunday school staff. He said that the pastor has a three-fold task. He must be a **cheerleader,** a **referee,** and a **director of personnel.**

Spiritual Meditations

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THE NEWS FOR TOMORROW

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

AN ENTERPRISING NEWSBOY, one Saturday evening, used as the appeal to hurrying crowds to buy his papers, the intriguing appeal, "I have here the news for tomorrow." The boy was telling the truth—that which was contained in his "News Sheet" was the record of the happenings in the world which would convey to his readers a mental picture of his day. The facts, events, happenings recorded in the records of today are the news of tomorrow.

The story of the "Blast-off" of the two Astronauts was the news of that and many days to follow. But there comes to me a growing conviction that the greatest news ever revealed to the world came when God created man and then revealed to him that he (man) was the acme of God's creative genius and the object of the Father's eternal love; for men everywhere. To seal that revelation He sent His Son into the world as His beloved embodiment of that love for men. Every person is of inestimable value to God, for He sees us not as we are but what we may become through Christ's grace working in us.

God is not only our Creator, Ruler and Lord, but he is much more. He is the Father who so loved that He gave himself, in the person of His Son, for the salvation of man. What more glorious news for today, tomorrow or any day, than this?

Brethren Youth Crusaders

BIBLE QUIZ



Book: The "Book of Beginnings"—Genesis

Organizing the Contest: The following are **suggestions** only and are guidelines for setting up the various divisions for the quiz.

A. The Local Contest:

1. Bible quizzes might be held every second meeting of the B.Y.C.
2. Divide B.Y.C. groups into teams of no less than four or keep running scores on each person in your group if the team system is not used. You may want to select a team and work with them separately.
3. The quiz is for all youth in the following divisions:
 Jr. grades 4- 6
 Jr. High grades 7- 9
 Sr. High grades 10-12
 Grade brackets shall be for the current school year. A younger person may move into an older bracket if necessary but not an older into a younger bracket.
4. Set up a schedule of reading and quizzing plus review quizzing to be completed about April 1st.
5. Several methods might be used for selecting contestants for the local team:
 a. Six to ten persons having the highest cumulative point record for the entire quiz program could compete in an elimination tournament at a Sunday night church service or youth meeting, selecting the three highest to make up your church team and the next two highest to serve as alternates.
 b. If you prefer not to hold a final elimination quiz before the church, you may prefer to use the winners in your review quizzes to form your local team to compete in the District elimination quizzes.

B. The District Elimination:

1. The District Quiz should be held sometime after April 15 and before the time of National Conference in August.
2. These contests could be held at such times as:
 a. District Conferences
 b. Youth Rally
 c. Camp
 d. Retreats; etc.
3. It is suggested that the District Quiz be set up in the same manner as the National Finals.

C. The National Contest:

1. The District champions will then proceed to the National Finals to be held at National Conference in August. (Only one team will be permitted to enter in each division from each district.)
2. Elimination of all but two teams in each division will be held in the National Youth Conference by means of dual elimination. The final elimination of the last two teams will be held for each division at the Youth program before the General Conference.

D. The King James version shall be the authority for the questions.

E. Questions for local quizzes are to be supplied by the local church, questions for district quizzes by the district and questions for the National Finals by the National B.Y. Board. Questions should be short and clear. Some of the books and pamphlets will have questions in them or will suggest questions. The quizzers themselves could be asked to make up questions in the local church and bring them to their study.

Prizes

Trophies for local, district and national winners will be provided free of charge by the National Youth Board. If your church or district plans to hold a quiz, please notify the National Brethren Youth Office before January 1 telling us how many of each (local or district) trophies will be needed plus the name and address of the person who should receive them.

A suggestion of **prizes** which could be given by **local** churches and the **district** would be to pay **all or part of**

the expense of sending their winners to the next level of the quiz.

DISTRICT AND NATIONAL RULES

Quizmaster—should be taken from lay or pastoral personnel of the Brethren Church.

Questions—one contest shall consist of 25 questions with 5 extra questions permitted if need to break a tie in scoring. Any question given by the quizmaster shall be answered by the team who first indicated they have the answer. Either a light system or standing is recommended for recognizing a contestant who wishes to answer a question. The light system will be used in the National Finals.

Scoring—

10 points for a correct answer
5 points off for an incorrect answer
10 point maximum bonus after each team member, including the alternate, has answered one question correctly. This can occur only once in any given contest for each team.

Personnel—

Quizmaster
Judge—may be a timer or another person may be the timer
Judge—May be a scorer or another person may be scorer
Judge—may check scripture references

Rules—5 points off for any infraction of the following rules:

1. Team members and alternate shall be lettered in the following manner: Each contestant shall wear a white card, 6 by 8 inches with one black block number per card, using numbers "1" through "4". Cards shall be worn in such a way as to be easily seen.
2. All talking must cease upon signal of the quizmaster, possibly use of the word "question." He will give the chapter, verse and then the question.
3. There shall be no collaboration on any question of team members or the alternate.
4. Each team must consist of three regular members and one or two alternates, with one member being chosen by his fellow teammates as captain. Three members may participate with a 5 point penalty. Winning District teams must report the names of their team members and alternates to the B.Y. office within 2 weeks after district competition and no change in team members or alternates is allowed between district and national competition.
5. The captain shall be contestant "1" and shall be the only team member who may dispute the opposing team answer, quizmaster or judges' decision (his teammates may ask him to dispute) and call for time-outs. When any question or answer is in doubt or is disputed, judges must rule after consulting the Scripture and their decision is final. Answers to all questions must be decided by the judges.
6. Each team may have no more than three one-minute time-outs per contest upon request of the captain.
7. The alternate can replace any team member during a time-out after reporting such action to the quizmaster. Any regular team member re-entering the quiz must report such action to the quizmaster and assume his previous position. Any team member answering 10 questions correctly must be replaced by the alternate for the remainder of the quiz.
8. Each contestant shall begin his answer within 10 seconds after being recognized by the judges and shall complete his answer within 20 additional seconds. Failure to do so results in an incorrect answer.
9. Any contestant who breaks in on a question in the recognized manner must complete that question word for word and give his answer. If the answer is a direct Bible quote, it must be given word for word. If a direct Bible quote is not demanded, judges shall rule on the answer.

Suggestions

1. Retired ministers, ministers' wives or lay members might be called upon to make up questions for local or district competition.
2. It would be good to have especially the questions for district competition checked over by one or two other people for any corrections.
3. Fulfill the purpose of this Bible Quiz—learn the Scripture! Have all team members studying all the book of Genesis.

N. E. OHIO SR. YOUTH RALLY COMING!



"FISHERS OF MEN"

October 31, 1965

2:30 P. M. — E. S. T.

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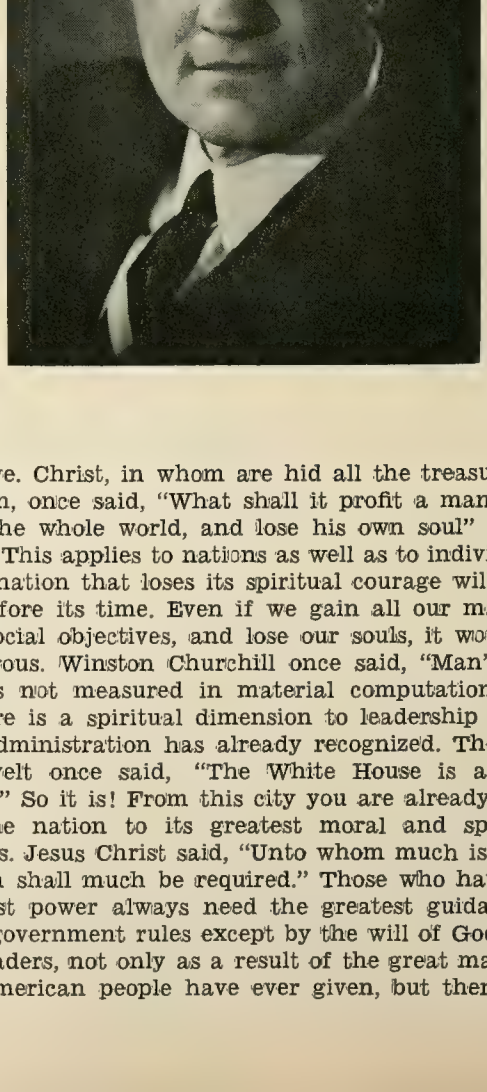
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"Seascapes of Palestine"

— Rev. Delbert Flora

THE SPIRITUAL DIMENSIONS OF LEADERSHIP

A sermon preached by Dr. Billy Graham to President Lyndon B. Johnson and invited guests on Inauguration Day, January 20, 1965, at National City Christian Church, Washington, D. C.



ON THAT DAY, more than a year ago, when the torch of leadership was transferred, I happened to be with a long-time friend of President Johnson's, and we went immediately to a quiet place to ask God to sustain him for the immense responsibilities which were thrust so suddenly upon him. That afternoon, when he was placing his hand on the Bible and being sworn in to the high office of President of the United States, we read together a passage of Holy Scripture. It was the prayer of King Solomon upon his ascension to the throne of Israel after the death of his father, King David.

Today, at high noon, as he takes that oath again and becomes President in his own right, I can still think of no finer prayer to begin with than that one. (II Chronicles 1:7-12)

"In that night did God appear to Solomon, and said unto him, ask what I shall give thee."

And King Solomon prayed, "Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may come in and go out before this people."

"And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honor, nor the life of thine enemies . . . but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:

"Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee."

Last February President Johnson said, "No man can live where I live now, nor work at the desk where I work now, without needing and without seeking the strength and support of earnest and frequent prayer." Humbled by the magnitude of the responsibilities of a high office, a man begins to probe the erratic swirl of events for a prophetic understanding of history; and when he is a spiritually sensitive man he will feel as Lincoln did, that he is a "humble instrument in the hands of Almighty God."

During the next four years, many of you here today will have to make decisions of State, perhaps greater than those of any of your predecessors. You will hold in your hands the destiny not only of America, but of the world. You will lead the richest and the most powerful nation the world has ever known. It is a nation which has been abundantly endowed with material blessings, but it is also a nation in danger of losing its moral moorings and its spiritual perspective. Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom, once said, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul" (Mark 8:36). This applies to nations as well as to individuals, for a nation that loses its spiritual courage will grow old before its time. Even if we gain all our material and social objectives, and lose our souls, it would be disastrous. Winston Churchill once said, "Man's destiny is not measured in material computations."

There is a spiritual dimension to leadership which this administration has already recognized. Theodore Roosevelt once said, "The White House is a bully pulpit." So it is! From this city you are already leading the nation to its greatest moral and spiritual heights. Jesus Christ said, "Unto whom much is given of him shall much be required." Those who have the greatest power always need the greatest guidance.

No government rules except by the will of God. You are leaders, not only as a result of the great mandate the American people have ever given, but there is a

mandate higher than the ballot box. You have responsibilities not only to all the people of America and to the peoples of the world, but you have also a great responsibility to the God of our fathers.

Even to the most casual observer, it is apparent that there is a growing spiritual vacuum in our nation. Our wealth and our prosperity are in danger of making us complacent and careless in the matters of the spirit. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone." Many nations have tried it, and failed. Germany declared a neutrality of religion during the thirties. That neutrality created a spiritual vacuum, and the first robust philosophy to come along filled that vacuum with a vengeance. And that, in my judgment, is how we got Naziism, and the hell of World War II. The Bible says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

In foreign affairs, we are faced with overwhelming problems, from Southeast Asia to the Congo. In domestic affairs, we are faced with an alarming crime rate, a moral crisis, and many individual psychological problems which fill our hospitals. These problems will become more intense and more demanding during the next four years.

There seems to be no permanent solution to our problems. We try this scheme and that, but we find that each one is only a stop-gap measure. Could it be that we have failed to diagnose properly the ills of the world? Could General MacArthur have been right when he said 20 years ago, "The problem, basically, is theological . . . there must be a revival of the spirit, if we are to save the flesh."

I know the leaders of this administration, especially the President and Vice-President, well enough to know that they believe he was right—that our problems are basically spiritual and that they require a spiritual solution. That spiritual solution was outlined by God to King Solomon long ago, when he said,

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chronicles 7:14).

To approach the problems of the next four years in a spirit of prayer and humble dependence upon God would bring a freshness of vision and purpose that could capture the imagination of the world.

During the next four years, there will be moments of discouragement, despondency, and even disillusionment. There may come times when some of you will feel like Woodrow Wilson did, when the Senate voted against the ratification of Wilson's proposal for the League of Nations. The news was telephoned to the White House. "I feel like going to bed and staying there," Wilson said. He could not sleep that night, and he turned to Dr. Grayson about three o'clock in the morning, and said, "Doctor, the devil is a busy man."

Later in the morning, he had Grayson read St. Paul's consoling words from Second Corinthians, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." Turning to Grayson, President Wilson said, "Doctor, if I were not a Christian, I think I should go mad, but my faith in God holds me to the belief that He is, in some way, working out His own plans, in spite of human mistakes."

Centuries ago Moses stood before the people of Israel and said, "When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee . . . if thou turn to the Lord, thy God, and shall be obedient unto his voice . . . He will not forsake thee . . . nor forget the covenants of thy fathers, which He sware unto them."

In the midst of the bloody Civil War, Abraham Lincoln read his Bible regularly. He memorized passages from its pages. He used the Word of God to help him make decisions and solve problems. In matters of right and wrong, the God of the Bible was Lincoln's final court of appeals. The overwhelming problems of his day drove him to the Scriptures and to his knees in prayer. Out of this humble dependence on God came the preservation of the Union.

History throbs with crisis, but the Gospel is that God is *for* man, and that, in the greatest crisis this world has ever known—when Jesus Christ went to the cross—God transformed that tragedy into triumph and wrought redemption for those who trust in Him.

Mr. President, on the wall of your office at the White House, I have seen a framed yellow letter. It was written to your great-grandfather Baines more than 100 years ago, and it bears the bold—almost defiant—signature of Sam Houston.

Your great-grandfather led General Sam Houston to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. This conversion transformed that troubled, rough hero of San Jacinto into a man of peace, happiness, and purpose. As Marquis James put it in his book, *The Raven*:

"The long quest for spiritual repose ended when Houston knelt before the altar and asked to be received into the church, and on the 19th of November, 1858, the convert waded into the chilly waters of Rocky Creek, and was baptized. A church publication at that time said, 'The announcement of General Houston's conversion has excited wonder and surprise of many who have supposed that he was past praying for.'"

At the time, somebody said to Sam Houston, "Well, General, I hear all your sins were washed away." "I hope so," Sam Houston replied, "but if they were all washed away, the Lord help the fish down below."

On the day Sam Houston was baptized, he offered to pay half the minister's salary in the church. When someone asked him about it, he said, "My pocket book was baptized, too."

This newness of spiritual life that the President's great-grandfather Baines helped introduce to General Sam Houston is the same transforming faith we need in our nation today if we are to meet successfully our rendezvous with destiny. That letter, written by a heroic Texan, to the great-grandfather of our President is heartening evidence of a sense of moral direction. The letter itself is important, but the fact that the President chose to hang it in his office, is also important. It is a shining symbol that from the very apex of government, there is a spiritual emphasis in our national affairs.

Symbolically, it says that Lyndon Baines Johnson has respect for the old faith that has guided his family, his state, and his nation, through generations.

On this solemn occasion, as a great nation goes forward under its newly chosen leaders, I find great comfort for the future, symbolized by a yellowed scrap of paper on a White House wall.

NO WAY TO GO BUT UP

(a conference carol — 1965)

by Rev. James Naff

This address was delivered at the 1965 Pennsylvania District Conference by Rev. James. I. Naff, secretary. The address, in a very unique way, will reveal to you the apathy which many Christians have today, and this is true of many Brethren people as well.

Brother Naff is the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Masontown, Pennsylvania.

HARRY ICABOD sat slumped in the uncomfortable pew at the 75th conference of Brethren Churches of Pennsylvania. It was blistering hot weather and his clothes felt clammy with perspiration. He was bored with the business and everything else and so breathed a sigh of relief when the benediction was said.

He hurried out of the church so he could be first in the lunch line. A cheery voice called, "Hi there, Icabod, wonderful conference, isn't it?"

"Bah. A waste of time," grunted Icabod.

"Conference a waste of time," wondered Charlie Cheerful? "But look at all that we have done and the wonderful inspirational talks we have heard!"

"All I have heard is a bunch of parasites asking for money. Take that Mission Board. Me, give my hard earned money to support a bunch of black skinned illiterates? Not on your life. Let them take care of themselves. If they die, so much the better. It will alleviate the population explosion," returned Icabod. "And those churches that are always begging for help, I say let them die, they've outlived their usefulness."

"Excuse me, Mr. Icabod," said another voice. "We need someone to help us with the new campsite. Would you be . . ."

"Don't bother me with that. We need to do more for our old people. Let the kids build it themselves," growled Icabod.

"But this is for all of us. These young people will be the church. We need a training site. They have no funds. They are working, but we need . . ."

"Well, don't bother me with such claptrap," barked Icabod. "I had to make my own way, let them do the same."

He turned away and started talking to another in the lunch line. "I tell you, someone is always wanting something. I'll never waste my time coming to another conference. It's a waste of time. Same way as church. They never let a fellow alone. Always wanting help—teach a class, accept an office, paint a wall, sing a song, buy a book, give a dollar for this, that or the other. My time can be put to better use in my business. Let the church find someone else."

No sooner had he finished than a touch on his arm caused him to turn and face another gentleman, who said, "Mr. Icabod, you are a man of means. Our Mission Board is short a few dollars to send a new candidate to the Nigerian field. Could you help us with a donation?"

"No, I cannot and will not. They have their own religion. As long as they are sincere everything will work out alright. If not, let them stew in their own juices," he snapped. With a growl he walked away, determined to eat elsewhere.

The day wore on and Icabod became more and more determined to have done with all of this. Finally it came time to retire, and with a deep sigh of relief, he hurried to his room and threw himself across the bed fully clothed.

But wait, there is someone here. A quick glance showed no one, so he began to look more carefully, even in the closet and under the bed. Every possible place of concealment was checked but no one was to be found.

Then he saw it. How else could it be catalogued than "it"? It was seated on the chair. Strange that the chair back could be seen right through it . . . "Who are you, Sir," he demanded, summoning up more courage than he expected. His voice had squeaked, he realized.

"My name does not matter," replied the spector. "I am here because of the life you are building. A life that had no concern for anyone but self. I am here to offer help."

"Help? I asked for no help. I need nothing." retorted Icabod.

"Sir, if you knew how frightful a realm awaited you, you would plead for help. Oh, that one had warned me of my lack of concern and what it was bringing about. The terrible cries of agony to which I must listen and the terrible desire to help, but I cannot. In life I cared for no one; now I cannot help though I care. Oh miserable mortal, you do need help, and I am come to offer it," said the apparition.

"What kind of help do you offer," asked Icabod.

"Three spirits will visit you. They will tell you what to expect. The first will visit you at midnight," was the reply.

"If it's all the same to you, I would rather not," quavered Icabod.

"But you must," replied the spector. Then he arose and walked out through the window.

Running to the window, Icabod tried to see where he had gone, but instead he saw and heard the hosts of hungry and dying of the world. Then suddenly all was silent.

Harry Icabod went to bed, but it was sometime before sleep came for the events of the evening preyed upon his mind.

The Ghost of Conference Past

Icabod suddenly was awake. He could not determine the cause. The luminous dial of his watch showed 12 o'clock. Of course it could be wrong, but then the courthouse clock began its sonorous chime. Twelve strokes it sounded and Icabod began to relax. He laughed at himself for his fear and thought, "I know it was just imagination."

A bright light burst into the room. In its center was a figure clothed all in green, an olive branch wand clutched in its hand.

"Are you the one I was told to expect," enquired Icabod?

"I am the ghost of conference past," replied the figure. "Come with me." The spector walked toward the window, beckoning with upraised arm.

"But I am mortal, I will fall," pleaded Icabod.

"Just lay your hand on my arm," insisted the spirit.

Out into the cool night air as though borne by the wind, they floated. Icabod saw the town disappear from beneath him.

They entered a rude dwelling in Germantown, Pennsylvania. The calendar on the wall showed it to be 1723. Harry and the spirit took stand in the corner.

"Doubly memorable Christmas Day, 1723! Christ's anniversary and the date of the birth of His church in America! There is an activity at Peter Becker's house in Germantown. The spindles are still; and the voice of praise is raised—seventeen members were preparing to hold the first trine immersion in the church in America. There was no ordained minister this side of the Atlantic—Peter Becker is chosen to act as elder. The preliminary examination is held, prayer is offered, and then they (seventeen members and six candidates) walk out into the winter afternoon, in single file, headed by Peter Becker. They journey to the Wissahicken Creek. The group kneels. Overhead the solemn sentinels of the forest fastness —the pines and hemlock—are stilled. The ice-bound stream utters strangely solemn music. Curious eyes from the Kelpianites rest reverently upon the group. Peter Becker's voice breaks the stillness. The prayer is ended. The six candidates for membership in God's family are led one by one into the water and are baptized by trine immersion. The procession returns to Germantown. They assembled in the house of John Gomorry. It is evening now. The tallow dips are lighted. They gather around a long table, a hymn is sung, and in the silent evening hour, with no witness but God and curious children, these people begin the observation of the ordinances of God's house —they arise and wash one another's feet. They eat the Lord's Supper, pass the kiss of charity with the right hand of fellowship, partake of the Holy Communion, sing a hymn and go out" (Brumbaugh p. 155, 6).

On the wings of the wind Icabod and the spirit visit scene after scene. They were there as the Brethren instituted a general visitation and from house to house baptized and commemorated the Lord's Supper. They watched the students in the Sunday schools in Germantown and Ephratah as early as 1738. They watched the Ephratah Cloisters and saw the members at work. They traveled with the westward migrating Brethren and saw that wherever a Brethren family settled a Brethren Church was organized.

Icabod asked the spirit, "Why were these early Brethren so successful in building new churches?"

"I see a spirit of commitment. They were first of all Christians and second farmers, businessmen, husbands, and fathers," replied the spirit.

They traveled to Christopher Saur's print shop where he was setting print for the famous German Bible.

Year after year passed before them in panorama. They saw the start of conferences. Missions were founded at home and abroad. Colleges and schools were built. Publications became an important part of the church. Progress was everywhere evident.

Icabod was about to ask the spector concerning less happy events but he had disappeared, and Icabod was back in his own bed, so he turned over, sighed, and went to sleep.

The Ghost of Conference Present

Icabod awoke with a start. He sat up in bed and looked to see what had caused him to awake. He gradually became aware of a soft light which seemed to invade the room. He finally settled on its source being the closet. Getting up, he crossed the room to turn out the forgotten closet light. He opened the door and reached for the light cord but his hand stopped before reaching its destination.

This was not the closet but a banquet room with a table bountifully spread with a feast. Sitting at the head of the table holding a chicken leg in one hand and a goblet in the other was a richly clad figure. His robes were colorful and resplendent. On his head a conical hat seemed to emit the soft light which filled the room and had awakened Icabod.

Icabod enquired, "Sir, who are you?"

"I am the Spirit of Conference present. Come dine with me for our journey will be long and arduous," he answered.

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"You look well fed, Sir, and I had just as soon get this over," sneered Icabod. "Anyway, with the starving millions how can you gorge yourself this way?"

"Let them take care of themselves. If they die, so much the better. It will alleviate the population explosion!" The spirit arose saying, "Let us go."

Quickly the room was left behind and they were in an average American community. Entering a fine Brethren Church they took seats. There were many empty. Icabod swelled with pride as the beautiful hymns of the church swelled from the organ. But then, looking around him, he saw the congregation singing listlessly, thoughtlessly. All through the service he could discern a far-away look on the faces of those present. Turning to the spirit he said, "Doesn't anyone really worship?"

The spirit answered, "Look!" Icabod saw spread before him a panorama of all the members of that congregation. They were mowing the lawn, washing cars, housecleaning, reading the paper, preparing feasts, watching TV, picnicing, golfing, and sleeping. The few who were in the sanctuary seemed more engrossed with other things, and the apparition gave him a quick look into minds filled with worries of life and plans for the afternoon. No one was really interested in communion with God. Social and business life were uppermost. He saw Bible classes without teachers because people had answered the call by saying that they were not capable; but in reality they meant that it was too much effort. He sat in a class where the teacher for half an hour talked about last night's baseball game because he had not had time to study his lesson. After all, the game had kept him out late.

The anthem was a little flat because several had missed practice to attend a party. The ushers were droopy from lack of sleep. The sermon was boring because the pastor had been busy golfing that week.

Discussion in the Official Board after service drifted lazily to the reason why the church was not growing. All seemed to agree that it was the lazy pastor. Icabod began to wonder if perhaps this was what made his church what it was, but before he could ask they were again on the move.

Together he and the spirit visited home after home in the community. They heard the fears and worries of the people expressed. In the mind of each was the question, "Who can help me?"

Icabod finally asked the ghost, "Has no one told these people about God and the church?"

"We pay the preacher to do that," he replied. "I see a large group of people, all of them members of this church, not one of which have ever spoken to anyone about Christ. When at the end of the year the statistics are read and the church has decreased, they shake their heads sadly, not realizing that they are the cause."

Icabod lowered his head as he remembered that new family that had moved in down the street. He had not even greeted them as yet.

"Take my hand," commanded the spirit. At once they were in another community. As they looked about, Icabod saw that there was no church. It seemed a sad lack so he asked, "Why has no one built a church here?"

The pastor in the church we just left asked his church to start a work here, but the people said it would be better if they came to their church. He recommended to conference that they start a church here, but they said they were busy elsewhere. Nothing has been done except by Satan. Quickly they looked at other communities across the entire state where the need and potential were great, but always the same reasons for doing nothing were given. "We need our money for our church; let them drive over to worship with us." And conference was still busy with her one charge.

In some communities Icabod found dying Brethren Churches. At one time they had been strong and vibrant with a glowing witness but now they were dead and waiting for the funeral. In response to his question concerning the reason for their death, the spirit replied, "The church, itself, does not like to admit that it is in trouble, and the leaders of the district do not feel they should offer advice unless it is requested. They cannot afford full time pastoral service, and Missions Boards are reluctant to add them to their roll for money is scarce."

"But shouldn't someone do something," queried Icabod?

"Let them die; they've outlived their usefulness," replied the Spirit of Conference Present.

"What causes a church to die," asked Icabod?

The spirit showed him the death of a church. He watched it go from a strong vibrant church to a dead one. It was soon evident that it began with people who were not committed to Christ. Because personal gain became more important to most of the members than commitment to Christ, the faithful few could not keep it going.

Shortage of trained personnel was the death blow of many. A church is people. Every group must have leaders. The more leaders, the more followers there will be. The less leaders, the less followers. Icabod wondered why more people were not trained, and the spirit told him that "good" church people consider it too much trouble.

On a circuit of the Boards and Committees of conference, he discovered that many who are elected to responsible positions never fulfill the obligation. From one year to the next they do not attend meetings. Some boards and committees did not meet at all or waited till the last minute to work. In some cases the work was done by one dictatorial person and the rest were a rubber stamp. The groups which worked were so overloaded that regular jobs and duties were left undone.

They left behind the bright lights and Icabod found himself standing on a country lane. The sound of hammers and saws mingled with laughter and song fell pleasantly on his ear. Walking down the lane, he came upon an idyllic spot carved out of the forest. A dozen or so men were working together on an old building.

"Do you recognize this spot," enquired the spector?

"Yes," replied Icabod. "It is the new youth campsite. This is one of the best things we have done. We named it Camp Peniel."

"WE," wondered the spirit? "How many nails have you pounded or how many boards have you sawn? How much money have YOU given toward this work?"

Icabod was silent.

"We should do more for the old people. Let the young people build for themselves," added the specter. "Let me give you the facts. The last several years Juniata has been overcrowded and campers must be treated as a herd rather than individuals with different needs and desires. It is impossible to get more time at Juniata to extend the camp. A high percentage of pastors who came out of the Pennsylvania District will tell you that Juniata was a big factor in that decision. Ninety-two rededications, six first-time decisions, and one life-work recruit from one hundred and two campers in one week of camping in 1965 cannot be overlooked. But come there is more to see."

Immediately Icabod found himself in a strange land. There amid primitive surroundings he saw three families trying to tell thousands about salvation in Jesus Christ. In another land he saw a handful of workers trying to reach millions with the Gospel. Pitted against them was the power of Satan and of hell. He saw other lands where no Brethren missionaries told the "Old Story."

"Why are so few here," he wondered.

"Why did YOU say "no" when God asked YOU to come here," asked the spirit? "Oh, they have their own religion. As long as they are sincere, everything will work out all right."

With these words echoing through his mind and the cries of the world's hungry piercing the darkness, Icabod cried out, "No more. I can stand no more." As though it were a symbol of all his trouble, he tried to douse the light from the spirit, but he found himself to be alone, standing on a strange road.

The Spirit of Conference to Come

The figure walking toward him was sombre. Its robe was of roughest material and as black as a shroud. The cut of the garb reminded one of funeral parlors and cemeteries. The face was completely hidden by a cavernous black hood. The apparition's pace was slow and measured as though marching in step to an inward dirge.

Harry Icabod cowered in fear as the awesome figure approached. "Are you the one whom I was to expect," he asked with quivering lip? The only answer was an outstretched hand, bony and clawlike.

Fearfully he touched the hand and was transported to the busy streets of an unfamiliar city. The faces of the crowd were strange and looked quite unfriendly. There were none of the usual happy sounds of city life. Few stopped to greet friends.

Walking with the sombre apparition, Icabod stopped to listen to a group huddled in a store entrance. They looked vaguely familiar, but he could not quite place them.

"It's all over. Final disposition was made this morning," said the oldest of the group.

Another chimed in, "Yes, we must either start all over again, or give it all up as a lost cause."

"I for one knew it was a lost cause anyway," sighed another.

The first man again spoke, "I am very sorry it happened, and I somehow feel that the blame rests on all of us. I am sorry to leave, but duty calls elsewhere. I will see you again; if not here then up yonder."

Icabod and the apparition walked on and soon fell in step behind a pair of prosperous looking businessmen.

"I guess you heard what happened to old sobersides," said the gentleman on the left.

"Yes," replied the other. "Old faithful has gone the way of all such claptrap. I hear that there is to be public auction tomorrow."

"That's right. But its no great loss. We'll get on better because they aren't around to bother us."

Most conversations did not mention the demise of this unknown entity, and those that did spoke deridingly and said, "Good riddance!"

Icabod asked, "Of whom are they speaking?" The gloomy apparition touched him, and immediately they were in a dirty shop piled high with material of all sorts and description. Three men sitting around a desk were involved in brisk conversation.

"I hear ya' got the Johnstown properties, Marty. What ya' goin' ta do with 'em," asked the unshaven creature behind the desk?

"Yeh, I got 'em for a song. I have buyers for 'em already and I stand to make a pile on em. They're full of good equipment and I sepect ta sell that, too," replied Marty.

"I picked up four others for peanuts," said the third party.

"Yeh, which ones," asked Marty?

"Meyersdale, Berlin, Vinco, and Pittsburgh. I'll use them to store stuff until I can sell em. How about you Leach?"

The man in the desk chair puffed quietly a moment and then said, "I have bids on all the rest and have it purty straight that they're mine. I'll tear em down and sell the lots. The material will bring a good penny and so will the lots."

"Kind-of-a-shame ain't it," pondered Marty.

"Nobody really cares," retorted Leach.

From there they went into the residential areas of the world where they visited in the homes of many. In America Icabod heard the words and saw the misery of the poor and sinful and he said, "Does no one care?"

In the houses of the wealthy he saw only hatred and dissatisfaction. No one seemed to know where to turn for help. Here and there as he went someone would

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say, "If only they had not failed. Oh, if only I could go there to find power and happiness."

In Africa, Argentina, and the lands of the world people cried out hopelessly at the doors of hospitals and schools which were locked up tight. Their cry was unheard, and they drifted away aimlessly like sheep without a shepherd.

Icabod cried out, "Who is this one that has died. Only the hopeless and needy miss him. Cannot anyone of station in life mourn his passing?" The only answer was a deep sigh and a pointing finger.

Icabod found himself standing in a great cathedral listening to the words of a smartly robed man behind the pulpit. The crowd, dressed in holiday attire, were hilariously laughing at the coarse jests of the man on the platform.

"And so it is with a great deal of pleasure that I inform you of this recent death. Well, you know that I had prophesied this. She had outlived her usefulness for she was a product of antiquity. May she rest in peace as we go on about the business of building a better world," and the speaker stepped down amid the cheers of the throng which surged out the door in a holiday mood.

Before Icabod could question the strange words the apparition touched him and they were on a deserted street of the residential area of the town. Several boarded up buildings stood before them. The black-hooded figure pointed his finger at one. Icabod took several steps, turned and asked, "Spirit of the future, are these things that must happen or might happen? Can these things be changed?"

Not a word did the spirit answer but still pointed at the boarded up buildings. Icabod slowly stepped closer until he could read the sign on the boards, "This building and all others listed below to be sold at public auction for nonpayment of tax, July 20, of the year 2015." Looking at the nameplate on the door he read, "Pennsylvania District Conference of Brethren Churches, Inc., General Offices."

Turning, Icabod threw himself at the feet of the silent black figure and threw his arms around his knees begging, "Spirit of the Future, say that it doesn't have to be. What can I do to change it? What can I do to change myself? Please don't let this come to pass."

The cry still on his lips, Icabod awoke. At first he was at a loss to place his position. Sunshine streaming through the windows told him it was a bright morning. The unfamiliar fixtures of the room slowly reminded him that he was at the District Conference in Berlin, Pa. He was in the guest room of the parsonage.

A knock on the door was followed by a voice saying, "Wake up, Mr. Icabod, breakfast will be ready in a few minutes."

"What day is this," he enquired?

"What day? Why its Thursday, July 22. This is the last day of conference. Are you alright," enquired Mrs. Ralph Mills.

"Yes, never better," replied Icabod. The pillow which he was still clutching tightly he put back on the bed. Quickly he dresed and shaved. Many a nick had to be doctored for his hand still shook. There was so much to be done. So much lost time to recapture.

Epilogue

Before leaving his room, Icabod knelt by his bed. "Dear Lord, I have been blind and stubborn. If the Brethren Church dies, I will have helped kill her. Forgive me, Lord. Show me how to serve you. Help me to show others what we are doing. In Jesus name I pray. Amen."

Whistling happily he went down to breakfast. His greeting to the assemblage in the breakfast room was full of warmth which they were quick to note.

At the church he talked seriously with everyone he met about the terrible needs he saw. In sessions of conference and at every opportunity he put his shoulder to the wheel to push God's work forward. So great was the change that people began to wonder at him.

Back in his home church, Icabod became a powerhouse for God. So alive was he with the Spirit of God that others began to catch his enthusiasm. More and more people, like Icabod, began to visit with the unsaved, and to witness of salvation. His support of missions was increased and others caught the same vision. The church began to move forward at home and abroad.

No job was too small or too hard for him. If he was asked to teach a class he said, "God guiding me, I will." Asked to dig a ditch he would reply, "I will if God gives me strength." And he did.

Icabod was never seen without his Bible. A constant feeling of prayer seemed to surround him.

When asked what had happened, Icabod replied, "I met the Lord one night, and He showed me what I was."

All who knew him said, "There goes a man who knows how to serve God."

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

PAUL AND SILAS SANG

"And the prisoners heard them" (Acts 16:25b).
The one who had stolen another man's gold
Heard how he might freely have riches untold.
The one who had plotted to seize the king's throne
Heard now of a kingdom He freely might own.
The one who lay waiting for death by the sword
Heard gladly the promise of life in the Lord.

—George L. Kress

"Try praise!" is for victory over depression and discouragement (Acts 16:25). This is one of the numerous midnight scenes that show the triumph of faith over the blackest of circumstances (Exod. 12:29; Judg. 16:3; Ps. 119:62; Matt. 26:5; Lu. 11:5; Acts 20:7). Years after this prison experience Paul, again a prisoner, recommended prayer and thanksgiving as a substitute for overanxiety (Phil. 4:6). Whether the night is of persecution, of affliction, of sorrows, or of

pain, "God giveth songs in the night" (Job 35:10). Prayer prevents "fainting," discouragement and despair (Lu. 18:1). Paul and Silas had just attended a prayer meeting down by the riverside on a beautiful Sabbath morning (Acts 16:13):

Amid the morning's peace we heard
The lilting carol of a bird;
Ahead, in steady, rhythmic flow,
The river's cadence seemed to grow;
And then, at ending of our way,
We listened to the women pray.
Of all the sounds that blest the air,
The sweetest was the women's prayer.
—George L. Kress

Constant watching and prayer fortify one against temptation (Matt. 26:41). Only thus can we be "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58). As we persistently make our needs known to God, we are looking to Him to work for us (Ps. 62:8). By seeking God's help we can "lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees" (Heb. 12:11, 12). Of all this teaching our Savior was an illustrious example in the garden of Gethsemane (Heb. 5:7, 8).

"And suddenly there was a great earthquake" (Acts 16:26). The Lord on occasion used earthquakes to accomplish His purpose, at the time of the crucifixion (Matt. 27:51-54), at the resurrection of Christ (28:1-6), and "great earthquakes" shall occur in various places during the Great Tribulation (Lu. 21:11; Rev. 6:12-17; 11:13). It took a "great earthquake" to awaken the Philippian jailor to a proper sense of his spiritual danger and need (Acts 16:27-30). The earthquake was unquestionably a divine intervention and also designed as a vindication of the persecuted as interpreted by the uneasy magistrates (v. 35). Wind, earthquake, and fire may serve to help the wayward to awaken and respond to "the still small (gentle) voice" (I Kgs. 19:11-13). Many have heard the soft, gentle voice of Jesus in His gracious invitation (Matthew 11:28-30). Mere mental acceptance of knowledge about Christ is not real commitment to Him of the heart and life (Jn. 2:23-25). The fruit of faith in the converted jailor was clearly shown by five evidences—he washed their wounds, was baptized, welcomed the missionaries into his home, fed them, and rejoiced with all his house (Acts 16:33, 34). Paul and Silas were careful to give full instruction on the "how" of salvation (vs. 31, 32).

The world today is full of sin-bound prisoners, and they are listening to hear me sing when things are apparently against me, not as did the dejected Jacob (Gen. 42:36), but as the faithful Psalmist (Ps. 119: 61, 62).

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood Meditations - - -

For He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee (Heb. 13:5).

Forsake? God doth not forsake,
In our behalf He is awake;
Our father, mother, all may go,
May leave us to our pain and woe;
Yet God remains, all faithful, true;
He ne'er forsakes, He sees us through.

Forsake? Lift thou up thine eye,
He watches o'er thee from the sky,
He standeth near, He clasps thine hand,
Thy struggle He doth understand;
So long as sun and moon endure
He can't forsake; His Word is sure.

Great is His faithfulness. It is renewed every morning, and fresh every evening. God's eye is ever on His children. He knows their downsitting, and their uprising.

God does more than know, He cares. He may be forsaken, but He does not forsake. He may cast off an unfaithful child, and hide His face from him for the while, but He still worketh in his behalf.

At this moment, Israel, nationally, is cut off from her parts; she wanders over the whole earth seemingly forgotten and forsaken of the Lord. However, He who watches over Israel never slumbers nor sleeps. God still loves a disobedient and a gainsaying people, and soon He will awake in their behalf.

If this is true of Israel, and of one who wanders from God, how much more will God care for those who walk with Him, and put their trust in Him.

God will temper the wind to His shorn lamb. He will hold His weakest child in His arms, and hide him in His bosom. He will carry him on His shoulders. Even to old age He will carry us.

Naught need I fear when He is near,
He holds me by His hand;
Close by His side, whate'er betide,
I cross earth's desert strand;
He walks with me, and talks to me,
Along my pilgrim way;
He ne'er forsakes, but undertakes
Until the break of day.

(*Taken from* GEMS OF GOLD
by R. E. Neighbour D. D.)

MISSIONARY NEWS

Bandages for Nigeria - - -

THERE IS an important change in shipping instructions for sending bandages to Nigeria.

Effective immediately, all Woman's Missionary Societies and Sisterhoods are requested to send bandages, ulcer pads and other medical supplies to the Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland. Do NOT send directly to the field as has been our former practice.

This important change is being made because of recently enacted customs regulations which require our Nigeria missionaries to pay customs fees on these bandages we send for Garkida and Lassa Hospitals and the dispensaries. You are now requested to ship bandages, etc., to New Windsor for re-packing and shipment with other goods to the Nigeria mission stations.

Bandages, ulcer pads, etc., should be packaged in the same manner as has been done in the past. But instead of sending them to the field, address your parcels to the following:

BRETHREN SERVICE CENTER
New Windsor, Maryland

Mark each parcel as usual to identify its contents as bandages. In this new procedure it will not be necessary to specify the hospital or dispensary as formerly, for distribution will be made on the field by the Medical Department as the supplies are needed.

An alternative for churches located near Brethren Service Centers is to deliver the bandages, properly packaged and marked, to their area centers for transportation to the central center at New Windsor.

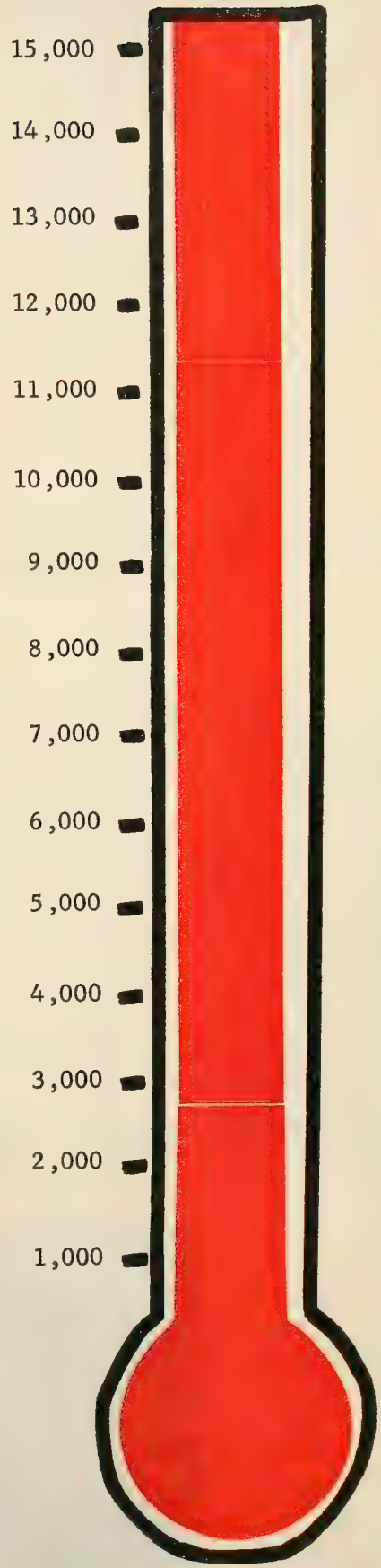


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The COUNTY LINE CHURCH TORNADO DISASTER



TO DATE the response has been overwhelming to assist the County Line Church after their church building was completely razed by a tornado, April 11, 1965. Previous contributions listed in *The Brethren Evangelist* issues totaled $9,204.59 in church contributions and $2,046.00 from individuals. Recently the County Line Church notified us that $1,550.83 had been sent directly to them from churches and church groups other than Brethren, also individuals (not church associated), and Brethren Churches, Sunday schools and other organizations within our communion.

Herewith we list those Brethren Churches and organizations not previously given credit on these pages.

Ashland College—Seminary	$ 20.00
Bethlehem, Virginia	
Junior Class	10.00
Northern Indiana Brethren Youth	41.23
Huntington, Indiana, Church	70.00
Loree, Indiana	
Intermediate Youth Group	10.00
Milford, Indiana	
Junior High group	43.00
North Liberty, Indiana, Church	193.00
South Bend, Indiana	
Acme Class	25.00
Ladies Bible Class	25.00
Teegarden, Indiana, Church	128.05
Tiosa, Indiana, Bible School	22.50

The Missionary Board offices have received $40.50 additional gifts from individuals and $3,004.57 from churches which are listed below:

Ardmore, Indiana	
Sunday School	170.50
Brighton Chapel, Indiana, Church	*6.00
Cerro Gordo, Illinois, Church	45.95
Cumberland, Maryland, W.M.S.	10.00
Derby, Kansas, Church	19.00
Gratis, Ohio, Church	72.00
Johnstown II, Pennsylvania	*28.15
Johnstown III, Pennsylvania	*83.25
Krypton Bible Schools	10.00
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GRAND TOTAL	$15,846.49

It is not too late to send your contributions if you have not done so. Continue to mail them to the Missionary Board, 530 College Ave., Ashland, Ohio.

A Letter from the - - -

BRETHREN'S HOME SUPERINTENDENT AND MATRON

September 1, 1965

Dear Fellow Workers in Christ:

We have now served here at the Brethren's Home six months and feel it is time you should hear from us. Many of you had the opportunity to meet and talk with us at the Indiana District Conference and again at the General Conference in Ashland, Ohio.

First of all, we want to send our thanks to all who have shown so much interest in the Home and those who live here, by so wonderfully supporting the W. M.S. project the last two years. This money has made it possible to make definite plans and to proceed with the addition which is so sorely needed. The present time schedule calls for breaking ground in the spring of 1967.

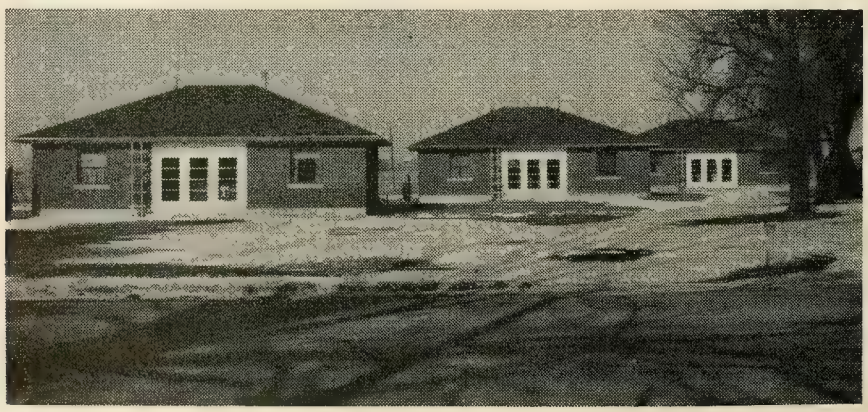
It is our understanding that with the fall months it has almost become traditional that many W.M.S. groups visit the Home. We are looking forward to meeting many of you and spending a time of fellowship with you here. This is something the folks here look forward to eagerly. We hope these visits will not be limited to W.M.S. groups. Our people here also enjoy so much the youth groups and I am sure a laymen group could bring a good fellowship to our folks here.

Anytime you are vacationing or otherwise passing through Flora, please stop. If it happens to be meal time you are welcome. There is always enough food for 5 or 6 more. If you wish to come for a meal as a W.M.S. group, write to us for a date. The Home will furnish all of the hot foods. One request, please don't come with mid-afternoon snacks. This only upsets appetites and schedule (by 2 P.M. the cook and kitchen help have already put in 8 hours and need a rest time before starting supper). We love to have company and our folks here need your visits. So please don't let them down, plan now for an early visit, then write or call for a date.

If you have questions of any nature, concerning the Home, don't hesitate to write or visit if you can.

God bless you all, pray for all of us here, as we pray daily for all of you.

In His service,
Bill and June Livingston



NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

CONVENTION

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

October 20-22, 1965

THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION of the National Sunday School Association is scheduled for Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 20-22, and is expected to draw ten thousand people from over the United States and Canada as well as foreign countries. Representatives will be in attendance from more than fifty denominations at the conclave which will feature eight major sessions being held in the Milwaukee Arena-Auditorium.

Five headline speakers, each a well-known leader in his field, will be taking part in the major mass meetings. In addition nearly two hundred workshops on subjects ranging from "Teaching Children to Pray" to "Laws of Sunday School Growth" will be offered using the facilities of the Arena-Auditorium which is two short blocks from the convention headquarters—the Schroeder Hotel. Workshop leaders, experts in various fields of Christian education are being made available by cooperating denominations, publishers and kindred organizations.

National Sunday School Convention Headline Speakers

Dr. Myron S. Augsburger

Dr. Myron S. Augsburger, President-elect of Eastern Mennonite College and Seminary and President of the Inter-Church Evangelism, Inc., will be the major speaker at the Friday evening service of the National Sunday School Convention. He will be speaking on the subject "Dimensions of Spiritual Objectives."

Dr. David L. McKenna

Dr. David L. McKenna, President of Spring Arbor College, Spring Arbor, Michigan, will bring the major message on Wednesday evening at the NSSA Convention. The topic of his message will be "A Lost Dimension of Growth."

Dr.Carl H. Lundquist

Dr. Carl H. Lunquist, President of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, will be the devotional speaker at the NSSA Convention and will deliver an inspiring devotional message Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Rev. George S. McNeill

Rev. George S. McNeill, Executive Director of the National Sunday School Association, Chicago, will speak at the Convention on Friday afternoon at the 1:30 session.

Rev. E. C. Thomas

Rev. E. C. Thomas, Publisher of the Church of God Publishing House and President of the National Sunday School Association, will bring the presidential message on Thursday evening at the NSSA Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



World Religious News in Review

'MAKE THE MEN SIT DOWN'

LOS ANGELES (EP)—For eleven days there was war in the "City of the Angeles." Negro rioters killed thirty-five people and burned to the ground or looted property worth $175 million. They waged guerilla warfare against hundreds of police and 21,000 National Guardsmen who were mobilized in all-time record haste.

The ugly riot began on Wednesday, the eleventh of August when two police officers followed a drunken driver into the Watts area of South Los Angeles and arrested him. That spark ignited a well-spring of hate and bigotry which erupted into murder, plunder, arson and burglary in unprecedented proportions in what was thought by many to be the Negroes' "promised land."

"Burn, Baby, Burn!" became the slogan and the password as firebugs put the torch to stores owned by whites. "Get Whitey!" too was the battle cry taken up by women and children egging on the men. Many light-skinned Negro policemen felt the rocks and bottles until someone would yell, "He's blood! He's a brother! Lay off!"

When the police moved in, the cry of "police brutality" grew into great swelling words. Hundreds called for the resignation of Police Chief William Parker. Parker expressed amazement at the credence given the brutality complaint—"a canard as old as Rome," he said, "for those who want to overthrow established law and order." Others charged that clergymen who will not obey certain laws if they do not agree with them must share the blame for some of the breakdown of the rule of law.

There were touching scenes of good will. A white man who drove unsuspecting into the area leaped from his car when mobs overturned and burned it. He was picked up bloody and beaten by a Negro who

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YOUR REGISTRATION BLANK —

Brethren Sunday school leaders, particularly those within traveling distance of Milwaukee, are encouraged to attend the National Sunday School Convention, October 20-22. In addition to the major address which will challenge and inspire, there are workshops on every aspect of the Sunday school program.

Those who attend this convention will return to their local churches challenged, inspired, with a real Sunday school vision, and with a multitude of ideas and methods for building a bigger, better Sunday school.

Plan to attend, and use the accompanying blank to register for this year's National Sunday School Convention to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin! Send registration to **National Sunday School Association, 175 N. Franklin, Chicago, Illinois 60606.**

carried him into his apartment and called an ambulance.

The murderous scene must have been not unlike what greeted Mary Slessor when she arrived in Africa many years ago. She had only her frail life to give—like five loaves and two fishes—for the salvation of fierce, passion-swayed men. Yet the hordes gave heed to the satisfying voice of God. In only five years her annual report carried these words: "Raiding, plundering, the stealing of slaves, have almost entirely ceased . . . For fully a year we have heard of nothing like violence from even the most backward of our people. Human life is now safe."

Los Angeles needs five loaves and two fishes like Mary Slessor. Let us pray there will be time. If this revolt would not have stopped... would have spread to other cities, all the forces of law could not have stopped it. The revolution would have been complete.

"He said, Make the men sit down ...then he took the five loaves and the two fishes...and blessed them and brake...And they did eat and were filled."

—Norman B. Rohrer, Exec. Sec'y
Evangelical Press Association

ARIZONA PETITION DEMANDS BISHOP PIKE REPUDIATE VIEWS OR FACE HERESY TRIAL

PHOENIX, ARIZ. (EP) — Fourteen clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona have petitioned the Episcopal House of Bishops to ask Bishop James A. Pike of California to make a "public repudiation" of his theological teachings or stand trial for heresy.

The petition urged, first, that Bishop Pike's suggestion that women be ordained to the Episcopal ministry be denied. This was a reference to a recent controversy raised by Bishop Pike when he said that because of a change in the wording of the Canons of the Church, whereby deaconesses would be "ordered" rather than "set apart," the way was open for the ordaining of women and he planned to do it.

At the last meeting of the House, in St. Louis in October, the bishops by-passed rumblings of a heresy trial of Bishop Pike with the decision to keep the question off the floor. At a future—indefinite—date, they said they would have a full scale discussion of the "new theology" of Bishop Pike, Anglican Bishop John A. T. Robinson of Woolwich, England, author of "Honest to God" and other controversial theological thinkers.

MINISTER SEES CHURCHES PROVIDING ONLY ARAB-ISRAELI COMMUNICATION

ST. LOUIS, MO. (EP)—An Episcopal minister who returned from a two-month visit to the Middle East gave credit to the Christian Churches for whatever communication exists between the people of Israel and Arab nations.

The Rev. Pitt S. Willand, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves, Mo., said he found that Christian Churches in Arab states and Israel "are carrying on a 'holding operation' and cannot hope to make significant progress until the political situation is settled."

NEW SEMINARY TO OPEN IN PARIS

PARIS, FRANCE (EP) — Announcement has been made of the establishment of an evangelical seminary here, with classes scheduled to begin in October. Preparations for this historic event began in September 1962, when delegates from eleven denominations met for the biennial congress of the "Eglises des Professants" (churches that insist members make and maintain a clear profession of faith).

The school's board of directors includes representatives of eight established denominations and the following missionary agencies: The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM), Greater Europe Mission, Belgian Gospel Mission, Bible Christian Union, Christian and Missionary Alliance, and International Fellowship of Evangelical Students.

NEPAL FREES MINISTER JAILED FOR CONVERTING EIGHT HINDUS

NEW YORK (EP)—A Nepalese minister of the Church of Christ has been freed after serving four and one-half years of a six-year prison term on a charge of converting eight Hindus to Christianity it was learned here.

According to word received by Methodist Board of Missions, the release of the Rev. Prem Pradhan was largely the result of a personal appeal to King Mahendra by Dr. Edgar R. Miller of Wilmington, Del., a pioneer Methodist missionary doctor to Nepal for ten years and physician to the royal family.

Released early in June, Mr. Pradhan was greeted by several of the approximately two hundred and fifty Christians in Nepal and six or seven fellow pastors at a "welcome and praise" meeting at a church in Kathmandu, Nepal's capital.

Under law in Nepal, a Hindu state, Protestant and Roman Catholic missionaries are largely restricted to "service" with evangelism prevented and conversions banned.

Early this year King Mahendra stated that the position of his country was one of non-discrimination against followers of other religions. At the same time the forty-year-old king said nothing of Nepal's law which bans conversion to those "other religions."

ON-GOING RELIGION IN SOVIET FURTHER CONFIRMED BY SECRET PRINTING PLANT

VATICAN CITY (EP)—Discovery of a secret religious publishing operation in Moscow was described in a Vatican Radio broadcast which called the occurance "still further confirmation of the survival of religious convictions in the Soviet Union..."

Quoting *Pravda*, the broadcast said several persons had been arrested for operating a printing plant behind an electric light-bulb factory. About four-hundred pounds of religious literature were confiscated.

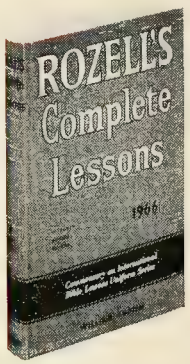
QUAKERS CONDEMN HATE GROUPS AND OTHER 'DISCORDANT VOICES'

GUILFORD COLLEGE, N. C. (EP)—The North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends closed its 268th session here by adopting a statement warning that "our country is filled with many discordant voices which are obviously not doing the will of the Father, and hate groups abound, some of them claiming to be Christian."

"In these days of impatience, suspicion and hasty judgment, we need to be walking proofs of the more excellent way, the way of understanding, compassion, forebearance and forgiveness," he said.

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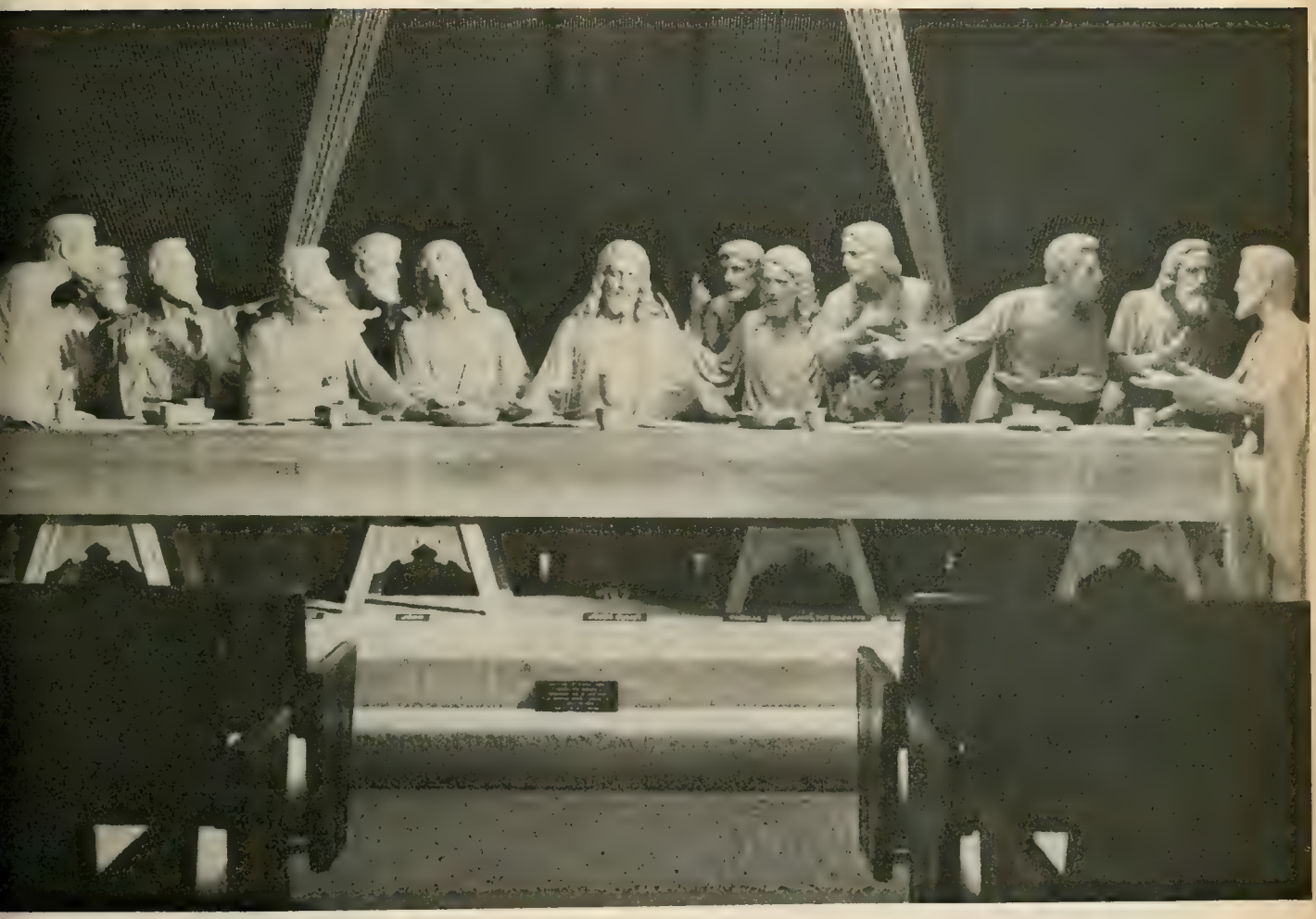
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PROTESTANT PRESS MONTH—

THE MONTH of October has been designated as "Protestant Press Month" for all evangelical churches. During this month various articles will be included in the pages of *The Brethren Evangelist* which will be of interest to you relative to protestantism and to the printed page of evangelicals.

The Brethren Evangelist is a member of *The Evangelical Press Association* from whom the news is received that appears in the "World Religious News in Review" column as well as other articles and information. We must, at all times, keep in mind the importance of the printed page in the propagation of the Gospel throughout the world.

"PUTTING WHEELS AND WINGS TO THE GOSPEL"

ON PAGE 21 of this issue of *The Brethren Evangelist* you will find an article entitled "Putting Wheels and Wings to the Gospel" by Leslie H. Stobbe. Mr. Stobbe is a member of the Distribution Committee of the Evangelical Literature Overseas organization and is much interested in the printed page as it relates itself to the spreading of the Gospel throughout the world.

The ELO celebrates October 17 as "World Literature Sunday."

Let us be thankful to God for the work that is being done in acquainting men and women with Christ by the press.

THE COVER PICTURE

YOU WILL NOTE on the cover of this issue of *The Brethren Evangelist* a picture of "The Last Supper." This is a photo of the work of Mr. Domenic Zappia who carved this during a period of four years. It is now on display at the World's Fair but will be moved to a chapel in West Virginia very shortly.

If you are interested in knowing more about this piece of art, read the Editorial in the October 3, 1964, issue of this magazine.



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a guest editorial

Protestantism

by R. B. Kuiper

NOTE: R. B. Kuiper is Chairman Emeritus of the faculty of Westminster Theological Seminary and President Emeritus of Calvin Theological Seminary.

BY DEFINITION, a Protestant is one who protests. Sixteenth century Protestantism protested against certain teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. Controversy, then, is one of the essence of Protestantism.

Positive

Let no one infer that Protestantism is merely negative. Contrariwise, it is eminently positive. Rejecting an infallible Church, it upholds an infallible Bible. Denying salvation by works, it proclaims salvation by grace. Renouncing a despotic priesthood, it recognizes the priesthood of believers. Paradoxically, Protestantism's negative aspects enhance its positive positions. The **sole** authority of the Bible is a more positive tenet than is the authority of the Bible. Salvation by grace **alone** is a more positive concept than is salvation by grace. The universal priesthood of believers is a more positive idea than is the priesthood of believers. As white appears whitest when viewed on a black background, so truth stands out most boldly on a background of error.

Permanent

The opinion is widespread that Protestantism is synonymous with change. Much of what once was approved Protestantism is written off as speculation, or even superstition, by today's standards. The catechisms and confessions of historic Protestantism, we are told, are largely outdated. Barth and Bultmann, Tillich and Ferre are said to have superseded the Reformers; and a good Protestant, we are informed, would have it so. However, the fact of the matter is that true Protestantism rests on the firm foundation of the Word of God, and only such Protestantism as does is worthy of its name. Where did Luther discover the truth of justification by faith only? Was it not in the Bible? And did not Calvin strive to base his entire system of doctrine and ethics so squarely on the infallible Word that he has been labeled a biblicist? In its basic features, Protestantism, far from fluctuating, is as permanent as is the abiding Word of the eternal God.

Progressive

Withal, Protestantism is progressive. The Holy Spirit enlightens God's children in their understanding of the Word, and over the centuries He does this progressively. The Protestant Reformation itself is striking proof of that truth. Nor did the Spirit's illumination cease at that time. Because the Reformers by and large opined that the State ought to control the Church, the established Churches of Europe came into being; however, under the influence of Roger Williams and due in part to the providential provision of a multiplicity of denominations in the colonies and these United States, American Protestantism arrived at that Biblical position which is described —somewhat loosely, to be sure—as the separation of Church and State. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries Pietism and Methodism protested against dead orthodoxism and sounded a clarion call to Christian service. The present age stands out as that of Protestant missions. This also being the age of ecumenism, church union at the expense or to the neglect of truth most certainly stands condemned, but the unity of all who truly believe in the Christ of Scripture is properly receiving increased recognition. And is there not within today's Protestantism a rising tide of interest in education permeated with true religion? Protestantism must keep reforming.

COMING EVENTS

St. James, Md.
Revival Services
October 24-31
Dr. Bruce Stark, evangelist
Rev. Jim Rowsey, pastor

Linwood, Md.
Homecoming (October 10)
Revival Services
October 10-16
Rev. William H. Anderson, evangelist
Rev. Hays Logan, pastor

Brush Valley, Penna.
Revival Services
October 11-17
Rev. Robert Keplinger, evangelist
Rev. Thomas Kidder, Pastor

Johnstown III, Penna.
Fall Revival
October 25-31
Rev. George W. Solomon, evangelist
Rev. Jerald Radcliff, pastor

Levittown, Penna.
Evangelistic Services
November 14-19
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, evangelist
Rev. Robert Keplinger, pastor

Wayne Heights, Penna.
Evangelistic Services
November 21-28
Rev. Jim Rowsey, evangelist
Rev. Marlin McCann, pastor

Ashland (Park St.), Ohio
Host and Guest Services
October 10-17
Rev. Jerry Flora, guest speaker
Rev. Phil Lersch, pastor

Gratis, Ohio
At Home Revival
November 14-20
Rev. Thomas Schultz, evangelist-pastor

Bryan, Ohio
Homecoming Sunday
October 24
Rev. C. A. Stewart, guest speaker
Rev. Smith Rose, pastor

Burlington, Ind.
Homecoming and Dedication
October 17
Rev. Richard Allison, guest speaker

Fall Revival
October 19-31
Rev. Myron Dodds, evangelist
Rev. Gene Hollinger, pastor

Flora, Ind.
Revival Services
October 31-November 7
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, evangelist
Rev. Clarence Kindley, pastor

Goshen, Ind.
Evangelistic Services
November 7-14
Rev. Jim Rowsey, evangelist
Rev. Richard Allison, pastor

Derby, Kans.
Crusade for Christ
November 7-20
Rev. Carl Barber, evangelist
Dedication Services
November 21
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, speaker
Rev. M. W. Dodds, pastor

Mulvane, Kans.
Revival Services
October 21-31
Rev. H. William Fells, evangelist
Rev. Carl Barber, pastor

When we began our publishing program it was a major problem to get satisfactory translations. Now we often have translators coming to us. A seminary student from Java wrote: "Now I come to offer my service to translate any books you want me to translate. The books published by CLC have been a great help to thousands of Indonesians in this country . . . On behalf of the unsaved and unreached in Indonesia I urge you to do the utmost in the publication.

—Willard Stone, *Floodtide*

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for October 10, 1965
JETHRO: EXERTING HELPFUL INFLUENCE
Text: Exodus 18:5, 10, 11, 13-22

ONE OF THE MEN of pronounced influence in the life of Moses and in the governmental system of Israel was Moses' own father-in-law, Jethro (Reuel). While Moses had with God's help capably faced the Pharaoh of Egypt, worked miracles and interceded with God on behalf of a complaining people, he was wise enough to know good advice when he heard it from someone else. "He who walks with wise men become wise" Prov. 13:20.

Jethro was a descendant of Abraham and priest of the Midianites. Although not of the tribe of Israel he is indicative of the many heathen who believed in Jehovah and in the ages to come of the many who would turn to God.

Jethro's Wisdom

Jethro revealed his wisdom when he recognized the power and glory of God when it was plainly revealed. Had he recognized other gods before? If he was not before he is now certainly a priest of the Most High God. His sacrifice was acceptable to Aaron and the elders of Israel.

Jethro recognized that the people of Israel were being harmed by the fact that there were so many grievances and only one judge to decide all cases. People went for hours and days without justice no doubt contributing to an already present atmosphere of discouragement as well as to disrespect for law.

In Ex. 18:19 Jethro recognized that there is a difference between establishing principles for justice and judging by these principles. "It is one thing to lay down principles, and another to apply them. Moses might reserve the legislative function—the inculcation of principles—to himself and still 'be for the people to Godward' (v. 19); but he might find 'able men' among the congregation, quite capable of applying the judicial function" (vs. 21, 22)—George Rowlinson.

Jethro recognized the importance of good virtue in those who are to sit in judgment. There cannot be justice where the hearts of the judges and other representatives of the law are perverted.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Peter, James and John

Memory Scripture — I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

October 10-16

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 9:1-8

Janet's Parents

After church the Kellers and Janet got into the car. "We're off to the State Park," shouted Gary.

"Not yet," smiled Mom.

"First we're going by the hospital," said Dad. "Janet will enjoy the trip more if she knows how her parents are."

"Oh, yes," said Janet. "I've been wondering all morning about them."

Dad stopped the car in the hospital parking lot.

"You children entertain Betsy while we go into the hospital," said Mom. "We won't be long."

In a short time Mom and Dad returned. "Good news!" Dad told Janet. "Both of your parents rested well last night. They are improving."

"And both of them said to tell you to have a good time and not to worry about them," added Mom.

"Thank you for stopping," said Janet. "I've been asking Jesus to make them well and He is."

"Many others have been praying, too," said Mom. "Our prayers are being answered. Jesus has the power to heal the sick."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I'm glad I know You have the power to heal the sick and to do all things. May I always trust You to do what is best. Amen.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13

Shall I Invite Him?

"Do you think I should ask Mike to go to our Sunday School class Halloween party?" asked Gary.

"That would be fine," answered Mom. "He would meet the other boys in your class. After going to the party he might be more willing to go to Sunday School with you."

"But what will the other boys think?" wondered Gary. "Everyone says Mike is a bad boy."

"He needs the Savior just as we do," replied Mom. "Jesus said it was the sinners He came to save. He even ate supper with a group of sinners."

"I'll ask Mike tomorrow at school," declared Gary. "I hope he will go. I want him to learn of Jesus, too."

Prayer:

Thank You, Jesus, for coming to be my Savior. I want to share this glad news with my friends. Amen.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 9:20-22

Healed

"Janet's mother went home from the hospital today," said Mom. "Her father will go home in a couple of days."

"That's good news," said Linda. "I know Janet will be happy."

"Both of her parents have had faith that God could and would heal them," Mom said. "They are like the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment."

"Not everyone who asks is healed," said Linda.

"No," answered Mom. "We must trust God to do what is best. Sometimes He knows healing is not the best answer to our prayers. If we ask to be healed according to God's will and believing He can heal us we will be satisfied with the answer He gives us."

"I know Janet is happy with the answer to her prayers," declared Linda.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the doctors and nurses and hospitals. Thank You for the many wonderful ways in which sick people can be made well again. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 9:27-31

Betsy's Toy

"Daddy fix," said Betsy as she handed him her broken toy.

"We will need some glue," Daddy told her. "Come to the kitchen and we will see if we can find some."

Daddy found the glue. Soon the toy was together again. "There," he said, "We will leave it here on the table. By morning it will be dry. You can play with it then."

Gary came in the back door. "See toy," Betsy said to him, "Broken, but Daddy fix."

Linda followed Gary into the house. "Daddy good helper," Betsy laughed. "Fix broken toy."

Just as Betsy wanted others to know how Daddy helped her, so we should tell of God's love and help to us.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for being near to me at all times. Thank You for loving and helping me. May I tell others of the things You do. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38

Workers Needed

"Here's a letter from Aunt Doris," Mom told the children after school.

"What does she say?" asked Linda.

"Sit down and I'll read it to you," replied Mom.

When Mom finished reading the letter, Gary said, "Please read that part again about needing missionaries."

Mom found the place and read, "Yesterday, Jim came back from a trip to some nearby villages. The

people were eager not only for him to treat their illnesses, but to learn of Jesus. No missionary has ever gone to these villages. How much we need workers to go with the Gospel to these people! Pray that others will come to help the people in all villages to learn of Jesus."

"I wish I could go right now," declared Gary. "I would like to be telling them about Jesus."

"I know you would," smiled Mom. "But there are many things you need to learn before you go to Africa. You will be a better missionary if you are well prepared when you go. There are many people around us who do not know Jesus. You can tell them of His love. There is always a need for Christian workers."

Prayer:

Dear God, show me where I can best serve You. Help me to always be willing to tell others of Your love. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 10:29-33

A Sparrow

"Look, that bird is hurt," said Linda.

"It's just a sparrow," answered Jack. "Who cares?"

"It's hurt and it needs help," replied Gary.

He stooped down and picked the bird up from the street. "Don't be afraid, little bird. I'll try to help you."

"Why bother?" asked Jack. "There are lots more sparrows."

"Linda," called Gary, "please get that old bird cage in the attic."

In a short time Linda appeared with the bird cage. "What's wrong with the bird?" she asked.

"It seems to be his wing," answered Gary. "I think it will heal if we can keep him happy and out of danger for a few days."

"Poor little bird," said Linda as Gary carefully put it into the cage. "I'll get you a drink of water." Linda removed the glass dish at the side of the cage.

"I still say it's silly to bother with a sparrow," said Jack.

"Maybe you think so," answered Gary, "but the Bible tells us God notices each sparrow that falls. Since He is concerned about each little bird we know He loves us very much."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I know You love me. Help me to be kind and thoughtful of others. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30

The Bully

"Butch is a bully," said Judy. "He picks on the smaller children all the time."

"I know," nodded Linda. "He pulls my hair whenever I go by him."

"He puts his foot out and trips me," said Steve.

"Butch is mean alright," agreed Gary. "He has pushed me down many times."

"What's wrong with him?" wondered Judy. "Doesn't he want any friends?"

"I guess not," answered Steve.

"Maybe he doesn't know how to get friends," said Linda.

"By now he should know pulling hair and tripping and pushing won't get him any friends," added Steve.

"Yes," said Gary, "but he needs to know that he has a Friend who will help him make other friends."

"You mean Jesus," laughed Linda.

"You're right!" declared Steve. "Let's invite him to go with us to church tomorrow."

"When he learns that Jesus is his Friend and we want to be his friends, too, he will stop being a bully," said Judy.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I'm glad You are my Friend. I want others to learn of You, too. Help me find ways to tell them of You. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

THE GRACE OF GRATITUDE

Before we make petition, Lord,
For anything, we pray
Fill our hearts with gratitude
For blessings ours today:
For freedom from the scourge of war,
From darkling fears that haunt
The mind when liberty is lost,
From famine and from want.

Give us the grace to know the worth
Of every gift from Thee:
The beauty of the earth and sky,
Of true friends' loyalty;
The right to worship as we choose—
And fill us with the grace
Of gratitude for Him whose love
On Calvary took our place,
For it was through His dying there
The gifts, too numerous
To be here named, as ours today—
He purchased them for us . . .
Then, Lord before we ask of Thee
One smallest gift, we pray:
Fill Thou our hearts with gratitude
That Christ is ours today!

—Cordelia Spitzer

COMPLAINING or "griping" has been humanity's weakness (Ps. 78:19). But Paul shows that Christians should have a different spirit (Phil. 2:14, 15). Prayer prepares the way for peace and praise (Phil. 4:6, 7). Having "the graceful gratitude of power" Paul could give thanks in everything (Phil. 4:11).

Paul was grateful to God for the gift of Christ (II Cor. 9:15). Once established some of God's gifts were withdrawn (I Cor. 13:8), but Paul was grateful for understandable teaching of Scripture (I Cor. 14:19). Paul was grateful to God that he never formed a sect (I Cor. 1:14-17). Paul was not belittling baptism, for it is Gospel included (Matt. 28:19). Paul, like Peter,

baptized his first converts, but later transferred baptizing to the deacons (Acts 10:48). Paul was grateful to God for spiritual results (I Thess. 2:13, 19). Thank God for the Gospel, and those who receive the grace of God (I Cor. 1:4). Thank God for growth in faith and grace (II Thess. 1:3).

Paul thanked God for loyal helpers (Rom. 1:8; II Cor. 8:16). He valued their prayers, sacrifice, and thought on his behalf (Phil. 1:3; II Tim. 1: 3, 4), and always remembered them with a grateful heart in prayer (Philemon 4). He was always happy to welcome sympathetic brethren (Acts 28:15). Paul was grateful to God for a complete victory (II Cor. 2:14). Christ was always leading Paul in the train of His triumph (Rom. 7:24, 25). All triumphs in life and service were not Paul's, but the Master's (Rom. 6:17, 18). As we face the onslaughts of the Enemy, and the separations sin causes, let us thank God anew that a new and perfect victory over all things awaits us (I Cor. 15:55-57)!

"We thank Thee and we praise Thee, Lord,
For all Thy gifts upon us poured;
For daily mercies falling free,
Unnumbered blessings yet to be."

MORE WORK NEEDED

(Reviewing Standard of Excellence Reports)

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, in the September 11 issue of *The Brethren Evangelist*, a report was printed of this year's Standard of Excellence Sunday schools—that is, a report of those Sunday schools which scored seventy or more points on the Standard of Excellence for Brethren Sunday schools. This report included the names and scores of nine of our Brethren Sunday schools.

These nine Sunday schools represent only a few of the schools which returned Standard of Excellence reports this year. Altogether there were fifty-nine reports received by the Sunday School office (we failed to receive reports from the other fifty plus Sunday schools). What about some of these other Sunday schools that returned reports? How did they do? This is what we want to consider in this article.

There were both good and bad in these reports. For example, one Sunday school scored 69½ points—just ½ point short of the minimal standard Sunday school. But at the other extreme were two Sunday schools which scored only seven points! The Standard of Excellence sets a total goal of 100 points (although it is possible to score higher than this because of "open end" scoring on two of the goals). Of the total of fifty-nine reports received, only twenty-nine Sunday schools—less than half—scored above fifty. The remaining thirty scored fifty or less. Breaking this down further, the reports showed that nine Sunday schools scored seventy or above; twenty schools scored above fifty but less than seventy; twenty-one schools scored from twenty-six through fifty; while eight schools netted less than twenty-six.

At this point it might be well to remind ourselves of the nature of the Standard of Excellence. This Standard is not a contest! Nor is it a list of arbitrary goals just for the sake of goals. The Standard of Excellence is what its name implies—a *standard* for Brethren Sunday schools. The goals of the Standard require, for the most part, only what is basic to a well organized, effective Sunday school. It embodies those principles which have been tried and proven by Sunday schools which are accomplishing great things for the Lord.

Since the Standard of Excellence is not a contest, there is no reason for any Sunday school to be at the bottom of the scale. In a race someone must win and someone else comes in last. But not so with the Standard. It is both *possible* and *desirable* that every Brethren Sunday school be a standard Sunday school—that is, that every Sunday school achieve at least seventy points. This is *necessary* in order to achieve a *minimal* level of acceptable achievement.

It is not possible here to run down all of the goals of the Standard and indicate how the reporting Sunday schools did. In the future weeks and months we will be taking up one by one many of the goals of the Standard of Excellence and will consider them in this column. In these articles we will attempt to give an idea of how many Sunday schools achieved each goal. We will only note here that of the total of twenty-nine goals on the Standard, only eleven of these goals were met by more than half of the reporting Sunday schools, and *not one* of the twenty-nine goals was met by all the reporting Sunday schools.

Yes, more work is needed. In fact much work is needed to make our Brethren Sunday schools what they ought to be. And you and I need to get busy and bring our Sunday schools up to standard that we may, thereby, faithfully serve the Lord.

Why not join the
TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

Brethren Youth Crusaders

Filmstrips

All the following filmstrips may be obtained from the **National S. S. Office, 524 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio 44805,** for a rental fee of 50¢. Each filmstrip is in color and is accompanied by a manual and record for guidance and sound.

For Jr. High & Sr. High Leaders Planning Better Youth Meetings Series

Planning for Worship—11 min.
Worship is defined and the five steps of a good worship experience are analyzed. A variety of ways to plan and conduct worship services for youth are suggested.

Planning for Study and Discussion
A variety of ways are shown to make study topics and programs interesting and exciting for a church youth group. The leaders role is examined also.

Planning for Recreation—10 min.
The elements and purposes of group recreation are outlined, and step-by-step suggestions for planning and conducting successful recreational activities in a church youth group are made.

Planning for Youth Projects
The needs and concerns young people see around them in their church, community, and world are analyzed, and suggestions are made of ways to plan and carry through projects to meet these needs.

Youth Workers' Audio-Visual Series

Double Identity—19 min.
How to serve youth more effectively by understanding and accepting them.

That Youth May Know—12 min.
Demonstrations of various methods of teaching young people the Gospel.

You for Youth—15 min.
Characteristics youth leaders have that make them effective or inept.

A Friend to Youth—15 min.
Demonstrates principles and techniques of good counseling for youth problems.

Through Faith and Fellowship—12 min.
How youth workers in churches and communities may cooperate to bring about a more meaningful program.

Decision Saturday—15 min.
Challenges adults to be more willing to give their time and effort in working with youth.

For Juniors - - -

Daily Christian Living for Boys and Girls Series

Learning to Help at Home—7 min.
Learning About Money—9 min.
Learning to Forgive—8 min.
Learning to Overcome Selfishness—6 min.
Learning to Get Along Together—6 min.
Learning about Sharing—8 min.
Learning about Friendship—7 min.
Getting Others to Like You—7 min.

For Jr. Highs - - -

Young Teens and Life Problems Series

Who Am I?—8 min.
What Can I Believe?—7 min.
Christian Commitment—9 min.
Looking Ahead to College and Career—10 min.

Making Christian Choices Series

Christian Standards of Right and Wrong—9 min.
Christian Choices in Action—8 min.

Young Teens and Their Families Series

Learning to live with Parents—8 min.
Getting Along with Brothers and Sisters—8 min.

Sharing Responsibilities at Home—7 min.
Allowances—6 min.

Young Teens and Popularity Problems Series

Overcoming Awkwardness and Shyness—9 min.
Making and Keeping Friends—10 min.
Trying to Be Popular—10 min.
What About Smoking?—10 min.

Young Teens and Dating Series

First Dates—10 min.
Whom Do I Date?—7 min.
How to Act on a Date—7 min.
Is It Love?—8 min.

For Jr. High and Sr. High - - -

Christian Teenager's Spiritual Life Series

Teenagers and the Bible—10 min.
Teenagers and Prayer—9 min.
Teenagers and Witnessing—10 min.
Teenagers and Christian Responsibility—9 min.

Christian Teenager's Faith for Living Series

Faith for Making Choices—10 min.
Faith That Influences Behavior—10 min.
For Fun . . . or For Christ—10 min.
Faith for a Scientific Age—10 min.

Christian Dating Series

Beginning to Date—12 min. (Jr. High)
Your Dates and Your Faith—12 min. (Sr. High)

For Sr. Highs - - -

Older Teens and Life Problems Series

How to Handle Personal Problems—10 min.
Careers That Matter—10 min.
Building a Personal Religious Faith—10 min.
Why Go to College?—11 min.

Older Teens and Their Families Series

"I'm Not a Child Any Longer"—7 min.
You and the Car—10 min.
Families Come in Handy—8 min.
Money Problems—7 min.

Older Teens and Popularity Problems Series

The Crowd—9 min.
Smoking and Drinking—12 min.
My Loyalty Test—10 min.
Influencing Others for Good—11 min.

Older Teens and Dating Series

Going Steady—10 min.
Falling in Love—10 min.
Conduct on a Date—9 min.
When Should I Marry?—9 min.

A Basis for Sex Morality Series

Love, Friendship and Marriage
The Nature of Sex
The Man-Woman Relationship
Pre-Marital Relationships
Rationalizing Sex Behavior
Guidelines for Sex Behavior

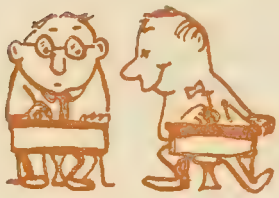
Christian Vocation Series

Youth and the Meaning of Vocation—8½ min.
Youth and the World of Work—9 min.
Youth and Church Vocations—9 min.
Youth and the Family in Vocational Decision—8½ min.

MEMO: Many other filmstrips on various subects are also available from the National S. S. Office. Several stewardship films and filmstrips are also now on hand.

If you are interested in getting more detailed information on the filmstrips listed here or in securing others, just write to the S. S. Office, whose address appears at the beginning of this list, and request a **Filmstrip Index**. Give your name and address and one will be mailed to you free of charge.

PROGRAM



MATERIALS

The vital part of any organization is its program. Therefore, the following program materials are suggested for B. Y. C. groups in The Brethren Church. These will help you meet Goal No. 5 which deals with program materials.

For Sr. & Jr. High

Training Hour material for both groups with Sponsors and Youth Guides available each quarter. Order from:

Scripture Press
1825 College
Wheaton, Illinois

For Juniors

Child Evangelism Magazine, monthly publication with flannelgraph stories and their figures plus other stories and ideas. Catalog of other items available upon request. Subscribe to:

Child Evangelism Magazine
P. O. Box 1156
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501

at $4.00 per year

For All

For suggested topics under Goal No. 5 as an alternate program material, we recommend the worship outlines beginning in the Fall 1965 Teach magazine. Order these through your church from:

Brethren Publishing Co.
524 College Avenue
Ashland, Ohio 44805

at 50¢ per copy (or less if ordered in quantity)

Youth Pages of **The Brethren Evangelist** for program, party and project ideas. Make a notebook of these ideas for quick reference.

B. Y. Handbook of Procedure from Brethren Youth office, free of charge, to help in organizing your youth groups.

"PROHIBITION"

ON DECEMBER 6, 1933 (thirty-two years ago), the Prohibition Amendment to the United States Constitution was repealed, climaxing fourteen years of public controversy.

Repeal of Prohibition has been followed by the splendid achievement of three of the major goals sought by Repeal advocates.

Oddly enough, this achievement was in the three goals least publicized during the entire period of controversy: (1) to make available to the public an abundance of alcoholic beverages of many types and brands, (2) to make these alcoholic beverages widely available, and (3) to lower alcoholic beverage prices below the prices charged during Prohibition.

On an average day in 1964 there were offered for sale to the public in metropolitan centers a total of 1,850 types or brands of alcoholic beverages, including 311 whiskies, 128 scotches, 88 vodkas, 604 liquers, champagnes, brandies, etc., 499 wines, 225 beers, and, for the very impatient, 11 "straight" alcohols of up to 180 proof strength.

Many of these types and brands were available at the 350,000 retail establishments selling alcoholic beverages throughout the United States. The success of Repealist attempts to bring about a widely available abundance of alcoholic beverages has exceeded their highest expectations.

Today, alcoholic beverages sell at lower prices than they did during Prohibition. For example, the Prohibition price of distilled spirits (including cheap bootleg whiskey) was roughly $5.14 per fifth. In 1963 the price of distilled spirits (excluding bootleg whiskey) averaged $4.64 per fifth.

Study of the achievement of several other major Repeal goals leaves very little to cheer about, according to a statement by Arthur De Moss, President of De Moss Associates, Inc., the company providing the greatest portion of total abstainer hospitalization insurance. Mr. De Moss recently accepted the presidency of the American Business Men's Research Foundation.

Mr. De Moss stated, "In connection with the 31th anniversary of Repeal, and stimulated by my company's experience in providing lower insurance rates for total abstainers, I have reread much of the anti-Prohibition literature of the 1920-1932 era. Included were voluminous extracts from publications by the Moderation League, various brewers and distillers organizations, The Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, the Crusaders, and Women Opposed to National Prohibition.

"Repeal was advocated as a reform measure aimed at lessening reported and highly publicized evils attributed to Prohibition. Repeal advocates pledged that enactment of Repeal would bring about improvement in several major problems and in many minor ones. 'Legalize the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages and our nation would become a better place for all,' Repealist seemed to be saying.

"Repeal supporters pledged that legalized manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages would result in a reduction of total alcoholic beverage consumption. In 1934, when reporting of alcohol statistics had become more reliable, the national consumption rate of alcoholic beverages was stated in terms of absolute alcohol, about 1.01 gallons per person. By 1963, the consumption rate had risen to 1.67 gallons.

"'Hard' liquor, the most easily transported and sold of all alcoholic beverages, was blasted as a villain by Repealist during Prohibition, while beer became their hero. It was pledged that Repeal would benefit the drinking population by steering it away from hard 'devastating' moonshine and rotgut spirits toward what Repealists termed 'wholesome,' 'non-intoxicating' beer. But in the Repeal period 1935 to 1963, per person consumption of hard liquor increased 99 per cent, while consumption of beer increased only 49 per cent.

"Drunkenness was becoming a national habit and disgrace, proclaimed the increasingly powerful Repeal forces. Reduce prices of alcoholic beverages, make them legally available—especially beer—and drunkenness would decrease, Repeal spokesmen predicted. Make alcoholic beverages easily available and the drinking population will not want as much, seemed to be the idea. In the period 1932 (last full Prohibition year) through 1963, the rate of persons charged with driving while intoxicated increased 230 per cent.

"With America laboring under reduced income and spiraling national indebtedness in the final years of Prohibition after many prosperous Prohibition years, the legalization of alcoholic beverages was presented as a means of reducing taxes, including the income taxes of the wealthy and influential. In the Repeal period 1932 to 1962, the national income increased more than ten times, but, personal income taxes increased more than 100 times. Nowadays more people are paying income taxes and are paying them at higher rates.

"Militant anti-Prohibition women, organizations such as the Crusaders, and other groups aligned against Prohibition expressed disgust at rising crime rates; the remedy they proposed: legalization of the liquor business.

"Since 1937, major crimes in urban areas have increased more than 70 per cent. Rapes have increased more than 180 per cent.

"Reduction of juvenile delinquency was another announced Repeal goal. In the period 1940 to 1960, the rate of juvenile delinquency court cases increased more than threefold. In the period 1938 to 1958, the rate of illegitimate births among girls 15 to 19 years of age more than doubled. In the age brackets when drinking is most common, the rate increased six fold. In the period 1935 to 1962, the rate of juveniles (under 18 years of age) arrested for drunkenness increased nearly six times.

"Repeal was enacted amidst pledges that the 'old fashioned saloon' would not return. There may be some question as to what constitutes an old-fashioned saloon, but in 1963 there were 208,633 establishments in the United States licensed to sell spirits and beer for on-premises consumption; in addition, there were 153,191 beer outlets.

"Breadlines, soup kitchens, apple peddlers, bonus marchers and other depression facts in the final years of Prohibition were all the more distressing because the first ten years under Prohibition were accompanied by the greatest prosperity experienced up until then in the nation's history. Using this depression mood Repealists pledged that legalization of alcoholic beverages would result in increased employment, which, together with other predicted Repeal fulfillment, was to restore the nation's economic health. Buying back prosperity with Repeal seemed to be the theme here. Employment did not increase for several years. The depression continued until World War II.

"Today our nation enjoys great prosperity. However, there exists a correspondingly great poverty in too many areas of the nation, a poverty frequently associated with alcoholic beverage consumption. In 1963, there were 2,960,000 children in families receiving aid from federal and state assistance programs, at a combined cost of nearly $3 billions. A great many, if not the majority, of these children were dependent on government aid because of alcoholic fathers.

"For every dollar received from alcoholic beverage traffic, local, federal and state governments spend six dollars on the care of alcoholics and on alcohol-related problems, according to an official 1962 Atlanta, Georgia, study of alcohol costs.

"While it would be inaccurate to claim that Repeal is totally responsible for the great deepening of the problems of alcohol, we can say that it certainly has not accomplished its announced high moral goals. A solution is still to be sought."

Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

SUMMER REVIVAL in the LOREE, INDIANA BRETHREN CHURCH

THE HAMELS experienced the thrill of leading an "Abundant Life" Campaign in our beautiful Loree Brethren Church from August 1 to 8 of this year. The attendance was over 2,000 for the eight-day meeting, with two first time confessions and 30 decisions of rededication and consecration. Magic object lessons were given by the evangelist for the children and our music was under the excellent direction of the faithful pastor, Rev. W. E. Thomas. The Abundant Life Campaign theme was Jeremiah 33:3 with our theme song entitled: "Let God and Let God."

The hospitality of the members and friends was par-excellent. Rev. Thomas is an outstanding evangelist and directed our publicity with top priority in the community. Members and friends of the Hamels attended from the Sarasota, Florida, Brethren Church almost every night, one coming from Akron, Ohio, just to attend the meeting.

Visiting ministers and their delegations were represented from the north to the south of Indiana. Ministers in attendance were Rev. Austin Gable, Rev. Herbert Gilmer, Rev. Dana Hartong, Rev. William Livingston, Rev. Ronald Laudenschlager, Rev. Arthur J. Tinkel, Rev. Gene Hollinger, Rev. Gene Eckerly, Rev. Paul Sommers and Rev. Clarence Kindley. Delegations from the evangelist's former pastorate in South Bend were also in attendance.

The Hamels were housed in Elmo Kunkle's beautiful Arrowhead Lodge on Lake Grace. Brother and Sister W. E. Thomas are doing a grand work in Loree and are to be commended for their dedication to the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Brethren Denomination is certainly indebted to the Thomases for their ministry in these challenging days.

Thank God for Revival! May this be only the beginning of our work together for the Brethren Denominaiton in spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

Rev. J. D. Hamel, evangelist

FOR BOYS ONLY?



My Daddy thinks it's nice for me to go to Sunday School
To hear the helpful lessons and to learn the Golden Rule;
And if some Sunday morning something else I'd like to do,
My Dad looks very stern and says, "I'm surprised at you."
So I dress up very neatly and I travel off alone,
While Dad hunts up his paper and decides to stay at home.
Now I've wondered and wondered, yes, time and time again . . .
Why Sunday School is so good for boys, and not for grown-up men.

—The United Evangelical

THE NEW THEOLOGY, THE NEW MORALITY, AND THE NEW EVANGELISM

by DR. BILLY GRAHAM

This message was given by Mr. Graham June 27, 1965, at the Baptist World Alliance in the Orange Bowl at Miami Beach, Florida.

PART I

THE MESSAGE that I shall give tonight is one I do not want to give, but God the Holy Spirit has laid it upon my heart so definitely that I cannot escape it. I want to speak not only to the masses of people who are here from the Miami area, but to the delegates, to the pastors, to all of you as you get ready to go back home to minister and to evangelize.

I want you to turn to the book of Jeremiah which I read nearly every day. I think this book describes our conditions today probably more accurately than any other book in the Bible. I want to read the prophet's words from Jeremiah 6:

> "For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.
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> "They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.
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> "Were they ashamed when they had committed abominations? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: Therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the Lord.
>
> "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the way, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.
>
> ". . . Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people . . . your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me."

Jeremiah was speaking to the church of his day. He said to Israel: "You have departed from the faith of your fathers. Israel, return, return, return to the old ways and the old paths!"

The 19th century was the age of the exclamation mark. The 20th century has become the age of the question mark. Everything we once believed in is being questioned today. Youth is saying: "If what you believe is right, why is the world in such a mess today?" Some have even said that Christianity has failed. They say: "Look at the suffering, the agony, the disease, the poverty, the hate, the racial prejudice, the war, the blood being spilled all over the world. If God is a God of love, why doesn't He stop it? Christianity has failed." I agree with G. K. Chesterton who said that Christianity "has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried."

There are those today who say that we should disregard the old things of our fathers, that we need something new. Even church leaders are beginning to say that in certain areas. And so new ideas have emerged, claimed by their exponents to be superior to the old. Some of these new ideas are invading the Church with deadly effect.

Tonight I would like to talk to you about three things —a new theology, a new morality, and a new evangelism.

First, A NEW THEOLOGY. One of the most popular words today is "new" or "neo." We have neo-orthodoxy, neo-liberalism, neo-evangelicalism, neo-fundamentalism. We seem to thing that every one must be put in one category or another. He's a fundamentalist; he's a liberal; he's this; he's that. I am not sure I claim any of them; I am just a plain Christian. Solomon said: "There is nothing new under the sun."

Today some of the old creeds are being revised, and often they are scaled down to match a dwindling faith. One of our great denominations is taking giant steps



toward a new confession of faith. One clergyman suggested that we have a moratorium on God for a year, and another said it should be for twenty years—don't mention the name of God for twenty years!

Recently a Baptist preacher said in print: "There is no such thing as a devil." When I read that I felt like the prize fighter whose opponent was beating him almost to death. As the boxer leaned on the ropes about to fall, his manager said. "Get up! He's not even hitting you." The fighter replied: "Well, watch that referee; somebody's hitting me." If there is no devil, then who is hitting us?

As I study some of these new books and read some of the many articles, I have to admit that they raise questions that must be answered. As I study some of these new things, I find that they revolve around three points:

(1) They question the authority of the Scriptures;

(2) They deny the existence of judgment and of hell;

(3) They accept and teach a form of humanism.

Seeing this, I have thought to myself: "Well, that's not new at all. That is all found in the very beginning of the Bible."

Turn to the third chapter of Genesis and read the devil's words to Eve: "Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods."

Three times the devil said: "Yea, hath God said?" Baptists have always believed in the authority of the Word of God, the Bible. We may disagree as to the details of how it was inspired, but we believe in its authority. Two thousand times in the Old Testament the prophets claimed that God spoke. In the Pentateuch we find such expressions as these:

"The Lord said unto Noah"
"God spoke unto Israel"
"God said"
"The Lord commanded"

In the books of the prophets we read these statements:

"Hear the word of the Lord"
"Thus saith the Lord"
"I put My words in your mouth"

Now, either God did speak to these men as they wrote by inspiration, or they were the most consistent liars the world has ever known. That they should tell and record more than 2,000 lies seems incredible. And did Jesus deliberately deceive us? For, you see, Jesus quoted from the Old Testament constantly; and not once did He say: "Watch out! You can't trust that. You can't trust the other." He quoted Noah, Moses, Jonah, three of the men in the Old Testament whose writings some persons today find it hardest to accept. He used many quotations from the Old Testament, and the apostles constantly quoted from the Scriptures.

When I began to preach a few years ago, I had many questions and some doubts about this Book. Intellectually, I could not figure it all out. Do you know what I did? One day in 1949 I opened my Bible, and I said: "Oh, God, I do not understand everything in this book. There are problems I cannot figure out. But, oh, God, from this day on, I am going to accept this book by faith as the authority for my life and ministry." I tell you, my ministry changed overnight. I found that I carried a sword in my hand. Tonight I attest with Job: "I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12b).

This Bible is not a book of science. Do not come to it expecting it to be like the science textbook you have in the university. It is a book of redemption. It is a book about God. It is a book about man. It is a book about salvation. It is authoritative, and it was inspired by God the Holy Spirit.

The Devil's second statement to Eve was: "Ye shall not die." A. C. Dixon once said: "If we had more hell in the pulpit, we might have less hell in the community."

In one village where Jesus had cured a man, the people said to Him: "Leave us alone." And people today say the same thing because they do not want to hear about death and judgment and hell. Too often we picture God as a kindly old man with a long white beard, sitting on a cloud, saying sentimentally to everybody: "Love, love, love." God **does** love; God **is** love; but this same Bible tells us that God is a God of judgment. Let me make this very clear. There is coming a Day of Judgment when every man, lost, without Christ, will be judged. There is coming a day of accounting when every believer in Christ must answer for every deed, every thought, every instant of his life. You and I will face a holy, righteous God. Acts 17:31 says: "Because he hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained."

The third thing the serpent said to Eve was: "Ye shall be as gods." That is humanism, and today humanism has pervaded the university campus from one end of the world to the other. The object of humanism is

to replace religion with a national, man-centered philosophy of natural progress and improvement. Humanism is simply the worship of man. "Glory to man in the highest," sings the humanist, for man is the master of all things. This has become the idolatry of our age—the worship of man. It is all the more dangerous for being so sophisticated and civilized in its expressions. And it is even invading the church.

As Baptists we have always believed in the sinfulness of man and in his lost condition. Baptists believe in the dignity of man. No denomination in all the world believes more strongly in the dignity of man and the freedom of the human will. But we also believe that man has sinned and rebelled against God, that this sin has affected his life, his will, his conscience, his whole human personality. Whoever you are, before God you are a sinner.

It is interesting to note that the Devil has not changed his tactics. He still knows that we can be fooled and deceived. Our minds are clouded by sin, and he does not have to change his approach at all. He uses today the same three lies that he used in the Garden of Eden.

Now I sympathize with those people who want a new method of communicating the gospel in the Twentieth Century. I am not saying, for instance, that we must imprison the gospel message in the Old English language of the King James Version of the Bible. But neither must we disregard the truth because it is old.

No mathematician would look at the multiplication table and say: "Why, that's old stuff," would he? "Two plus two is four. That's old. I learned that when I was in school. Don't you have something new?" When I was in school I learned that at sea level water will boil at 212 degrees and freeze at 32 degrees Fahrenheit. I learned that twenty-five years ago in school. Should I disregard it because it is old? Water still boils at 212 degrees. Water still freezes at 32 degrees. It will always be so.

In the spiritual realm, as in the mathematic, there are certain truths that are constant, fixed, firm. **God is constant.** The Scripture says: "For I am the Lord, I change not" (Malachi 3:6). **The Word of God is constant.** Jesus said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35). **Our Lord Jesus Christ is constant.** "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). **The way of salvation is constant.** "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). These truths are fixed and firm. They cannot be changed. They cannot be altered.

Speaking of my message in our Los Angeles crusade two years ago, a local pastor told the press that I had set the church back fifty years. I replied to the newspaper reporter, "I am disappointed. I had hoped to set it back 2,000 years."

Faithful Baptists have influenced the whole world. Let us stand with John Bunyan and Roger Williams and Charles Spurgeon and William Carey and Lee Scarborough and George Truett and all the great heroes of the past. Let us believe as they believed.

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy universal church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen."

That is our faith. Let us stand on it and believe it and carry it around the world. Let us reaffirm our faith in those constants of our fathers and of the early apostles.

PART II

The second new thing we hear a great deal about today is the NEW MORALITY. I believe the new morality has been brought about in part by some of the extremists in the so-called new theology. This new morality, expressed in relativism, repudiates the Ten Commandments, especially the Seventh Commandment forbidding adultery. It denies the absolute authority of God. It advocates permissiveness with affections. In other words, it says to go ahead and sleep with that boy or that girl if you find it meaningful, or if love is involved, whether you are married or not. In some areas, this relativism is the church's accommodation of its teaching to the current sex revolution.

Now it is true that we should listen to some things in this so-called new morality. I would not call you back to the Victorian Age, to that "hush-hush" period when everything pertaining to sex was supposed to be dirty, when one dared not talk about it. But when a preacher writes a pornographic book so bad that he is indicted by the District Attorney, that is a clear sign of how far some have gone. When a preacher stands up in court to defend LADY CHATTERLEY'S LOVER, saying it was like Holy Communion, that is evil. When a preacher stands in the pulpit to condone pre-marital sex experience, that is Satan speaking. When a preacher declares publicly that his hobby is painting nude girls, that goes beyond the bounds of any morality.

A few weeks ago a seminary student of another denomination told me that in seminary he had learned how to drink, curse, and to have sex experiences. He said that he had lost his faith and he was on the verge of suicide. That is where this new morality can end.

This is not a new morality; it is an old immorality as old as man himself. I will turn to just one of many passages of Scripture on this subject, and you see if you recognize any of what is happening today. Listen to this:

> "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
>
> "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.
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> "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves;
>
> "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

"For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

"And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the women, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

"Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boaster, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful;

"Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them" (Romans 1:21-32).

What we call the new moral relativism is nothing but the old immorality rearing its ugly, dirty head, and it can destroy your soul quicker than anything I know. The Bible says, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing" (II Corinthians 6:17).

What we need in the church today is a new holy discipline—a disciplined life—not because we are under Law, but because we are under Grace. The truth has made us free; free to serve God because we love Him. If you love God, you will obey His commandments. You will live clean and pure lives. Let me warn you young people that this is almost impossible unless Jesus Christ lives inside. Sex is a gift from God. There is nothing dirty about it; nothing wrong about it. It is a creative energy that you surrender to Christ, and it will be dynamite for God. I do not believe that anyone can be a dynamic follower of Jesus Christ unless his sex life has been surrendered to Christ. And I will guarantee you that God will do for you what He did for Joseph, who would not accept the new morality of his day. Joseph left his garment with Potiphar's wife and fled that which was evil. God gave him the grace and the power and the courage and the strength, and God will do the same for you.

Let us reaffirm our faith in the moral standards of the Word of God.

Third, we hear a lot about the NEW EVANGELISM. This new evangelism says, according to TIME Magazine recently, that personal soul-winning is passe. The new evangelism wants to apply Christian principles to the social order. Its proponents want to make the Prodigal Son comfortable, happy, and prosperous in the far country without leading him back to his Father.

Of course, Christian principles must be applied to the social order. However, strictly speaking, this is not evangelism. What is evangelism? The greatest definition I have ever read is by the Archbishop's Committee in the Church of England. "To evangelize is so to present Christ Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit that men shall come to put their trust in God through Him, to accept Him as their Savior and to serve Him as their King in the fellowship of His church."

Certainly evangelism cares about the impact of the Church on the world, the outgoing of love and compassion, self-giving, the meeting of men's needs, service for the less fortunate. Certainly evangelism must say something on the race question.

I have just come from Montgomery, Alabama, where we held a crusade for eight days in Cramton Bowl. Every night anywhere from twenty-five to thirty per cent of the audience were Negroes. The choir was just about half black and half white, all mixed together, and that was true throughout the stadium. There was not an incident all week. The only need we had for the police was to direct traffic. When I gave the invitation night after night, anywhere from 50 to 1,500 people came forward, both races standing side by side at the foot of the Cross of Jesus Christ.

When Christ died on that Cross, He broke down the middle wall of partition, and there is no possibility of a world brotherhood apart from the Cross of Jesus Christ. He will create a new love in your heart and He will change you from the inside out.

However, strictly speaking, evangelism means to convert people to Jesus Christ. I agree that we must have a Gospel large enough and adequate enough to meet the challenge of every hour, but we also need an evangelism that is winning men and women to Christ. Then they will have a new capacity to love their neighbors and to feel compassion for all men. As with our Lord, our evangelism must be incarnational, involving us in men's suffering. It must be redemptive, saving men from their sin.

The word "evangelize" is used three times in the New Testament. The word "Gospel," meaning Good News, is used seventy-six times. "To preach the Gospel" is used twenty-four times; "to give Good Tidings" is in five references; "to preach" in nineteen more references (and usually it means preaching Christ). Now this means that there are one-hundred-twenty references in the New Testament to the sounding forth of the saving grace of Christ to a dying humanity. This is the inescapable duty of the living church to the world at this hour. Preach the Gospel!

1965 - 66 Theme II Timothy 4:8

"LOVING HIS APPEARING"

Today there are many people who spend all of their time on peripheral areas. They may be important, but the primary mission of the church is evangelism, winning others to Jesus Christ. There are twenty-six million Baptists in the world. That is not very many in a world population of three billion. But we have a far greater percentage today than the early church had at Pentecost. They had only one hundred and twenty Christians to go out and win the world. They didn't have automobiles; they didn't have airplanes; they didn't have the printing press; they didn't even have Bibles. They had no churches, no seminaries, no schools. They didn't even have a well-trained clergy. These men had spent just three years with Jesus. Of course, that is plenty, but they did not have university degrees before they went to Jesus' seminary. They were just ordinary businessmen and fishermen and laborers, but they had something that we seem to be missing. They had the power of the Holy Spirit. They had disciplined lives. They had commitment and dedication. They were willing to deny themselves and take up the Cross, and they were willing to die in the Roman arenas. They died. They were torn asunder. They were cut apart. But they kept on preaching this Gospel. No wonder they turned their world upside down!

I love Latin America. There is something in Latin America that gets in my blood. I thought my ancestors were pure Scots, but I thing they must have had some Latin blood, also! They have something wonderful in Latin America! They have an enthusiasm; they have a fervor; they have a dynamic; they have had it rough and they have had it tough and they have had it hard, but they have eliminated from their church rolls thousands of people who would not pay the price! But in North America and in some parts of Europe we have had it too easy. We need to get back to the hard discipline and the hard challenge of Jesus. We need to get to where we are willing to carry Bibles. We need to get back to where we are willing to march for Jesus Christ. This they have done in Brazil and all through Latin America.

We need to get back to where we are willing to be fools for Jesus' sake. We have become too sophisticated, too respectable. The men who followed Jesus were in the jails and in the prisons. They were on the streets and among the people working, sitting where they sat.

Lloyd Douglas called it "a magnificent obsession." The people of Jesus' day accused Him of being beside Himself. They called Paul mad. After watching one of our telecasts in New York, a columnist wrote in a New York newspaper that "Billy Graham is beside himself." He went on to say that it is foolish, even ridiculous, to suggest that the answer to the world's problems lies in the Cross. Without realizing it, the columnist was using almost the identical words of the Apostle Paul in the first chapter of I Corinthians.

Last New Year's Day I sat in this football stadium right up there on the fifty-yard line. I watched teams from Texas and Alabama. On one side of me sat a man from Alabama; on the other side was a man from Texas. Before it was over they were nearly killing each other! Now these were respectable men, university professors, with Ph.D. degrees. They would have been horrified to come to a church and see somebody even smile, because that would be emotional! But, boy, they were going at it at a football game!

It seems strange that we can get all worked up over sports and pleasure and money and drink. We can scream like a tribe of wild Indians over the Beatles. But we must not show any fervor or any enthusiasm to win others to Jesus Christ.

Let us as Baptists today reaffirm our determination to evangelize the world in our generation. We could do it—energized and filled by the Holy Spirit, with a holy conviction that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and that there is no other way. Will you stand with me and say: "We as Baptists reaffirm our faith that Jesus Christ is Lord, that the Bible is our authority, that the church is our fellowship"? Stand with me and let us reaffirm the moral standards outlined in the Word of God. Say with me: "We believe that we should be about our Lord's business in winning others to Jesus Christ."

Years ago I heard the story of John and Mary Gadsden who were wealthy people living in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. One day about forty years ago a missionary came to their little church and told them about the needs of China. John and Mary Gadsden answered God's call to China. They sold their beautiful estate and went to a missionary school on the West Coast of China. While they were in school a missionary came from Tibet to ask for volunteers to go to the borders of Tibet where there was not a single missionary.

John and Mary went up to the missionary and said, "We will go." And they went—over deserts, over mountains, across treacherous rivers. Finally they reached Tibet, and there they settled down and worked among a tribe of people. They made friends, and they won souls for Christ as God prospered and blessed their ministry. One day their youngest child died of a terrible fever. Six days later their second child died. They dug the graves, and they buried them as their tears fell, and they decided to stay rather than go. Two weeks later Mary was ill with the same fever, and John knew she was dying. He knew he had to get her to a doctor, and there was no doctor less than three days' journey away in another mission station. So he made a little raft and put it on the river, and he put Mary on it. They went down the river the first day, and then on the second day in the evening they pulled over to the bank to spend the night. The next morning when he got up and was fixing the raft, Mary said, "John, come in. I'm not going down the river today. I'm going over the river." He knew that was the end, and then she called him closer and whispered something in his ear. He dug that grave, and he buried his wife. He put up a little cross, and then he got back in the middle of the river on his raft. He looked down—friends, home, money, influence. He looked back up the river where two days' journey would take him to the border of Tibet to a handful of people just out of the Stone Age. He turned the raft slowly around and went slowly up the river, because Mary had whispered in his ear, "Go back."

What are you doing for Jesus Christ? His challenge to you is to deny yourself, your selfish ambitions, your selfish plans, and to take up His Cross. That means to identify yourself with Christ in the hospital, in your place of work, in your neighborhood—no matter what the cost! We MUST to win others to Jesus Christ! We cannot do it with a watered-down message. We cannot do it with a watered-down life. We cannot do it with a watered-down evangelism.

Let us leave this Conference to go out and touch our world for our Lord Jesus Christ. Or maybe you need Christ in your heart. You want to receive Him, or maybe you want to rededicate your life, or reaffirm your faith. Or maybe you just want to stand and say, "I believe this and I want to stand with you and I want to reaffirm what I believe." Will you stand with me as we pray?

Our Father, Thou dost know our hearts better than we know them ourselves. Thou dost know our individual needs. Thou dost know our longings, our desires, our sins, and in spite of all that, Thou dost love us with an everlasting love that sent Thy Son to die on the Cross for our sins. We pray that those who need salvation will be converted to Christ—that those who need consecration will be consecrated to Christ—that those who need an infilling of the Holy Spirit will be filled—for those who need just a touch from God to go back to Africa, to go back to Latin America, to go back to Europe, to go back to the Orient, to go back to their home here in Miami and live for Jesus, we pray that Thou wouldst answer their request. Touch my life, Lord. I give myself to Thee. I need Thee more than I have ever needed Thee in my whole life. O, Holy Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Fall afresh on us all. Bless this great Baptist Congress as it continues. For we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

from the Woman's Outlook

Your National President Speaks . . .

OUR COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

IN THIS beautiful month of October, our denomination is reminded of our opportunity to contribute to our College and Seminary through the Educational Day Offering. With more seminary students enrolled and an increase in the number of faculty, each church needs to increase its offering.

At General Conference time, we toured the Seminary Building and were pleased with the building program. I'm thankful that our seminary students will have better facilities to study in and be trained in. Also, I am thankful for the new buildings on Ashland College Campus.

I've mentioned this before but I think it needs repeating of the special interest the W.M.S. has always had in our Seminary. The S.S.C.E. started a fund to sustain a theological department at Ashland College. Quoting from the report of that conference, "The Sisters certainly feel the pressing need for more ministers in the Brethren Church and realizing this fact we deem the preparation of young men and women for the ministry of first importance in extending the missionary cause and promoting the best interest of the church." For a number of years, the S.S.C.E. was sole support of the theological chair at Ashland College.

At our conference this past August, we gave to the Seminary from our budget $5,700 which will be paid during the year at $475 each month. Part of this money is made available from the offerings taken at our public service programs.

"Because we deem the preparation of young men and women for the ministry of first importance in extending the missionary cause," we have adopted as our project for this year an offering for the seminary housing. Many of the seminary students are married and their house rent should certainly be kept at a minimum. Our giving to this project will bring great joy as we realize the encouragement we will be giving to these dedicated men and women.

Let us place Ashland College, Ashland Theological Seminary and their leaders on our prayer list that they will be given wisdom and direction in their administrative efforts.

MISSIONARY NEWS

AID TO COUNTY LINE CHURCH



LIKE MANY other Daily Vacation Bible Schools, the youth at the First Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Maryland, supported the disaster fund for the County Line, Indiana Church as their project this year.

The accompanying picture shows a portion of the group and the model of a church representing the County Line Church. The model was made from two tea serving tables, a corner cupboard, a cross, some paper and some ingenuity. It served as an incentive to encourage the boys and girls to bring their offerings each day.

On the first day when the project was presented to the boys and girls, and they thought what had happened to the church in the Palm Sunday tornado, one little kindergarten girl piped up, "It got killed."

The County Line Church, though, will live again because of all the fine contributions and the hard working congregation at County Line. Altogether $298.58 has been donated by the seven Daily Vacation Bible Schools using County Line as their project.

BIBLE SCHOOL PROJECTS FOR MISSIONS

IN ADDITION to the Daily Vacation Bible Schools that contributed to the County Line Disaster Fund, there were six other groups sending offerings totaling $364 for various areas of Home and World Missions.

The fine mission interest and outreach of these young people is truly appreciated.

In addition to monies, a fine shower of staples and food supplies were given to the Bischofs to start their housekeeping in the missionary residence.

NEW TEN DOLLAR CLUB MEMBERS



Mr. and Mrs. John Fry Trinity Brethren, Canton, Ohio, Church
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Longshore Mansfield, Ohio, Church
Rev. and Mrs. Milton Robinson Stockton, California, Church
Mrs. Clifford Stout College Corner, Indiana, Church
Mrs. Pearl Swihart Nappanee, Indiana, Church

NIGERIA MISSION RESOURCE MATERIAL

WE ARE PLEASED to offer a 54-page booklet called **"Time Out to Serve"** written by Irene M. Stayer, M.D. and highly recommended by our retired missionary of Nigeria, Vida Liskey.

Doctors David and Irene Stayer volunteered for a "vacation of service" to Brethren mission in Nigeria. Their accounts of their work and the functions of the Brethren missions is the kind of information groups and leaders throughout the denomination will be interested in reading and using in meetings and group discussions.

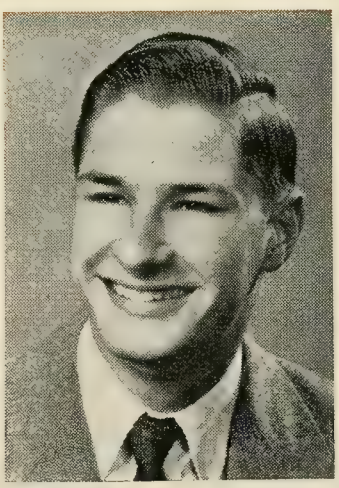
Board members, the Bischofs and many other Brethren bought their copies at General Conference. Get yours now by sending 50¢ to the **Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, 530 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio 44805.**

A VISIT TO VICTORIA

by WILLIAM K. CURTIS

THE FIRST WEEKEND in August I visited with the Brethren at Victoria between the rivers. This church is one of the most difficult to reach since there are no bridges to drive over and one must depend on the ferry boats for coming and going. It is a very interesting trip by auto and one passes many interesting areas of wild life as well as many "Gauchos" on cattle drives or riding herd. Some of the roads are yet unpaved making it a little difficult to get through in rainy weather. My station wagon acquired about an inch of mud by the time I reached Victoria but the Lord kept the Jeep on the road.

Victoria is a city of 23,000 people, 18 Catholic churches, morality problems and a strong Protestant opposition. Our Church there is the only evangelical witness. The pastor, Oscar Vena, with his wife and son of eight months, do not travel outside the area more than three or four times each year so they really appreciate visitors.



I very much enjoyed the three services in which I had part. Four persons made a manifestation of faith on Sunday evening so the Lord even gave us visible results of our labor. I have really enjoyed working with the pastors here even though the Spanish is still very limited.

TEN DOLLAR CLUB MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE!

Only 210 members of the TEN DOLLAR CLUB have sent their contribution for the present call for the Mansfield Church. We will be anxious to hear from the other 1230 members!

The Brethren Layman

Views and Comments

Floyd S. Benshoff

THOSE GOALS

BY THIS TIME there should be pretty wide distribution of the blue cardboards marked "1965-1966 Goals of the National Laymen's Organization of The Brethren Church, Inc." They make good book marks, they serve well as separators in egg cartons, and can be used as fans on a warm evening. But they're not printed for use, primarily, in any of these directions. To realize that less than 20 local laymen organizations gave a goals report at our late gathering in Ashland, Ohio, would tend to make one suspicious of the use to which last year's sheets was put.

A proper use is to see that every layman has his own copy and that he is reminded by laymen presiding officers at each meeting of his part in attaining the goals for the organization. They should be studied by the group and earnestly used to help generate the spiritual power that will enable us to achieve the high goals that Christianity sets before us. These goals will not be gained in a sweep of the hand, but persistence will pay off. Kingdom work will never be done by people who are easily discouraged and turned aside.

Brethren men, to the task!

AN ECHO

THE WRITINGS of various Brethren scribes will, for some time to come, carry overtones of our annual General Conference. It is true now, as in years past, that an individual who attends with interest, is never the same. He sees things done on a different scale than is done on a local level. He sees actions taken that affect a whole denomination rather than an individual church. The value of his vote is multiplied a hundred times. His responsibility is enlarged. To vote intelligently, it is ofttimes necessary that an explanation of the issues at hand be given. Any attempt to choke off or "gag" such explanations and discussion is considered unethical by basic parliamentary procedure. When churches and individuals go to the expense, in time and money, to have quotas of delegates in attendance at the annual meeting, many of them traveling hundreds of miles, they deserve full consideration of the presiding authorities. To have an agenda so crowded that there is not enough time to consider properly, issues as they may be presented, is a sad mistake and dilutes the confidence the rank and file have in the whole proceedings.

People from the "grass roots" have every right to be heard on issues that bear on the future of The Brethren Church in a General Conference of The Brethren Church. There is such a thing as being technically correct but morally wrong. F. S. B.

PUTTING WHEELS AND WINGS TO THE GOSPEL

Distribution Committee Evangelical Literature Overseas

by LESLIE H. STOBBE

A HOT WIND picked up little scraps of paper, whirled them into the air and left them in an eddy to drop back to the ground. As Huan walked across the plaza one of the scraps of paper caught his fancy. He picked it up.

A quick glance showed that it offered a Bible correspondence course. So that's what the American basketball team had been up to! No wonder his church wouldn't allow his to attend.

Huan was intrigued. He wrote for the course.

Four years later the team returned. Huan greeted them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! In the intervening period he had completed the course, experienced the transforming power of Jesus Christ and started the only evangelical church on his island in the Philippines.

Halfway around the world a house painter boarded a bus for home. Looking up at the baggage rack, he noticed a red booklet. He picked it out of the rack and started reading. It was an underlined Horton's Gospel of John. As he read it, God spoke to his heart. Today this man is a deacon in a Chicago-area church.

Not far away, a young fellow enrolled in Elmhurst High School. At Hi-C he for the first time met young people who rejoiced in a personal experience of Jesus Christ in their lives. In time he turned in faith to Christ. He also started memorizing Scripture. After some years at college, he joined *Send The Light* to become a leader in *Operation Mobilization,* where more than 2,000 young people covered large areas in Europe with Christian literature.

The summer over, Jim signed up for a year as a missionary. One of his first assignments was to Manchester, England. On the streets of Manchester he met a communist distributing literature. Jim challenged the communist to a comparison. That night the communist came to visit Jim. Several days later he committed his life to Christ. Today this former communist is distributing Christian literature.

For Huan, the Filipino, literature was the link to new life. To the house painter in Chicago, the Gospel of John provided the link to purposeful living. And for the communist in Manchester, the Christian literature provided the light of the Gospel.

There are many Huans . . . and senoras . . . and comrades in the world today for whom literature is the only link to life.

One reason is the population explosion. If you were to set up a launching pad at the world's busiest airport, Chicago's O'Hare Field, and send off rockets seating 100 persons every minute into space, you would just barely be keeping up with the population increase in the world today.

During the next thirty-five years the world population will increase as much as it has from the time Christ was born up to now. Yet only one in thirteen will ever enter a church of any kind, Catholic and Protestant.

For these millions, yes, billions, often the only possible link to life is literature. This is particularly true in view of the increase in literacy.

Five years ago the literacy rate in South Africa was thirty per cent. Then the government embarked on a ten-year campaign to wipe out illiteracy. Today they are more than seventy per cent on their way to their objective—every school-age child in school.

In the ten years following Indonesia's independence, illiteracy has been reduced from ninety-five per cent to forty-five per cent. In India, 150 million learned to read during the last fifteen years.

You put Christian literature in the hands of these newly-literate and you not only give them something to read—you also introduce them to the new life in Christ Jesus.

In northern India a young man who had left his community for a large city, went into a Christian bookstore and purchased a little booklet on salvation. When he went back to his village he took it with him. Years later missionaries visited this area. They discovered that almost all of the villagers had been healed from their sin and were living remarkably Christ-like lives.

Literature finds entrance where no personal Christian messenger is allowed.

Until recently, the publishing of non-Catholic literature was strictly prohibited in Spain. So Send The Light brought in tons of literature. They were also led by the Lord to an out-of-the-way printer who could print much more. Then Send The Light personnel began addressing envelopes from the names in Spain's telephone books.

Once addressed, the envelopes were stuffed with Christian literature, with an offer of a Bible correspondence course the key piece. Taken throughout Spain by Christian servicemen during their leave, the letters were mailed from hundreds of scattered mail boxes. The return address was in Portugal. Within one

year 20,000 Spaniards who had never heard the true Gospel had enrolled in Bible correspondence courses.

Nearly sixty years ago a family moved into a logging camp in northern Michigan. Scouting through the materials left by the previous inhabitants, the ten-year-old girl in the family stumbled across *A Peep Behind the Scenes,* a Moody Colportage Library book. A quick glance revealed that her parents would probably not approve of this Protestant literature, so she hid it.

Surrepticiously she read it, bit by bit. By the time she had read it all she had made her commitment to Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord. When her parents sent her to a town school, she ended up in a Chritian home.

Today a white-haired lady, this little girl who met Jesus Christ in the northwoods, happily tells of a lifetime of service for Christ—and all because of a little book.

Muslims have always been difficult to win for Christianity. In certain sectors of the Middle East missionaries have served for twenty years without visible results.

Now all this has been changed. Muslims all over North Africa and the Middle East are rejoicing in their newly-experienced relationship with Jesus Christ. Why? They learned the truth about Jesus Christ through correspondence courses offered by missions—and now advertised on commercial radio stations.

High in the Colombian mountains twenty-four-year-old Emilio Mesa was struck with paralysis from the shoulders down. To occupy his time he read—from books propped up by his twelve brothers and sisters in turn. One day a neighbor dropped by. He offered Mesa a book he said he had received from the priest.

"I cannot understand it," he said.

"Will you loan it to me?" asked Mesa.

The neighbor did. Later Mesa testified, "Never have I read anything so thoroughly simple and beautiful. My eyes were opened and my hunger grew for more."

Then someone told him about a distant neighbor who was somewhat queer. Every week-end he went into a far pasture to read out of a big book called the Bible. Maybe he would loan it to Mesa.

Mesa was dumbfounded. If the Gospels were so wonderful, what must the Bible be like. He sent his younger brother to borrow it. Day after day he read it, the family crowded around him.

Then changes began to take place in their lives. Old habits and practices dropped away. One by one Mesa and family turned to Jesus Christ for spiritual healing and the new life He offers.

Making the Gospel available to people like Mesa through Christian literature is a gigantic task. One reason is the limited progress thus far.

Today the number of Christian books in most languages would not even fill a sectional bookshelf. In Hindi, the official language of India, there are only 182 titles. In Indonesia, there are only slightly more than fifty titles that could be called evangelical. And in Ethiopia, all the evangelical books in the official language, Amharic, could be held in your two hands.

A survey by William S. Deane, veteran literature missionary, revealed that there were only 145 titles available in Arabic in 1961.

When your boy or girl comes home from Sunday school he probably says, "I'm not going to do that stupid lesson!" And he usually doesn't! Yet thousands of Sunday school pupils in other areas of the world would be delighted if they had only one lesson in their language.

In Poland, lesson outlines for teachers are typed out and sent to those active in the Sunday school.

A chat with Senor Burchez of LEAL (literature coordinating arm of Latin America Mission) revealed another area of intense need—the production of evangelistic literature in Spanish. It seems the problem is not that there aren't enough presses, or that there isn't enough capital—but that it's merely the problem of freeing men from other duties to write such material.

Yet for all the need for adequate Christian literature to fill the vast gap, such literature will not get out without a far-flung distribution system. Today there are major cities on mission fields with populations totaling more than 500,000 without a Christian bookstore.

And it isn't that bookstores cannot be successful. In Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, a bookstore grossed sales of more than $100,000 during the first eleven months of its service to an almost wholly African clientele. Increases are ranging more than 150 per cent each year in this bookstore. All because the manager showed imagination, set himself up as a wholesale distributor as well—and used nationals as salespeople.

Similar examples could be cited from Panama City, Sao Paulo, Calcutta.

Probably the greatest need today—even more than money it seems—is for trained personnel. Mission boards insist on adequate training for teachers and doctors. Nurses must have their certificate. But when they look for someone to staff their literature outlet they only too often assign someone without real qualifications—except that he is expendable elsewhere on the field. The testing program carried on by Evangelical Literature Overseas in its Big Lift training program (carried on in cooperation with Christian Booksellers Association), reveals that applicants often do not have the basic qualifications needed.

The time has come when literature production and distribution must get our best-trained personnel! We must stop treating literature like a stepchild. Clearly the challenge for a massive assault on the literature needs of the world calls for massive effort.

Three men watched a fourth eat his lunch off to one side during the noon hour at the British Museum. They laughed at him.

"There he sits, reading and writing all the time. What philosophic nonsense!"

Yet day after day the man they scoffed at kept reading and writing—until he had finished "Das Kapital."

The man? Karl Marx. Today he is not laughed at. His book has shaken the social and economic foundations of the world. It threatens to engulf the world with a political system based on an atheistic materialistic philosophy.

Where are the "Karl Marxes" of the Christian world?

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AUDACIOUS BATTLE FOR CONTROL OF LIFE

Fertilized human egg cells in a vial to populate other planets with "grow your own" people . . . fetal surgery to correct abnormalities and introduce "supermen" . . . spare parts for ailing bodies . . .

This may sound like the weird shennanigans of an imaginative writer of fiction, but it's within reach of soaring science, says *Life* magazine's September 10th issue.

The colorful, illustrated article titled "Control of Life" is the start of a four-part series on fantastic breakthroughs of modern medical science. No subject has more far-reaching implications or touches man more closely than this tampering with our successors and the attempt to by-pass sex in human reproduction.

The 20-page article lists a dozen or more physicians who have already achieved fantastic results from their adventurous test-tubing. One doctor routinely produces centuplets in livestock. By injecting cow embryos into the uterus of a rabbit, scientists see the day coming when they can easily transport a whole herd of superb, pedigreed cattle across an ocean inside a single rabbit.

These medical scientists have already manufactured a placenta simulator, performed successful surgery on the fetus of a monkey and manufactured artificial wombs.

How far will men go in producing giants in the earth and deciding the fate of his successors? How many years will man arrange for himself to live? Is it possible to turn "mediocrities into Einsteins?" What are the theological implications of all this?

While the work of the laboratory goes quietly on, replenishing the earth and subduing it, a voice booms out of the historic past and echoes through the narrowing corridors of history:

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die . . ."

Norman B. Rohrer,
Executive Secretary
Evangelical Press Association

GAMBLING CALLED 'SINISTER THREAT' TO NATION'S ECONOMIC, MORAL LIFE

GLORIETA, N. M. (EP) — Church members who see gambling as nothing more sinister than the "thrilling spectacle of the Kentucky Derby or the vacation visit to a gambling casino" have contributed to a gambling industry which finances syndicated crime, a Southern Baptist clergyman declared here.

Dr. Jimmy R. Allen, Dallas, Christian Life Commission secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, called gambling a "sinister threat" to the economic and moral life of the nation.

"Testimony before investigating groups indicates that illegal gambling is a major source of income for syndicated crime," he said.

Dr. Allen spoke to a week-long conference on gambling sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention attended by more than five hundred Church leaders. According to Dr. Foy Valentine, national director of the Commission, the conference was called to lay the groundwork for a Baptist plan of attack on the gambling problems and "to think through the very complex effect gambling has on the life of our nation."

HEADHUNTER TURNED CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS AMERICAN SOCIETY

DALLAS, TEX. (EP) — A Peruvian chief who gave up head-hunting and has become a vocal and enthusiastic Christian had some questions about American society as he visited here on a trip through the United States.

Chief Tariri, head of the Shapra jungle tribe, told reporters who met him here: "I see all of the beautiful things in your country and I wonder how it is you aren't more interested in God. I came to tell you about God."

Miss Lorrie Doris Anderson, a member of the Wycliff Bible Translators who accompanied the chief and served as his interpreter, said that he has been disturbed by the American emphasis on drinking and money.

Miss Anderson and an associate, Miss Doris Cox, spent three years with Chief Tariri's tribe and were instrumental in converting him to Christianity.

RURAL SOUTHERN CHURCHES CALLED 'LAST HIDING PLACES' OF SEGREGATION

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C. (EP)—White Protestant churches in the rural South are becoming the "last hiding places of segregationalists, both in the pulpit and the pew," a southern theologian and sociologist warned here.

Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer of Atlanta asserted that "soon the only segregated eating places in the South will be at the Lord's table. The 'white only' signs are coming down faster over sports arenas than spiritual altars."

The director of the Religious Research Center at the Chandler School of Theology (Methodist) addressed some one hundred and fifty denominational leaders from nine states attending the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction's quadrennial town and country conference.

SPANISH-AMERICAN CRUSADE PLANNED FOR MIAMI

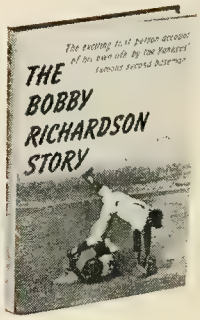
MIAMI (EP)—A city-wide Spanish-American evangelistic crusade is being planned here for November, 1965. The evangelist will be the Rev. Fernando Vangioni, Argentine minister and member of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He is also president of the *Comite Latino Americano al Servicio de la Evangelizacion,* San Jose, Costa Rica.

A majority of the Spanish-speaking churches of Miami have pledged their help and cooperation. Meetings will be held in Bayfron Park.

(*Editor's note: Mr. Vangioni visited many Brethren Churches in America while on tour a few years ago.*)

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PASTORS' CONFERENCE DATES

PASTORS—please note! The Pastors' Conference Committee has met and has set the dates for Pastors' Conference in 1966.

These dates are April 26, 27 and 28, 1966. The sessions will be held at the Seminary. Please mark your date books now!

Elders William Fells, Glen Traver and Don Rinehart constitute this committee.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT LAYMEN RALLY

MR. WILLIAM McKINSTRY, Secretary of the Southeastern District Laymen, has announced that the Laymen Rally for the district will be on Saturday, October 30, 1965, at Linwood, Maryland.

The business session will begin at 5 o'clock E.D.S.T. Dinner will be served at 6 o'clock.

IF YOU WOULD MEASURE HIGH

If you would measure to the height
That God would have you reach,
You'll have to do the thing that's right
In what you say and teach.
You must be honest in your soul
With God and all mankind,
And looking only for the goal
That godly people find.

You must possess a worthy aim
And prove yourself a man,
Although you may not rise to fame
By what you do or plan;
But if you'll live, by God's grace,
Within His will sublime,
You'll shine along your earthly race
And wisely use your time.

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.



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MY HEART FOR EDITORIAL WORK

by LARRY WARD

Presidential Associate World Vision, Inc.

THE OTHER DAY some friends of mine, nearing the end of a five-month world tour with their now eighteen-month-old son, arrived in Japan. Because they had a great deal to do in a very short time, they were persuaded to leave the little fellow in the care of some missionary friends while they traveled around the country.

They did so with some apprehension, and I know that when they came back they were wondering just how little Paul would react to them. They decided he probably would just be kind of quiet and shy and embarrassed since he hadn't seen them in several days and would not understand.

But when they entered the Otani Hotel, Paul took one look at his parents, and then backed away and went around in two complete circles. Suddenly he put his head up in the air and screamed in pure delight. Pure, unadulterated delight—at the top of his voice!

I thought: the deep feelings in his heart just *had* to find expression. The limitations of vocabulary were not going to be any barrier to him. He just had to express his heart any way he could.

As I look back particularly over my past two months in Viet Nam with Dr. Bob Pierce, I'm glad that the deep feelings in my heart, the convictions etched there so deeply, will in some measure be able to find expression in words put down on paper. I like our topic: "My Heart for Editorial Work."

On any story or photo journalism project, or when I'm involved in script writing for movie or TV, I recognize I have to use not only my mind for intelligent research, but my eyes supplemented by my camera for observation and my ears for synchronous impression . . . and most of all do that recording which really counts—record the reactions of the heart.

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh and the typewriter clattereth away, and so it is important that on the computer of the heart we record the data which will make the "printout" of our expression later on.

I say that to be very honest. I don't think this is just a point of theory, but a very practical guideline for our writing and editing. As I think back over my own life, I remember the tremendous importance of the printed page—first the Word of God itself, and then the books and tracts and magazines which so greatly influenced the formative first days of Christian experience.

In my writing these days I strive for a constant and deliberate subjectivity . . . a deliberate personal application in all my research.

I have to be a participant rather than a mere reporter. *I* must react if my readers are to react. I have to record my own subjective reactions as well as the objective realities around me.

Then, secondly, I strive for unashamed honesty in my reporting. My writing, basically, is in the field of missions—an area sometimes accused of overstatements in this day of the understatements. But how important it is to describe things just as we see them. Unvarnished, simple, graphic. We don't need to color or exaggerate. God will not bless . . . and it isn't necessary! We want to lay out the needs of a situation as exactly as we see them, so that these things will speak to our readers as they have spoken to us.

I have just returned from Viet Nam. Dr. Bob Pierce and I felt our responsibility there to understand the overall context of the situation just as much as the hard core news correspondent.

Our focus was the work of God in Viet Nam, but we had to try to understand the complex context in which His people serve Him there.

This may be one of the strangest of man's war with man. God in His goodness let us go to places where few have gone. I don't say this to be cheaply dramatic, but I think it is only honest reporting to say that partly because we know that part of the world so well . . . partly because we have contacts that others do not have . . . and partly because we didn't have to rely solely on the help of the U. S. military, we were able to film in places where no one else had been allowed to work. God gave us many unique opportunities and contacts.

We went via plane and helicopter to all corners of Viet Nam. We lived with the men, traveled with the chaplains, toured the battlefields, flew many missions. We interviewed the missionaries and the Vietnamese Christians. I sum it up all in saying that we were there trying to learn everything that any other correspondent could learn . . . but more.

And when we walked through the huge Vietnamese army hospital on that Easter Sunday morning, because we were there in the name of Christ we had to be His servants as well as reporters. There was a time when we had to put down the notebooks and cameras and take up the Word of God and do what we could by way of Christian ministry.

When I walked with Photographer Joe Gooden away from the U. S. Embassy, where we had arrived only a few minutes after that terrible blast, my heart was

heavy with all the horror and heartache and suffering of that sight.

When I reached my room, before I sat down at my typewriter to talk to anyone else, I had to fall on my knees and talk to God.

We have to do this thing from the *heart*. To me the research of the heart is vastly more important than the research of the mind or the eyes or the ears or the camera or any kind of recorder.

My heart for editorial work? It's a tired old heart sometimes. It's a burdened heart. But it's a grateful heart. I came back from Viet Nam with two suitcases full of notes and pictures, but—more than that—a heart full of concern. I want to share it. I have to share it. I'm glad for the ministry of writing in which my heart can find expression.

When the clouds are full, they empty themselves upon the earth. When our hearts are full, they can pour themselves out in writing which counts . . . in expression which will produce results.

news... from the Brethren

St. James, Md. Rev. Jim Rowsey reports that on Sunday, September 26, eleven persons were received into membership of the church. Ten by baptism and one by transfer of letter.

Mt. Olive, Va. Rev. John F. Locke reports that as a result of the revival services conducted by Rev. Ralph Mills that three persons were baptized and received into the membership of the church.

Bethlehem, Va. Rev. William Walk who had been serving as associate pastor of the church during the summer months, conducted revival services as the close of his work there, and the spiritual results were excellent.

Both the Mt. Olive and the Bethlehem churches now sponsor "Foundation for Faith" over radio station WHBG at 8 o'clock each Sunday morning.

South Bend, Ind. On Sunday, October 3, Mr. Dennis Randall of the Pleasant Hill, Ohio, Brethren Church, was the guest speaker. Mrs. Randall is a vice president of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church.

Tiosa, Indiana. Bro. Gene Eckerley, pastor, reports that four persons were recently received into membership of the church. Three by baptism and one by transfer of letter. Bro. Eckerley and his wife were received into the fellowship of the church at this time.

Ardmore, Ind. Rev. C. Wm. Cole reports that the auditorium is being carpeted and that this adds much to the worshipful atmosphere of the services.

Fort Scott, Kans. Rev. Kenneth Howard reports that five persons were baptized and received into membership of the church recently.

Tempe, Ariz. The Papago Park Brethren Church honored Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stuckman who recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary by special recognition at the annual Sunday School picnic.

COMING EVENTS

Levittown, Penna.
Evangelistic Services
November 14-19
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, evangelist
Rev. Robert Keplinger, pastor

Wayne Heights, Penna.
Evangelistic Services
November 21-28
Rev. Jim Rowsey, evangelist
Rev. Marlin McCann, pastor

Gratis, Ohio
At Home Revival
November 14-20
Rev. Thomas Schultz, evangelist-pastor

New Lebanon, Ohio
Revival Services
November 1-7
Rev. Herbert Johnson, evangelist
Rev. Donald Rowser, pastor

Brighton Chapel, Ind.
Homecoming
October 31
Rev. Mathias, afternoon speaker
Rev. Albert O. Curtright, pastor

Flora, Ind.
Revival Services
October 31-November 7
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, evangelist
Rev. Clarence Kindley, pastor

Goshen, Ind.
Evangelistic Services
November 7-14
Rev. Jim Rowsey, evangelist
Rev. Richard Allison, pastor

Nappanee, Ind.
Evangelistic Services
October 31-November 7
Rev. Phil Lersch, evangelist
Rev. William H. Anderson, pastor

North Liberty, Ind.
Homecoming
October 31
Rev. Ronald Ritchey, pastor

Derby, Kans.
Crusade for Christ
November 7-20
Rev. Carl Barber, evangelist

Dedication Services
November 21
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, speaker
Rev. M. W. Dodds, pastor

Falls City, Nebr.
Revival Services
November 1-12
Rev. Buck Garrett, evangelist
Rev. Robert Holsinger, pastor



CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Peter, James and John

Memory Scripture — I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

October 17-23

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 12:35-37

Words

Betsy stood on the back porch watching the older children pile the leaves into a big heap.

"Play, too," she said. "Play in leaves."

"Yes, you may play, Betsy," said Gary.

"Sure," said his friend, Steve. "Come on."

"I'll get your little rake from the garage," Linda told her.

"You may put the leaves you rake in this box," Judy added. "I'll help you carry them."

Betsy laughed happily. "Nice children," she said to Mommy. "Let me play, too."

"They are nice children," smiled Mommy. "We can tell by the way they talk and by the way they act."

Our words and the way we say them tell other people a lot about us. Do your words let others know you love and follow Jesus?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the ability to speak. May I think carefully about the words I use and the way I say them. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 12:46-50

The Family

"I'm glad we are sisters," Linda told her friend, Judy.

"But we aren't," said Judy in surprise.

"Oh, yes, we are!" laughed Linda. "You love and follow Jesus, don't you?"

"Yes," answered Judy.

"So do I," said Linda. "That makes us part of God's family. Jesus said those who believe Him are His family."

"Since we are both in God's family, that makes us sisters to each other," continued Judy. "I never thought about that before."

"Every other Christian is our sister or brother," added Linda.

"I'm glad I'm a part of God's big family," said Judy.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You that I can be part of Your family. Help me to be kind and thoughtful of others, remembering that they, too, are Your children. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9

Seeds

"What are you doing, Mom?" asked Linda.

"These are the flower seeds I've saved from the flowers that grew in our yard this summer," answered Mom. "I'm putting them into these little jars to keep them until spring. Then we will plant them."

"We'll have lots of flowers," declared Linda.

"Not all of them will grow," said Mom. "The birds will find and eat some of the seeds. Some will fall where it is too stony to grow. Others will be crowded out by the weeds. But much of the seed will fall on good soil and grow. We will have many pretty flowers next summer."

"That reminds me of a story Jesus told," said Linda. "He said we are like seeds."

"Yes," answered Mom. "He said if we listen to the Word of God and obey it, we will grow into lovely Christians."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the many stories Jesus told. As I read them help me to understand them. Help me to obey Your Word and to grow as a Christian. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 14:14-21

Planning a Hike

"Our Boy Scout troop is going on a hike Saturday," said Gary when he came home from the meeting. "We are to take something for the stew we will cook at noon. I'm to take a pound of carrots."

"That sounds like fun," said Linda. "Do you need to take anything else?"

"My canteen of water and of course my plate and silverware."

"When we are going to be away from home at mealtime, we plan where we will eat," said Mom. "I know of a large group of people who were away from home at dinner time. They didn't have any food with them and there were no restaurants or stores nearby."

"What did they do?" asked Linda.

"Their Leader used five loaves of bread and two fishes to feed them," answered Mom. "Everyone had enough to eat."

"Our leader can't do that!" laughed Gary. "The Leader you are talking about is Jesus. That is one of the miracles that shows us He is God's Son."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I know Jesus is Your Son. I want to learn more about Him and to follow Him. In His name I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

The Son

On the way home from school Gary saw an old woman carrying a large sack of groceries. "May I help you?" he asked.

"Oh, yes," said the old woman. "It is hard for me to carry this bag of groceries in one arm. I need the other hand for my cane."

Gary took the sack. He walked slowly beside the woman. They visited as they went along.

At last she stopped in front of a small white house.

"This is my home," she said.

"I'll carry the groceries into the house," Gary said.

He put the bag on the kitchen table. As he was leaving the old woman asked, "Aren't you Dave Keller's boy?"

"Yes," laughed Gary. "How did you know?"

"You look a little like him," said the woman, "and you act very much like him. I just knew you had to be his son."

The disciples knew from the many wonderful things Jesus did that He had to be the Son of God.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be my Savior. Thank You for the Bible which tells me He is Your Son. In His name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 15:32-38

Sharing

Betsy and her friend, Sally, were playing in the leaves in the backyard. After awhile Betsy came into the house.

"Cookies, please," she said to Mommy. "One for Sally. One for me."

"Here you are, Betsy," said Mommy. "Two cookies."

"Thank you," laughed Betsy as she ran outside to Sally.

When our friends are with us we like to share what we have with them. Jesus knew His friends were hungry. He wanted to give them something to eat. All He had was seven loaves of bread and a few fishes. Not much food for over four thousand people! Jesus could make it enough because He is the Son of God.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the good things I have. Help me to always be willing to share with others. Thank You that I know Jesus is Your Son. In His name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 16:13-17

Who Am I?

"Look," said Gary. "Do you know who I am?"

"You look funny," laughed Linda.

"Are you practicing for Halloween?" asked Steve.

"You're Daniel Boone," suggested Steve, "or one of the other pioneers."

"I think you're Davy Crockett," added Linda.

Jesus was not playing a guessing game with the disciples when He asked them who He was. It was important that they know He is the Son of God. It is important that you, too, know He is God's own Son.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my Bible and church. Thank You for my parents and minister and Sunday school teacher. May I listen and learn of Your Son, Jesus. In His name I pray. Amen.

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

SUNDAY SCHOOL DECISION DAY

"Conduct Sunday school decision day service at least semi-annually with the pastor giving the invitation." (Standard of Excellence goal 1 b. under I EVANGELISM)

FIFTY-NINE Brethren Sunday schools returned Standard of Excellence reports this year. Of these fifty-nine Sunday schools only eighteen—less than one-third—met the goal to conduct semi-annual Decision Day services. A few more Sunday schools (eight to be exact) held one Decision Day service, while the remaining thirty-three Sunday schools reported no services held.

Sunday school Decision Day is an important part of the Sunday school program. In this article we will attempt to answer some basic questions about Decision Day in the hopes that this year all Brethren Sunday schools will conduct these services.

What is Decision Day?

Decision Day is a day when special services are conducted in the youth departments (junior, jr. high, and sr. high departments) of the Sunday school—services in which these young people are given a special challenge to make decisions for Christ. Decision Day is a part of the evangelistic effort of the Sunday school. It is not the sum total of Sunday school evangelism, but it is a **high point** in what should be going on from week to week. Decision Day is particularly directed at the unsaved, but it need not be limited to them alone. An appeal for dedication of life and for special service may also be made in all departments above the junior age.

When should Decision Day be held?

Decision Day services are conducted during the Sunday school hour, usually during the opening period of this hour. Semi-annual Decision Day services are recommended by the Standard of Excellence, but they may be held more frequently. An excellent time for these services is during the revival meetings sponsored by the church. On one of the Sunday mornings during this period when evangelistic fervor is at its highest, a special appeal will be most effective in the youth departments of the Sunday school.

How should a Sunday school Decision Day service be conducted?

Services may be held in each of the youth departments separately, or in smaller Sunday schools all the young people in the junior, jr. high and sr. high departments may be brought together for one service.

The service should be well prepared for and well planned. Preparation should start weeks ahead of time with teachers slanting their lessons toward this special day. During these weeks teachers should also speak personally to pupils who they think are ready to make decisions.

The Decision Day service itself will be the pastor's responsibility, or it might be conducted by the visiting

evangelist if he is adapt at working with children. The service should be beautiful and worshipful. It must not be sentimental or **overly emotional.** The children must be confronted with the Gospel in all its reality. They must understand what making a decision for Christ means.

Each decision must be as individual as possible and as meaningful as possible. Therefore it is best not to ask for decision by show of hands. There should be a clear-cut, down-the-aisle stand for Christ. Those making decisions should then be dealt with personally after the service to make certain that they fully understand the meaning of the decision which they have made.

Decision Day is only a small part of the church's total program of evangelism. But it is a very important part for it takes young people when they are most easily reached and challenges them to decide for Jesus Christ.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

CHRIST LIVES IN ME!

"He lives in me," oh, wondrous theme!
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
Incarnate once in Bethlehem,
And now again in deeds and words.

He lives in me to do and say
In busy mart and on the street,
Amid the throngs, this very day,
Whom I should gather at His feet.

He lives in me; to that extent
I give Him lips and hands and feet,
And yield my will to His intent,
To reproduce His life complete.

He lives in me—all power and grace—
So no excuse for sin I give,
But simply plead His blood and grace,
And let Him live, and *live,* and LIVE!

—Ken Dodson

CHRIST INDWELT the Corinthian Christians unless they were reprobates (II Cor. 13:5). For a Christian is one who is in Christ and in whom Christ dwells (Rev. 3:20). Evidence of the indwelling presence in the believer is the acknowledged and recognized Lordship of Christ in the life, and the adoption of His standards (Matt. 5:13-16). To have Christ is to have His life (I Jn. 5:12). Upon His residence within me I have assurance and guarantee as to the kind of life I will live on earth and what my future will be in the world to come (Rom. 8:1, 9-11).

Paul was "dead to the law," that he might live unto God" (Gal. 2:19). His being "crucified with Christ" meant that he had accepted the Christ who had died for him and in his place upon the cross (2:20). Paul had come to the end of himself, of his own selfish desires and ambitions; he was no longer his own, but Christ's (Phil. 3:9). This new life of Christ within Paul had brought new affections, motives, hope, and power as the result of his surrender to the crucified and risen Christ (Acts 9:3-6).

God's all-sufficient grace (II Cor. 12:7) was the secret of God's power in Paul (Phil. 4:13). Through grace God sought to reveal His Son through Paul (Gal. 1:15, 16). God seeks to do the same through all believers because the world through its wisdom knows not God (I Cor. 1:21; Jn. 17:25, 26). It was to reveal God that His Son was sent into the world (Jn. 14:6, 9). The Son in turn has sent out His disciples to reveal Christ in us (Jn. 20:21). That means that our lives must be completely surrendered to God (Phil. 3:13, 14). To know Christ is to become like Him (Eph. 3:16, 17; Phil. 3:9, 10). We have His presence, life, power, likeness, revelation in us, and also His working in us (Gal. 2:8). We are so to live in an attitude of reverence toward God that the reality of God's great salvation, which we have received as His free gift in our hearts, may be worked out and be manifest in all our conduct and conversation (Phil. 2:12, 13).

It is a miracle that He who created and sustains the universe indwells believers (Col. 1:14-23, 27)! Christ in us, our hope of glory, is the guarantee of our part in the resurrection of the righteous (Rom. 8:11), when we shall be made into His perfect likeness (I Jn. 3:2), and shall come into the glory of perfect and complete knowledge (I Cor. 13:12), an "excellency" that Paul wanted to gain (Phil. 3:8).

"The hunger of the mind as millions become literate is sweeping like a forest fire through nations which we have hitherto regarded as backward. That fire will never be out . . . The literacy campaign of the United Nations will create more than 300 million new readers in the next ten years. Communists think they have a philosophy worth propagating and they rightly believe that this (literature) is the most effective way of doing it," said Dr. F. D. Coggan, Archbishop of New York at a meeting organized by the British and Foreign Bible Society in London, the National Bible Society of Scotland and the Archbishop of York's Fund for Christian literature.

The pen indeed is a mighty weapon for good or evil. That is why we believe so strongly in the dissemination of Christian literature and the Word of God.

—*The Evangelical Christian*

Why not join the
TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

Brethren Youth Crusaders

IDEA BOX



"RECIPE FOR A CHURCH PARTY"

A. **HAVE ON HAND:** Something for those who come early.

B. **STIR IN:** Mixers and socializers.

C. **MIX WELL WITH:** a variety of contests in couples or teams.

D. **ADD:** Games for the entire group, and bring to a climax just before—

E. **REFRESHMENTS.**

F. **TOP OFF** with a sweet frosting of group singing and devotions.

FOR THOSE WHO COME EARLY:

You must always be prepared for the folks who come ahead of time. If they are left hanging aimlessly about, they may get bored and lower the mood of the party when it begins. Anything that can be started or stopped easily is good. Have a committee in charge of "early birds" to introduce arrivals, keep a group singing at the piano or playing easy games.

Some suggestions

Guessing the number of the page where a bookmark is placed, doing tricks or puzzles, trying for individual scores with dart games, ring toss, marble bowling, dropping clothespins in a milk bottle are possibilities.

Collecting Autographs

An especially good game for this time is Collecting Autographs. Give each guest a booklet with pencil attached and tell him to collect as many autographs of guests as possible. The booklets may be designed to suit the occasion, the pages and cover being cut in the shape of a pumpkin, a Christmas tree, etc. Or, bring into use your old greeting cards for this purpose. The cord to which the pencil it attached holds the booklet together. Three or four pages are enough.

MIXERS AND SOCIALIZERS:

Get-acquainted games known as "mixers" or "socializers," take the stage as soon as all the guests have arrived. Don't be too obvious about breaking up couples, but using mixers which allow persons to start out with those with whom they have come and then move on to others as a natural part of the game brings everyone together.

A Grand March is a favorite way to break the ice, and a **Circle Chat** is also effective. For this a double circle is formed, with boys on the inside and girls on the outside. Boys and girls march in opposite directions. When music stops, guest shake hands, introduce themselves, and talk on a subject suggested by the leader.

An Elimination Game is a simple way of clearing the floor for other activities. At a well-planned party one game leads into the next, and games are arranged so that at the end of one, guests are left in the formation required for the next game. In the center of your circle place a basket which contains exactly as many balloons, balls, or toys, minus two, as there are persons playing. Everyone marches around the basket until the music stops, when all rush for a toy or ball. The two who have none must step out. Remove two more toys and continue the game until all are eliminated.

CONTESTS:

The next portion of your program should be devoted to contests. For variety be sure to alternate active games with quiet games.

To Divide a Group into Teams—cut used greeting card pictures into pieces, as many as you would like on a team. Toss puzzles parts on the floor and let the guests scramble for them. When they have matched their puzzle pieces, they have their teams formed. Or use cut-out paper leaves, jack-o-lanterns, stars, or hatchets marked with numbers, colors, fruits or flowers which designate the team guests will be on.

Running or Passing Relays—with interesting properties make for fun—such as blowing up paper bags and popping them, eating a cracker and whistling, or carrying a lighted candle around an obstacle. Each team might act out charades or dramatize a song.

For a Quiet Game—prepare a series of interesting pictures clipped from magazines and mounted on cardboard. Pass them around the group. Give everyone paper

and pencil and ask them to think up appropriate captions for the pictures. Let guests work singly, in couples or as teams and when all have finished, have each read his captions aloud. The funnier the captions, the better.

GROUP GAMES:

Build your party to a climax at this point, bringing everyone together to play as a single unit. If the party is in honor of some special occasion, involving a more serious note, this is the time to hold this observance. Finishing the organized program before refreshments is a good idea, since the mood changes at that point. Individuals like to keep on visiting or some find they must go home.

Mrs. A. A. Dykstra described a "Live Checker Game" which might be used to bring a party to a climax. The floor of her church's social hall is designed in tile squares, which is a "natural" for this game. But squares can be drawn on a plain floor with chalk or paper or tape fastened to the floor. Instead of using the customary red versus black checks, people act as checkers—men versus women! Two expert players sit at either end of the floor, directing the movements of the "checkers." Regular rules of the game are followed. "Checkers" have to squat in order for the players to get the over-all picture of their giant checker board. Players ask each "checker" by name to move or jump. When a "checker" becomes a "king" or "queen" he or she receives a crown to wear.

REFRESHMENTS:

At the grand climax of the fun, it is time to announce refreshments. The recreation leader can cooperate by providing march music or other means for arranging the group into the form desired for serving, whether it is single file, couples, a seated circle, or girls sitting down, served by boys.

TOPPING IT OFF:

Definitely bring your party to a close, so that it does not dissolve weakly with everyone straggling away. Leaving with a good feeling of fun and fellowship will have everyone looking forward to future good times together. This is the moment for group singing—a round or two, motion songs and devotional songs. This is also the time to add your devotions to your good fun. Singing and worship draw a group together more completely than anything else, so that those who came as individuals leave as part of the whole.

—Department of Youth Work

NOW IS THE HOUR

. . .to order your local quiz trophies! Each team member and alternate should receive a local Bible Quiz trophy. These are small golden cups on a white plastic base that reads "Brethren Youth Quiz."

These trophies are provided by the National Brethren Youth Board upon request and are free of charge. However, we must have your request to place a sufficient order and to mail them to you. Having the trophies on display before your team is chosen or while it is working will provide a greater incentive for them.

Use the form below to order your local trophies.



Please send us the following local trophies for the **Brethren Youth Bible Quiz** for **1965-66** on the book of Genesis.

_____ **Junior Division** (4 or 5 trophies)
Underline number needed

_____ **Jr. High Division** (4 or 5 trophies)
Underline number needed

_____ **Sr. High Division** (4 or 5 trophies)
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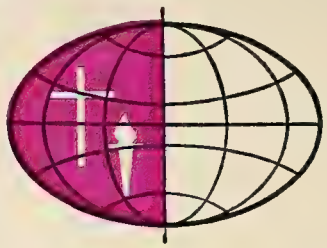
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MISSIONARY NEWS



VISIONS REALIZED — VISIONS UNFULFILLED

PEERING OUT at me from many publications these days are the words, "How fast can you *read*?" Today I am mostly concerned with how fast I can *write* in order to share with you a blessing received at General Conference and the fine spirit witnessed at the missionary banquet.

The kick-off for the three days of highlighting missions began with the Friday evening annual missionary banquet with Reverend J. D. Hamel of Sarasota guiding the fellowship as a most congenial master of ceremonies. The 300 tickets to the banquet had been sold by Wednesday which was the maximum number of people who could be accommodated by the First Evangelical United Brethren Church and our regret is that we could not honor all the requests made for tickets.

The tables were decorated with a floral centerpiece in red and white and open free-flowing spheres of white latitude and longitude lines with black continents of Africa and South America placed thereon. The colors were representative of Christ's blood shed for all, and the saved and those still unreached by the Gospel.

The fine spirit of the Brethren was brought to a maximum receptivity through the singing of "O' Divine Redeemer" by Mrs. Carol Sears of Ashland, Ohio. Then Bob Bischof, furloughed missionary from Nigeria, shared "Every Missionary's Dream."

Mr. Bischof recalled his experience of becoming acquainted with a missionary who had served 40 years in the area the Brethren Missions now serves. He told of the calling of that young college boy, the plea that missions in Africa be given a greater emphasis, and the responding to that call by Dr. H. Stover Kulp to win these lost to Christ before they were won to Islam.

Dr. Kulp and A. D. Helser held their first services in March 17, 1923, at Garkida. They witnessed to a handful of people with a language barrier, restricting them in communing with the Nigerians. They had a vision that some day there would be a church in this part of Nigeria. Then in 1963, on the 40th anniversary celebration of this first meeting, there were 2,000 gathered under that same tree where Dr. Kulp and A. D. Helser first raised their prayers to God and there were 30 churches and 297 villages hearing the Word of God. Before his death in 1964, Dr. Kulp had the privilege of seeing the seed planted in the very beginning and to water the seed and see it bring forth fruit through the power of God.

Dr. Kulp did not live to see the Nigerian Church become a registered church in February 1965, nor did he live to see the missionary churchman working for the Nigerian people. Today, only service programs such as primary education, medical services, rural development program, and Waka Schools are in the hands of the mission. But even these are administered by joint committees made up of Mission and Church representatives although the final authority resides in the hands of the mission. The Nigerians are accepting responsibility and we fully recognize the fact that there is a church in Nigeria, the same as we would recognize a district here at home. We are a church in America helping a church in Nigeria; we are accepting a role as a servant and not that of a master.

In 1953 there were only five young men working as evangelists in the Higi area and in 1957 when the mission station was opened at Mbororo there were 15 villages where the Word of God was being preached. By 1964 the Gospel reached into 60 villages and the call continues to go out "when are we going to have someone come here and tell us about the Son of God?"

It is a dream of the Nigerian Church that we will have the vision to continue to send missionaries. At the present time there is no one at the Mbororo Station. The Nigerian Church has recognized the fact that the Higi area is the crucial area of the mission. The first years were a period of chiefly "fishing for men" there and now this must be followed with shepherding. Two missionaries are needed at Mbororo right now to do the work.

Mr. Bischof assured that each one is helping the dreams of missionaries and dreams of Nigerians come

true through prayers and financial support. God's work though is limited when our vision and dedication are restrained. We have the dreams but the dreams will only become a reality as we put our efforts in the hands of the Lord.

Joel 2:28—*And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.*

EVERYONE SHOULD MAKE A WILL



WILL MAKING is part of the Christian's confession of faith and there is a grace in writing of wills which offers a fitting close to a good Christian stewardship. In love and deep gratitude for what He has done for us, we remember Him, our best Friend along with others who are near and dear to us. Thus, what we have left behind us continues to work for Christ after we have gone on to be with Him.

By your will —

- make a public witness to your faith in regards to material things.
- demonstrate your trusteeship of God's gift to you.
- make a thoughtful disposition of your property to safeguard your dependents and continue supporting the Church after you are gone.

We will be happy to have our Brethren people remember Christ and His work through the Missionary Board.

The Missionary Board of the Brethren Church desires to be helpful to members as they provide for the continued use of their possessions after being called to be with the Lord. Further assistance will gladly be given, either by correspondence or a personal visit by its General Secretary. You will incur no obligation through writing. Helpful information will be given in strict confidence.

ATTENTION —

W.M.S. and Sisterhood

Ideas for Aid to Nigeria

RECENTLY it was advised that hospital gowns made from white shirts were not needed at the Nigerian hospital at present. However, rather than discard these shirts it was suggested that squares for dressing could be made from them. Also, the large squares from the back can be used for diapers when regular diapers are not available.

Dressing squares should be cut in two-, three-, or four-inch squares, and diapers should be cut with pinking shears to a twenty-seven-inch size. When the list of contents is sent along with the package to New Windsor, do not call the twenty-seven-inch squares "diapers." They should be declared as squares rather than diapers or the mission will have to pay customs as if they were new diapers.

If your group is looking for some variety in its projects, the hospitals in Nigeria can use Birdseye quality diapers cut in twenty-seven-inch squares, and also perineal pads for newly delivered mothers. Perineal pads are made from terry cloth toweling, either bought by the yard or mill-ends, two thicknesses sewn together to make a twenty-two-inch square. In order to avoid customs, these should be clearly marked for the institution for which they are intended.

Remember that all items for use in Nigeria are now to be mailed to BRETHREN SERVICE CENTER, New Windsor, Maryland, or churches located near Brethren Service Centers can deliver the packages to their area Centers for transportation to the central Center at New Windsor.

from the Woman's Outlook

Special Study

Brethren Home Missions in Review

HOW DO HOME MISSION CHURCHES GET THEIR START?

Part I

LAST MONTH we launched out on a study of Brethren Home Missions. We referred to the fact that the earliest mission work engaged in by the Brethren Church was in the area of church extension in the homeland. Perhaps we wonder just how these home mission churches get their start. What is the force behind new mission points? Why do we engage in church extension in this manner? It is the phase of Brethren missions that we want to explore.

First of all, we must note that home mission churches are the inspiration of the Holy Spirit working within the hearts and lives of individuals and groups of people whether on the local, district or national level. Without the guidance of the Holy Spirit our efforts on behalf of church extension would be poor and feeble, to say the least.

There are several ways by which the Holy Spirit directs the establishing of new churches. Let us examine a few.

1. Many times the Spirit works through one single individual who sees the vision of a need in a particular section of his city or state. Through his inspiration, others, too, catch this vision and are determined to begin a new church. There are instances where a single family has advertised in the newspaper, stating that a new Brethren Sunday school will begin in their home and the invitation is extended to any interested persons to join in the venture. Churches have sprung from just such a humble beginning.

2. The Holy Spirit also works in areas where there are a few Brethren families who worship in churches of other denominations. These families feel the need of starting a church in accordance with their own beliefs and practices and therefore band themselves together for that purpose.

3. Some new Brethren churches had their beginning when an established church saw the need to reach out into another section of the city in which it was located. This is also true, when a church has become very large and sees the need for dividing. By sharing the time, talents and treasures of its members, the mother church has reached out into new parts of the city and there established smaller churches which have ministered to the people of that particular area.

4. Districts have played a large role in the establishment of new churches. (It should be noted that in the preceeding three methods of establishing churches, the district mission boards are relied upon to assist in the establishment of the church and to support the work in any way possible.) Often, after much prayer and consideration the districts will be led by the Spirit to select an area or city where there is no Brethren Church. Sometimes a few Brethren families will already be living there, and they become the nucleus around which the new church is started. Occasionally—and we are beginning to be more aware of this great possibility—the district will select an area where no Brethren families are located. A pastor is secured, sent into this area, and he literally begins ringing door bells and inviting people to come to a new church which he is starting. The results are many times, startling and very rewarding.

5. In many sections of our nation where there is no district organization, the National Brethren Missionary Board assumes the responsibility for starting a new work. Here, again, they rely upon a few former Brethren people who may be living there. Once again, we must remember that the Holy Spirit is the sole guide in the consideration of any new work.

It is quite interesting to note that many of our flourishing churches today had such beginnings and to realize that these five methods are the exact ways most of them started.

Next month we will attempt to show how some of our home mission churches fit into these categories.

Bible Study for November

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

LUKE 16:19-31

Background

IN OUR STUDY of the parables of our Lord, we are turning, this month, to one which many Christians would just as soon overlook. However, we must examine it to see what warning the Lord intended it to convey to His listeners in the days He walked upon the earth and to His listeners today—nearly two thousand years later.

Just why did Jesus tell this story about the Rich Man and Lazarus? We must turn back in the Scriptures to the fifteenth chapter of Luke where we find that, once again, the people drew near to Him to hear Him speak. In the crowd that day were many publicans and sinners earnestly listening to His teachings. On the outskirts of the crowd, however, the Pharisees and scribes were murmuring among themselves, "This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them."

Knowing what was in the hearts of the people that day, Jesus began to teach in parables. The first story He told was concerning the lost sheep. Then He turned to telling of the lost coin and concluded with the wonderful story of the lost son.

The next parable our Lord told on that occasion seemed to be directed to His disciples but it had a meaning for all those who listened. This parable is known as "The Unjust Steward" (we shall study this at a later time) and was intended to teach the possibility of the right use of wealth. The parable for our consideration this month is the Rich Man and Lazarus which was designed by our Lord to warn His hearers against the abuse of riches.

Between these two parables Luke records a number of sayings which serve as an introduction to this parable. The Lord rebuked the Pharisees for their sin of greed. How do we know this is true? Glance at verse 14 which states, *And the Pharisees also, who were covetous* (lovers of money), *heard all these things: and they derided him.*

Once again the Lord proved He knew the hearts of men for He said unto them, *Ye are they which testify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and everyman passeth into it* (vs. 15, 16). Jesus knew these men never failed to observe the letter of the law, but they were condemned by the spirit of that law. Prior to this time Jesus had denounced the Pharisees by saying, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon," and when they heard this they had mocked Him. Now He unmasks the reason they had mocked Him because He knew the Pharisees lived and practiced their religion in the sight of men instead of the sight of God. How corrupt their lives and hearts really were!

The Parable

This, then, is the reason Christ told the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus. In this story we find the one occasion when the Lord reached out His hand and drew aside the veil which separates the present from the hereafter. We are allowed a brief glimpse into what is beyond this life.

Quite simply, Jesus drew a striking contrast between two men who lived upon the earth. Many scholars believe this to be a true happening and not just an illustration which Jesus told. One reason for this assumption is that one figure in the story is named—Lazarus. Regardless of whether this is a fictitious or real story, it does not detract from the practical value we can receive from it.

As Jesus told this story He pictured one man as being extremely wealthy, living in luxury and ostentation (showing off or displaying his wealth to impress others). His robes were luxurious, made of fine linen and dyed the purple of royalty. We read that he ate from a table loaded with the abundance of nature's harvest. Greek scholars tell us that the word describing the gate of his house (pulon) is one which means full of artistry and exquisite beauty. One author states that the English word "flamboyantly" best describes how the Rich Man lived. Try to imagine what this was like!

There are a few things which Jesus did not imply concerning this Rich Man. We are not told that he was vulgar, that he lived a depraved or immoral life. Apparently he sinned no great sin—he was just rich. This—in itself—is not wrong. The thing that was wrong was the misuse (or perhaps the "lack of use") of this wealth to relieve the suffering of others.

What about the other character in our story? There is no more poignant picture of abject poverty than that of Lazarus who lived in hunger, evidently lacking the necessities of life and nourishment of the body, so that he was full of sores. He spent his days lying at the gate of the Rich Man's house and desired only to eat of the crumbs which fell from the

Rich Man's table. No one cared for him and he found sympathy only from the dogs who came and licked his sore-covered body. What a contrast between the Rich Man clad in purple and fine linen, the poor man covered with sores; the Rich Man faring sumptuously, the other desiring only crumbs. Another contrast we find is that the Rich Man apparently had no compassion for others while the poor man had an abiding faith in God.

Our Lord did not finish the parable by drawing these comparisons but He told what happened to these two. Something came to them both—*death*. The Bible tells us that both men died. All the splendor and wealth of the Rich Man could not keep away the angel of death. We can imagine that he had a fine and elaborate funeral service and burial befitting one of his importance. What of Lazarus? We are not told that he was even buried and we can suppose that he was carried by those who cleaned the streets to the rubbish heap where he was hurriedly disposed of. We only know he no longer suffered the torments of this earthly life.

This parable not only shows the contrast between the two men in the earthly life, but the still greater contrast in the life that is to come. The next scene tells what happened to them after death. Lazarus is found in the bosom of Abraham—carried there by the angels, in preparation for heaven. We find that the Rich Man was in Hades, the place of departed spirits, in preparation for Hell. The Rich Man was in torment while the beggar was comforted.

We can imagine that the Rich Man did not, at first, realize his fate, that it may all have seemed a fearful dream. But at length he was convinced it was no dream and took stock of his actual condition. He looked up and saw Lazarus being cared for and comforted by Abraham. Perhaps still clinging to the idea that his wealth and prestige could command much, he asked that Lazarus be permitted to put but a drop of water on his parched tongue.

Abraham was gentle in his reminder that during his life time, the Rich Man had received good things while Lazarus had received evil. He then told the Rich Man that there is a great gulf between them, a yawning chasm, too deep to be filled up and too wide to be bridged over, so that one cannot pass from one side to the other even to give relief to one's torment.

The Rich Man then experienced a great missionary feeling, for he asked that Lazarus be permitted to return to earth to warn the Rich Man's five brothers so that they might repent of their ways and not have to suffer the same torment. Alas, his missionary zeal came too late! Abraham's reply is brief and almost stern. He told the Rich Man that they had already been warned by Moses and the prophets. The Rich Man intensified his request by saying that if one returned from the dead then his brothers would be sure to repent. But Abraham said, *If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead* (v. 31).

The Application

Of all of Jesus' parables, perhaps this one is the most easily misunderstood. However, there are several lessons we can draw from it.

First of all, we learn that wealth in itself is not wrong but when we misuse it—or fail to use it for good—it will be our downfall. Being poor is not a shameful estate for many times those who are poor are rich in spiritual treasures. Jesus taught that we must lay our treasures up in heaven because where our treasures are, there will our hearts be also.

This parable also teaches us that the same fate befalls all men—rich and poor alike. Ultimately we will all be called by death.

Another tremendous truth that is taught is that when we die, we are not extinct but are conscious. Dying is the end of earthly and conscious opportunities and activities. Beyond that, however, personality and consciousness continue. Consider this fact seriously and then examine your own heart. Where will you want to find yourself?

The next lesson we might learn is that the conditions beyond result from life as it is lived on the earth level. We must all leave behind the things of the earth. Only those things which are done for the Lord and His glory will be of value in the next world.

Some interesting facts are learned from Abraham's conversation with the Rich Man. Jesus was trying to teach that life is never affected by miracles if it is not affected by the moral. Even though men through the ages have asked for great miracles so that they might believe in God, they have seldom been moved by them—nor have they even recognized the miracles. Jesus knew that later on, another man bearing the same name as Lazarus would be raised from the dead. What effect did it have on the lives of the Pharisees? They tried to kill him! Jesus knew that He, himself, would also be raised from the dead. Did this event have any effect? Not upon those who put Him to death. They were busy trying to destroy His followers. This is a tremendous truth that the spectacular and the miraculous will not have any effect upon the lives of men and women if the moral has failed to appeal.

What about our missionary efforts? Do we wait until it is too late to spread the gospel and then wonder why this job has never been done? Too many of us are like the Rich Man, we want those in darkness to hear, but we are not willing to be used of the Lord in this great work. Some day it will be too late!

As we look forward to the appearing of our Lord, which of these two men are we like? Are we like the Rich Man, so wrapped up in the material things of life that we cannot see our neighbor who is in need? Or are we "poor" in the things of the world but rich in the things of the Lord? The life we live hereafter will be determined by how we live our life on earth. The slogan which appears on the bulletin board in front of our church is very appropriate. *"Where you go hereafter, depends on what you go after here."* Let us love His appearing and look forward to His second coming as faithful daughters, "poor" in material goods but rich in our love of the Lord.

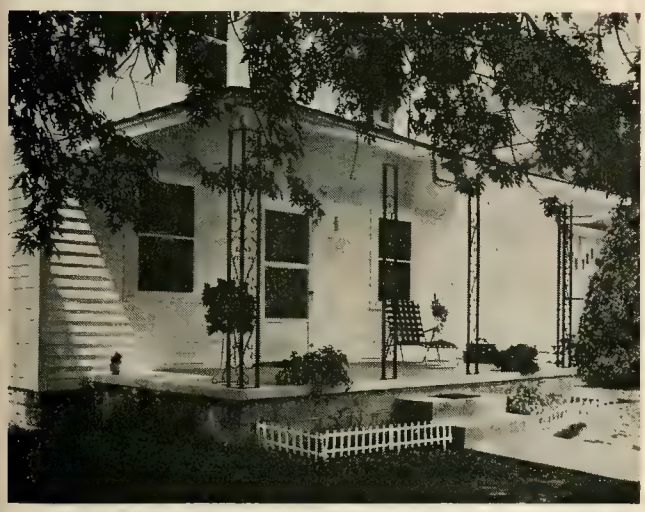
Questions for Discussion

How can we be both rich and poor?

Can we find comfort in this parable when we consider the loss of our loved ones through death?

Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

ARDMORE, INDIANA



THE CONGREGATION surprised Pastor Cole and family while they were away on vacation. The church folk labored night and day to completely paint the parsonage and to build a modern front porch on the house. As you can see by the accompanying picture, it is a beautiful porch.

The porch and painting is worth $1,000 in improvements. Because the men donated their skills, the job cost just about $200 for paint, concrete, porch grill work and new aluminum door.

The Ardmore people are known for their surprises played on the pastor and family. It surely is a joy to serve the Lord here in Ardmore. The pastor and family wish to let the Brethren Denomination know that they are treated very well here. This surprise came just as we completed seven years at this church.

These people are responsive to new means to reach the lost. This fall we are having a second Missionary Conference to be held on December 3 through 5. We are having the Rev. Richard Reilly, secretary of foreign missions for the United Missionary Church, to preach and show pictures. He is a close friend of our General Secretary of the Missionary Board, Rev. Virgil Ingraham.

Ardmore Brethren see the need of organizing a Senior Citizens fellowship this September to meet the senior citizens' need in this community. This will serve the elderly in Ardmore Brethren Church as well as the community.

The Ardmore Brethren people are a warm-hearted people. Pastor Cole and family ought to know by now!

Rev. C. Wm. Cole

"COKE PARTY" in the SUNSHINE STATE



FIFTY-FOUR YOUTH and eleven sponsors joined in the grand opening of the Sarasota B.Y.C.'s this year in a thrilling night, Sunday, September 19. We now have four youth groups, senior, junior high and a new Signal Lights group for the younger members also meeting each Sunday evening.

Following 45 minutes of exciting outdoor games of all kinds, we join in a "Let's Sing" time with the seventh graders up forming a choir called "Teen Chords" in the church, and the first through sixth graders, a choir called "The Sunshine Choir" (from the Sunshine State) in the Educational Building.

Our fun-filled, thought-provoking, and spiritually inspiring "Program-Time" in the four individual groups concludes our youth meetings.

The "Coke Party" was especially exciting with "cokes," pictures taken by Mrs. LaVergne Stone, and officers elected. (A picture of the group is shown with this report.)

This, following our monthly B.Y.C. service in the afternoon for the Wilhelm Nursing Home, was a climax to a great day and the forerunner of many great days to come.

Rev. J. D. Hamel

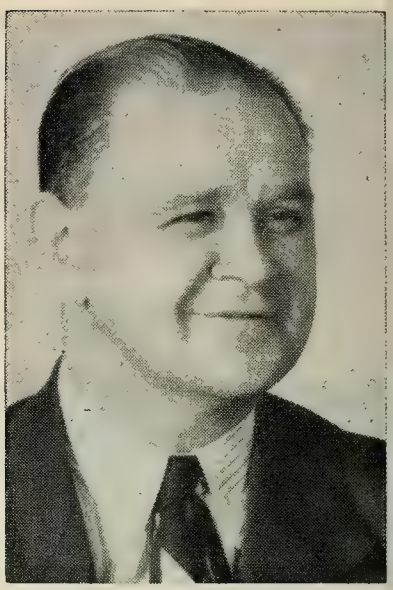


It is not strange that the Korean church is like its literature. In many instances the basic truths of the Bible are intellectually ignored in both the pulpit and the printed page. In a worldly-wise philosophical fashion many books present a seminarian explanation of the non-essentials of the faith. On the other hand when a Christian book is written for children it is more often about the elephant and the ant than the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. For the most part the "battle of the books" is being fought with a literature arsenal of spiritual duds. There is no power in the shell.

. . . Here and there can be found individual Christians ablaze with the love of God . . . And a growing volume of living literature is being produced and distributed throughout Korea.

—Harry Weimar, *Floodtide*

The Brethren Layman



Searching the Psalms

PSALM 103

"The Psalm with a Bundle of Benefits"

by WALTER WERTZ

THIS PSALM was written by David. The central truth of this psalm is: "the mercies of God are everlasting for His children." Praise and thanksgiving are words too little known in everyday life, and perhaps that is why we do so little of praising God's name and offer so little of thanksgiving to Him.

This particular psalm is written in the form of a monologue. You have the privilege to be alone with a prophet when he is alone with himself. You have, as it were, in this psalm a soul communing with itself; you get inside it. You hear the man speak to himself; the Psalmist is laying down in profoundest writing a method for each good soul to examine itself. It is worthy reading what a man indites when he meditates alone with his soul and his God.

This is a psalm of recollection. The Psalmist was a sensitive being, for no man can write a psalm, or for that matter, sing one without being a sensitive person. The poor man recollected his life in time past. There is a sob that comes up through the psalm that only great hearts can utter, a sob that came up from the memories of life.

It is a psalm of thanksgiving. There is no petition in the whole of the twenty-two verses; it is a soul satisfying psalm, a fit psalm for the soul sitting under the banner of Christ, for all the past things vanish out of mind, and the precious possessions of the covenant of good fill and satisfy the heart.

It looks as though the Psalmist started out one day to count his blessings, but he had not proceeded far until he found that he was engaged in an almost impossible task. So he picked out the most important and bound them together and set them up under the words: "Forget not." We need something like this to keep us in constant contact with the source of our blessing, that we do remember Him who gives and gives and gives.

If we were to go through this text and underscore the striking words, it would give us a list something like this: *bless; forget not; benefits; forgiveth; healeth; redeemeth; crowneth; satisfieth; renewed; dealt with; rewarded; great mercy; removeth; transgressions; pitieth; knoweth; remembereth; mercy of the Lord; everlasting; his righteousness; his covenant; his commandments.* There is a lesson in each and every one of these words. And there is a cause for praising God to be found in each and every one of these words.

Alexander Whyte has expressed the meaning of this psalm in the following graphic outline. He says (using verses 1-6), "We have here a succession of scenes: 1. We are introduced to the law court, and we have a graphic picture of the condemned sinner brought before the bar of God and forced to plead guilty. Then comes the great act of justification—'Who forgiveth all thine iniquities.' 2. We are taken to the hospital ward—'Who healeth all thy diseases.' Sin as a disease dealt with by the great physician. 3. The slave market—'Who redeemeth our life from destruction.' 4. The throne room—'Who crowneth us with loving-kindness.' 5. On to the banqueting hall—'Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things.' And, 6. The heavenward flight—'Thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.'"

It has been said that this psalm is a pattern of praise. It is all praise; there is no supplication in it. In order to praise, one must be filled with the spirit of praise, and after all, praise is the highest act of worship because it demands the exercise of every faculty that we have. In order to praise aright we must take in more and more the greatness and the generosity and the patience of the God whom we praise.

In Hebrews 13:15 we come upon these words, *By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually*. We are apt to miss the deep meaning of these words unless we stop and think about them. To offer the sacrifice of praise is to bless the Lord at all times, to give thanks in everything. We, as Christians, are to offer up our special kind of sacrifice today, not the sacrifice of propitiation, but the sacrifice of praise.

Let us remember that praise is not flattery. We cannot flatter God, praise is the commendation of character, the approval of conduct. Our praise is to be the devout expression of our deep feeling, it is much more than a mere reverent attitude. Our text tells us that *all that is within us* should praise the Lord.

Outline of Psalm 103:

I. A Psalm of Praise.
 A. Praising God for His blessings (vs. 1-5).
 B. The revelation of God's character (vs. 6-14).
 C. God's mercy endures forever (vs. 15-18).

NEWS NOTES FROM THE BOYS' BROTHERHOOD

BRUSH VALLEY, PENNSYLVANIA

THE BOYS' BROTHERHOOD at Brush Valley Brethren Church has been reorganized under the direction of Link Grafton, Harry French and Chester McAfoose. We held our first meeting on Friday, September 17. There were twelve attending.

Following the business session, we had a corn and weiner roast. The following day, nineteen of us attended the Pitt-Oregon football game.

Our officers for the coming year are as follows:

President: Derwood McAfoose
Vice President: George Hooks
Secretary: Ron Brown
Treasurer: Earl Crissman
Publicity: Larry Crissman

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

THE LAYMEN of the First Brethren Church, South Bend, Indiana, held their August meeting at the David Stickler home on Thursday, August 26, 1965. A very lovely meal was enjoyed by all. A corn roast, sausage and hamburger fry was the menu.

After the meal we held our meeting in their lovely home. Our new Youth Director was our guest at the meeting. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Byler.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and the treasurer's report given. Having no old business, we then went to new business. A motion was made to pay for materials used in doing over the outside doors of the church, and a donation to the County Line Church.

We had some discussion on how to build up our meetings. The thought was that we needed some programs made some time in advance of meetings. Also, we would like to have meetings with churches in our area. There was a standing vote of thanks for Mr. and Mrs. Stickler for their hospitality.

The closing prayer was given by Brother Robert Hoffman.

Secretary pro tem
Lewlyn Swintz

IS THE CHRISTIAN PRESS IMPORTANT?

James Lont, Editor
THE YOUNG CALVINIST

Christian literature IS important—to people.

It touches lives ordinarily "out of touch" with religion. Peter Gunther, the Director of Moody Literature Mission, tells of the visit to his office of an elderly man, almost blind, who had just been released after spending thirty years in prison. Ten years before someone had given this man a Christian book. As he had read it in his lonely cell he came to know Christ as his Savior.

It reaches through the shells of people and grips their hearts. Dr. Abraham Kuyper, the great European statesman and theologian was, in his early twenties, keen of mind, well educated but also, without God, SELF-confident. At that time the novel, *The Heir of Redclyffe* came into his hands. He read it and was deeply moved. What Miss Yonge pictured as occurring in the life of Philip, Abraham Kuyper felt in his own heart; every word of self-accusation which broke from Philip after his awakening, he applied to himself. Said Dr. Kuyper, "What my soul lived through at that time I have only later understood; yet in that hour, from that very moment, I despised what I had formerly admired, and sought what I formerly held in no esteem . . . What the soul wrestles through in such a struggle belongs to that eternal element which is present to the soul after long years, as freshly and powerfully as if it had occurred only yesterday."

It goes wherever people go. "For the past two years I have been living and working in the wilds of East Pakistan as a Peace Corps volunteer . . . Although I have been very isolated from most of the world, the magazine surely was a blessing and brought great joy to me as well as to my village friends."

It nourishes the young and spiritually weak. It enriches lives in homes and hospitals. It comforts with words that can be read again. It prods when Christians falter. It binds and strengthens into a fellowship of faith those scattered and tempted. "The army is one of the best places a young Christian man can let his light shine . . . but I must say it makes you feel good to sit down at night after a day of listening to swearing with no respect for God whatsoever and read good Christian articles . . . and the Bible."

THE BRETHREN CHURCH and ASHLAND COLLEGE

by GLENN L. CLAYTON, President

THE BRETHREN CHURCH has always been deeply concerned for the college training of youth. Among the first acts of the new church in 1882 were discussions of the need for a college which would be relatively free of government control and independent of tax support. Such a school could offer the best of collegiate academic training and at the same time look to the character and spiritual development of its students. In short, it could operate as a free enterprise even as good Christian citizens wanted to operate themselves and as the church, herself, was free to function.

Ashland College became this school and a long and fruitful relationship continues strong today. On the Ashland campus is a large and sympathetic concentration of Christian men and women aware of the interests and role of the Brethren Church and sincerely concerned for her growth and development.

Here, ministers of the church teach and counsel, and laymen, highly trained and experienced, hold key positions. Here, Brethren young people can have the best possible college training and at the same time be in close contact with church officers and leaders. Here, church conferences and meetings are held in an atmosphere of intellectual growth and personal development. Here, spiritual attainment and individual character are items of genuine concern even as the academic role of the school is stressed.

Ashland College is dedicated to the importance of the student as a total person. Unless he is free to act and to make decisions, the young student can scarcely be expected to develop the ability to be responsible for his actions and hence to deepen his own beliefs and convictions. The slogan "Ac'cent on the Individual" adopted by the college indicates this dedication. Every student is counselled and taught as a special charge to assure his success as a college student. Constant and tireless efforts on the part of highly trained personnel guide and encourage the student as he grows intellectually, spiritually, and socially.

Individuality and freedom of expression relative to spiritual things is vital to the development of life, especially of the youth, and this concept plays a major role at Ashland College.

It is here that the Brethren Church exercises a major influence on the campus. The dignity and spirituality of the church as the embodiment of the teachings and message of Jesus is dramatized in hundreds of young lives in many ways. Foremost is the fact that Christian men and women, many of them members of the Brethren Church, and all of them congenial to Christian conviction, administer, counsel and teach at Ashland College.

Bible is required of all students as is philosophy, and free discussion of related topics is encouraged. This teaching is done by men qualified academically to teach and spiritually to lead.

One "worship" assembly is held each week with attention to worshipful attitude and church relevance. Spiritual leaders come to the campus for lectures and discussions during the year.

Church attendance is urged as well as participation in youth work, church school teaching, choir, and even in leadership of church services.

The Ashland Theological Seminary invites interested students for social and library contacts and generally provides an atmosphere of the importance of this vital ministerial work as a life commitment.

The result is an increasingly large number of students who take the church and Christian work seriously. Each year many accept Christ and renew their affiliation with the church. Their new enthusiasm often leads to Christian life commitment and the decision to become ministers or related leaders.

We rejoice in the dedication of these young people. They are eager to become leaders in Christ, and their enthusiasm for Him makes them an effective witness for the future.

The effective role of the Brethren Church in Ashland College lies in this area of spiritual encouragement for these young people. God has given us a vast opportunity to work with receptive and alert minds and to aid them in the search for Christian Truth. There can be no

more rewarding mission for the Brethren Church than the opening of spiritual doors for youth, and the campus of Ashland College provides this opportunity.

The Educational Day Offering this year deserves your support. Give generously!

Your contribution will go toward the general support of the College and will be used primarily in the promotion of the spiritual endeavors on campus mentioned above.

The Lord is richly blessing the Christian work at Ashland by strengthening the Christian faith of young people and encouraging them to an active Christian life. Your prayers and your financial support will help further this worthwhile work.

SEE WHAT THE 1965 BRETHREN GRADUATES from ASHLAND COLLEGE and SEMINARY are doing

Graduates from the College —

Bodager, Thomas
Smithville, Ohio
Teaching at Ontario, Ohio

Cobun, Richard
Ashland, Ohio (Park Street)
Graduate work at University of Wisconsin

Eubanks, Carol Ann
West Alexandria, Ohio
Teaching in West Alexandria

Fields, Sharon
Dayton, Ohio
Teaching in Ashland City Schools

Kindley, Alice
North Manchester, Ohio
Teaching in Mansfield City Schools

Long, Mary Kay Kimmel
Ashland, Ohio (Park Street)
Teaching in Ashland City Schools

Riblet, Sallie Klingel
Smithville, Ohio
Graduate work in Conservatory of Music, University of Missouri

Rose, Martha
Bryan, Ohio
Teaching Assistantship University of West Virginia, while doing graduate work

Sidle, Janet
Bryan, Ohio
Graduate work at Syracuse University

Steiner, Linda
Smithville, Ohio
Teaching in Galion City Schools

Weidenhamer, Marilyn
Ashland, Ohio (Park Street)
Teaching in Carleton, Michigan, Schools

Zent, Rex
Roanoke, Indiana
Teaching at Centerburg, Ohio, Assistant football coach for high school, and head basketball coach for junior high

. . . five doing graduate work.

. . . five are entering the Seminary.

Graduates from the Seminary —

Bolinger, Larry
North Manchester, Indiana
Graduate work at Michigan State University in preparation for Nigerian Mission field

Rinehart, Donald
Ashland, Ohio (Park Street)
Pastor, Smithville, Ohio

Shifflett, Alvin
Mt. Olive, Virginia
Pastor, Johnstown II, Pennsylvania

Entering the Seminary —

Fields, James
Washington, D. C.

Gilmer, Arden
Roann, Indiana

Richey, Paul
Muncie, Indiana

Shellenberger, Lynn
Pleasant Hill, Ohio

Walk, William
Vinco, Pennsylvania

"A CRITICAL EPOCH"

by DR. JOSEPH SHULTZ
Dean of Ashland Theological Seminary

"Kairos" is a New Testament term translated "time," however it is also translated a "critical epoch," denoting a memorable series of events in distinctive development. The one thing that can be said with certainty about our time is that there is a revolutionary social and scientific development. Fantastic changes have taken place, unbelievable changes will take place in our generation. In this world of nuclear tension, social revolution, inner city decay, bursting suburbs, secularism, broken homes, God seems less and less important to many. As the Angel Gabriel says in **Green Pastures,** "Everything nailed down is comin' loose."

Undoubtedly the most stunning changes have taken place in the field of science, affecting life and the Church. Our first missionaries to foreign countries took weeks and months to reach their fields. This year the Bischofs left Nigeria at six o'clock p. m. and arrived in New York at 9:30 a. m., one day. And long before our ministry is ended we will be able to span the oceans and/or continents in two hours. The advance in technology is diminishing the number of jobs in the U. S. at the rate of forty thousand each week. The shortened work week for the megalopolis areas is inevitable, and who will venture to say today whether that will be a blessing or bane?

Geneticists are confident of creating life in the near future, and who knows whether to weep or cheer about it. Consider new biological life plus the population explosion! From the beginning of the Christian era it took fifteen hundred years to double the population of the world, however it will more than double during the next fifty. In 1945 there were 1.5 million college-university students in the U. S. In 1975 it is estimated there will be 10.5 million college-university students.

What is required as ambassadors of the Gospel in this epoch of incredibly swift and complex changes? First of all we must be willing to accept the fact of change. Nostalgia longings for the good old days is not "redeeming the "time"! We must fully realize that the idea of Christendom as a culture founded on the Christian faith, dominated by it is gone. Perhaps the idea of "Christian America" was an illusion in the first place!! The world is predominately not Christian, but pagan, and is becoming more so. At the beginning of our age one in three persons on earth was at least a nominal Christian. At the end of our age, according to present growth patterns, only one in six persons on earth will be a nominal Christian. In many ways our age can be compared to the **time** of Paul, to the period of the early Church under Rome.

If the Church is to be honest we can no longer think of ourselves as a sentry guarding a corner of God's Kingdom. The Church must be the "salt" within society, regardless of the epoch. In other words, this day of our Lord demands not an ecclesiastical Maginot line, claiming that what was good enough for our fathers is good enough for us, but a corps of well-trained, disciplined Christians carrying the battle into enemy territory.

The epoch demands a daring bold faith. We have good historical precedent for daring to undertake new experiments in Christian witness. When John Wesley in the 18th Century, in order to reach the people that would no longer come into the churches started to preach on street corners and in markets places, he was himself troubled by his boldness. He wrote in his Journal in 1739: "I could scarcely reconcile myself at first to this strange way of preaching in the field . . . having been all my life so tenacious of every point relating to decency and order, that I should have thought the saving of souls a sin if it had not been done in a church."

Regardless of one's opinion concerning the epoch in which we live let me remind you that the central doctrine of the Christian faith is that of **Incarnation:** "God in Jesus Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

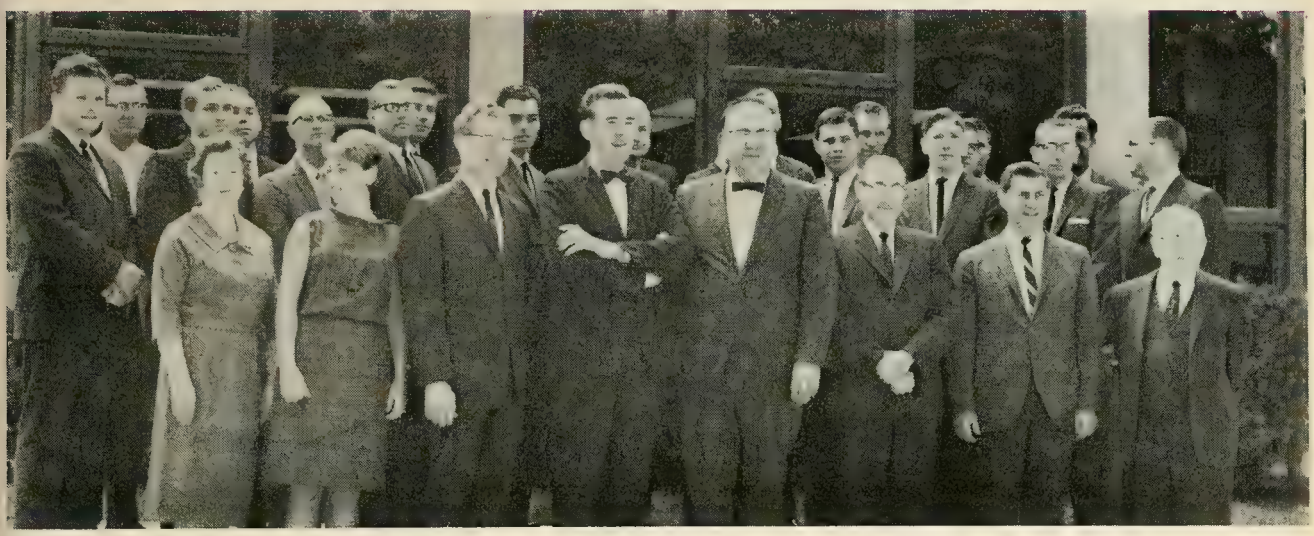
Ashland Theological Seminary accepts the challenge of this new critical epoch. The clarion call of Christ rings clear in our hearts and sweeps aside all reservations. The Seminary development program is a strong answer to present-day needs. The new Seminary library, classrooms, chapel, study facilities, etc., are a reality. These new facilities will enable the Seminary to enroll more students and train for excellence. The cost of approximately $200,000 is being underwritten by all but a few of our churches. Thanks to God for His marvelous grace.

Apart from capital expenditure, however, the Seminary operating expense is approximately $75,000 per year. The Educational Day offering of approximately $10,000 is hardly the Church's share in this absolute expense. It costs approximately $2,000 per Seminary student per year to operate the Seminary. The students' fees are approximately $300 per year. The deficit must be shared by the church, which is the direct beneficiary of the Seminary. The majority of Seminaries are entirely underwritten by their churches!

Let no intelligent man of God in the Brethren Church, who knows the saving grace of Christ, himself, ask, "Why do we need a 'big' Seminary; what are 'you' going to do with all 'those' men?" Since 1940 there has not been enough Seminary graduates to fill the 'death rate' of Brethren ministers; much less new churches, mission fields, teaching positions, professorships, denominational secretaries, local Christian education directors, etc., etc. **Of all Protestant Church positions served by trained ministers, 21 per cent were vacant at the end of 1964. It is estimated that 69,000 Protestant Churches are without full-time pastors in America.** The Seminary needs at least twice the present enrollment of Brethren students to even begin to fulfill the needs of the church.

Ashland Theological Seminary is the arm of the Brethren Church. Ashland College and Seminary is the most challenging mission of the Brethren Church in the U. S. in this vital epoch.

"Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things; Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings." Your generous support of E. D. O. is a reaffirmation of your faith in the saving grace of Christ in this critical epoch.



THE SEMINARY STUDENT BODY 1965 - 66



Pictured here is K. Trasantha Kumar from India being welcomed into the Seminary student body by Dr. Joseph R. Shultz, Dean of the Ashland Theological Seminary.

YOUR GIFTS TO ASHLAND COLLEGE AND SEMINARY ASSURE THE TRAINING OF BRETHREN YOUNG PEOPLE FOR TOMORROW'S LEADERSHIP

TAKE A GOOD LOOK

Brethren Students are already serving



Counsellors - -

Left to right:

Connie Pash	(Pleasant Hill, Ohio)
David Cooksey	(Washington, D. C.)
Karen Jenkins	(Loree, Indiana)
Hugh Lewis	(Tiosa, Indiana)
Barbara Ringer	(County Line, Indiana)
Roger Yoder	(Elkhart, Indiana)
Judy Kaufman	(Johnstown II, Pennsylvania)
James Berkshire	(Dayton, Ohio)



Presidents - -

Front Row—left to right:

Homer Bowers (Massillon, Ohio): President of Musicaglia

Marie Keppel (Manteca, California): President of Women's Gospel Team

Connie Pash (Pleasant Hill, Ohio): President of Y.W.C.A.

Back row—left to right:

Earl Miller (New Lebanon, Ohio): President of Chapel Choir

Hugh Lewis (Tiosa, Indiana): President of Circle K

Larry Mercer (North Georgetown, Ohio): President of Senior Class

Larry Ross (Fremont, Ohio): President of Men's Gospel Team

Susan Whitted (Ashland, Ohio, Park Street Church): President of W.A.A. was not present when picture was taken.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for October 17, 1965
BEZALEEL: DEDICATED CHRISTIAN
Text: Exodus 35:30-36:3a; 38:22-23

THE STORY of Bezaleel is revealing in several ways. We notice that first of all this man was given the job of instruction in all artistry which would be used for the building of the tabernacle (35:34). The man and his helper, Aholiab, were gifted of God with the ability to devise artistic designs in all manner of crafts.

Ability is God's Gift (35:31)

In this verse we read that God "filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship." When God calls a man to a service, that service may not be connected directly with the Church. A Christian who is a good farmer or carpenter or welder is doing just what God wants him to be doing. It is as much his business to do his work as it is for a pastor to do his. In Jesus Christ what a person does and how he does it is part of his religious life.

God Fills with Wisdom (35:35)

When God gives men gifts of special ability He expects them to be used in a proper way. "God, who gives artistic power originally for wise and good purposes, will, if men use the power worthily, augment it by direct action of his Spirit on their intellects. Those poets, painters, etc., who have been good men, have found their artistic ability to improve with time. Those who have lived evil lives found it to deteriorate" (George Rawlinson). A man who is wise will consider in what ways he may use his ability and in so doing find God helping him. It ill becomes a Christian to bemoan his position and ability because it seems so menial. Neither should he take selfish pride because it seems too great. In Christ your ability and knowledge is no mere accident or act of fate.

"These were the potters, and those that dwelt among plants and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work" (I Chron. 4:23).

Is your place a small place?
Tend it with care! —
He set you there.

Is your place a large place?
Guard it with care! —
He set you there.

Whate'er your place, it is
Not yours alone, but His.
He set you there.

—John Oxenham

World Religious News in Review

EXECUTIVE GIVES UP LUCRATIVE JOB FOR POST AT SMALL CHURCH COLLEGE

ST. PAUL, MINN. (EP)—A Baptist layman has given up his career as a junior executive with the Ford Motor Co., to take the new position of vice president for business affairs at his denomination's college here.

Burton H. Wessman, 45, admitted that the "biggest roadblock" to his taking the post at Bethel College was the "tremendous difference in salary and fringe benefits."

With Ford since 1952, Mr. Wessman in 1962 became comptroller of the 7,500-worker Sterling, Mich., plant, one of the largest outside the River Rouge complex in Dearborn, Mich.

One of his first jobs at Bethel will be to sell its eight-acre campus.

Bethel Seminary will move to a new campus in suburban Arden Hills September 1 and the college, expecting an enrollment of 1,400 by 1965, will make its move "to the country" when the necessary $10 million is raised—not later, it's hoped, than its 1971 centennial.

BILLY GRAHAM: MORAL STRENGTH NEEDED TO BACK ARMED MIGHT

ASHEVILLE, N. C. (EP)—Evangelist Billy Graham urged newspapermen attending the annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association here to "help lead America to a moral and spiritual revolution that we must have if we are to survive in this century as a free nation."

"The structure of our way of life," he said, "is threatened by moral compromises and short cuts. I warn you that America will never see the year 2000 A. D. as a free nation unless the present trend is reversed and we return to the moral and spiritual mooring that made us great."

Declaring that he is not a pacifist and that the Bible indicates that the policeman is actually a servant of God in his duty to keep the peace, Mr. Graham said "therefore, I believe we should maintain the strongest military establishment on earth."

DR. SCHWEITZER IS BURIED NEAR JUNGLE HOSPITAL

LAMBARENE, GABON (EP) — Albert Schweitzer, hailed as one of the outstanding men of this century, was buried here in a simple and quiet ceremony on the day following his death, September 4, at the age of 90.

Workers and patients from his famed jungle hospital gathered along the banks of the Ogooue River as the body of the physician, humanitarian, philosopher, scholar and musician was lowered in a plain wooden coffin into a grave marked by a cross he had made himself.

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NOTES and COMMENTS

REV JAMES BLACK UNDERGOES SURGERY

SEVERAL PEOPLE have been asking about Rev. James Black following the physical problem which he had during the teaching of the Sunday school lesson on Sunday morning of General Conference.

The specialists in Waterloo, Iowa, found a lump on the thyroid upon examination and ordered immediate surgery for removal of the lump. Bro. Black entered the hospital during the week of September 27. The lump was removed and it was found not to be malignant for which all of us are thanking God.

WHAT ARE YOUR TOTALS?

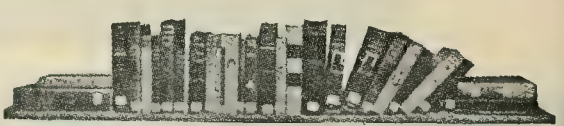
When your thoughts express themselves
In the many words you use,
And you find that you are known
By the things in life you choose;
When your steps are added up
At the climax of the day,
And your deeds are counted in
All along your checkered way,
What are your totals?

When you work at this or that
As a means of livelihood;
When you stand by what you do
As your fellowmen have stood;
When you act and play your part
In the lives of those you meet;
When you face your daily tasks,
Each of which you have to treat,
What are your totals?

When you meet the good or bad
That will tell of what you're made;
When you face the downward road,
Or the road that leads up grade;
When you go or when you stay,
When you take or when you give;
When you count on what you are
By the way you daily live,
What are your totals?

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.

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MY HEART FOR EDITORIAL WORK

by Mel Larson, Editor
"The Evangelical Beacon"

FIRST, basically I feel editorial work is God's will for me. You have your own personal past to this present moment and God has led you to this very time and to this convention even as He had led me here. If we do not sense His leading we may be here in mind and body going through the motions but the heart depth is not there.

I believe there is a feature story in every editorial staff worker as to how God has dealt with him in his particular life and in his own particular responsibility.

I had the great honor of being the sports editor of our high school annual, and I don't think we misspelled a single word in that particular section of the annual! (There were some in the other parts so we didn't feel too bad about ours.)

Some years later I was in a speech clinic and in pre-law work at the University of Minnesota . . . had a couple of years of law and then, at the age of twenty-three at the University of Minnesota, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior. That changed my life completely. I was helped greatly through the ministry of what was known then as the League of Evangelical Students, possibly one of the forerunners of Inter-Varsity.

Then there was good-bye to law school, at the request of the Dean and other professors, and on into journalism where I felt more at home all the time.

Rising to the "high" spot of intramural sports editor on one of the greatest dailies in any university in the world, *The Minnesota Daily,* was a great thrill. And then to a country weekly, and on to *The Minnesota Tribune,* covering sports events which to me at that time was the greatest thrill in all the world.

But then over a period of months and years and through the faithful counseling of a pastor, I sensed for my own particular life there was a greater thrill than covering sports and going into locker rooms after winning baseball games and interviewing athletes. That thrill and purpose was in serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now back to *The Evangelical Beacon.* That's been His will for me in the path where He has guided me day by day and year by year. When I realize that very simple and yet direct guidance which comes to each of us, my heart beats with His and I rejoice in His plan for me.

Secondly, my heart rejoices because editing changes people. Some even have been won to Christ and I rejoice in the share that I have had even in presenting a tract or article. What a privilege this is!

Years ago in Boston I had a chance to interview Billy Graham for an article in *Youth For Christ* magazine on the title, "If I Were Seventeen Again." What would you do if you were back in high school again?

One thing he said has stuck with me. He said, "I would inform the young people basically that if they are believers in Jesus Christ, they have a responsibility to witness for Jesus Christ." *Ye shall be my witnesses.*

It may not be the privilege of us all to lead people to Jesus Christ, but each of us has a responsibility to witness, according to Acts 1:8. This editorial work is my way of witnessing and also in God's provision for us as He gives the harvest. He that winneth souls is wise and that too may be my privilege and that may be your privilege as the Holy Spirit uses us.

There is a persistent, quiet, dynamic way of getting at people through religious journalism. One of the latest, very often the final one, is that decision for Jesus Christ. And I know many of you have a strong evangelism thrust in your magazine even as we do. We rejoice even in this past April 13 issue when we learned of at least three people who so far have professed Christ as Savior through the ministry of that particular evangelism issue.

My editorial heart is warmed when something in our magazine is used by God to direct and guide a believer in his service for Jesus Christ. Young people, yes, but older people as well. The leaders are making key life decisions day by day and week by week. It is my privilege, it is your privilege to be used by the Holy Spirit to help them in those decisions.

I know we are all concerned with the ministry shortage. A few years ago I was led to write a brief editorial about the possibility of men in their late 20's and 30's, well established in business, who might feel called to the ministry. Way up in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, *The Beacon,* arrived on a Monday morning. It was the fourth thing, the fourth instrument which the Holy Spirit used. Three ministers, then *The Beacon* came on Monday morning to challenge this particular layman to leave his business and go to Seminary and now is serving the Lord in one of our churches.

Then, editing challenges people to a closer walk with Christ and to more service for Him. Many a mother reading our WMS page says that a certain article was just the article she needed on that particular morning.

God alone knows the power of the printed word. I have the tremendous honor and privilege of sending it out week by week . . . of reporting how God has worked today in the lives of people. All this, yes,

and the friends such as we've mentioned here at the Evangelical Press Association—a life of faith and to see Him meet our needs and to have the privilege of influencing others.

The editor is a key man in any organization or group. He may be called for last when the reports are read, but what would they do without us? I thank God I am included in that group and I feel you are too.

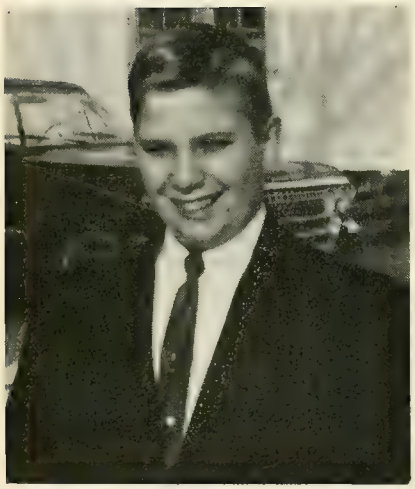
We have the privilege of sharing articles with our readers and we have the privilege of reading it first. When God blesses our own heart and speaks to our own heart through a manuscript, we just feel good all over.

Last fall at the time of Dr. Paul Carlson's death one of our medical missionaries who served with him on the field, a lady doctor who is home with her husband because of his health, wrote us just a brief article on His Name: Paul Carlson. That article touched my own heart even as I edited it. A little bit later at our headquarters we had a memorial service on behalf of Dr. Paul Carlson. Through the ministry of that missionary article God spoke to my own heart and I trust gave to me even another kind of dedication. A better servant of Jesus Christ.

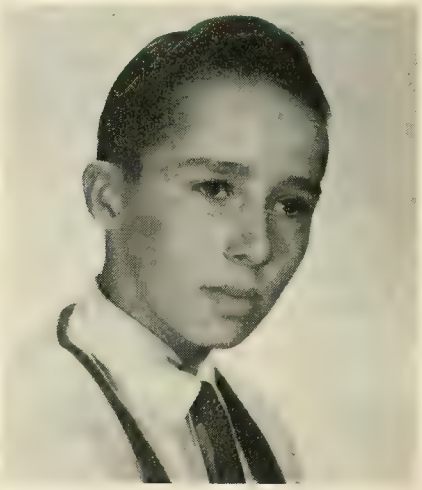
No matter who signs our pay checks, we serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

BIBLE SWORD DRILL WINNERS

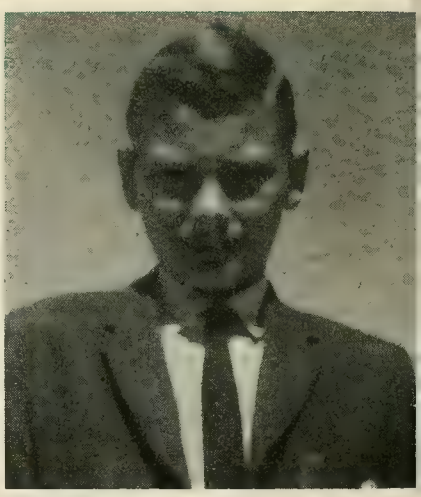
(any adult challengers?)



Steve Zerbe of Loree, Ind.
The Senior Division Winner.



Leroy Solomon of Louisville, Ohio.
The Senior Division Runner-up.



Wade Michael of Gratis, Ohio.
The Junior Division Winner.

DURING THE WEEK of August 16-22, 1965, at the 77th General Conference of the Brethren Church, the first Bible Sword Drill of the Boys' Brotherhood organization was held. The enthusiasm and participation by the boys was very good, so this will be an official notification to all boys that there will be a Bible Sword Drill Contest at general conference in 1966 at Ashland, Ohio. Boys, practice finding the books, chapters and verses in the Bible and give the winners and runner-ups some real competition next year.

The speed displayed by these boys this year was amazing as some of our adults who tried to beat them found out. Would any adults care to challenge these boys in a contest? Is it possible that some of these winners can repeat, or will there be a new champion? There is plenty of time between now and next year for practice, how many will accept the challenge? This year we had a winner and runner-up in the junior and senior divisions. Next year (1966) there will also be a third place plaque and trophy, so six boys next year will have a visible prize for their efforts.



Ray Allison of Goshen, Ind.
The Junior Division Runner-up.

The four boys' pictures that you see on this page of *The Brethren Evangelist* were the finalists this year. In the Jr. Division, Ray Allison of the Goshen, Indiana, church was the runner-up. The winner was Wade Michael of the

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CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Bible Readings from Peter, James and John

Memory Scripture — I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

October 24-30

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 16:24-27

Sunday School Pin

"How about Jim getting a ten-year Sunday School pin!" said Gary.

"And Mrs. Weaver got a twenty-six-year pin," added Linda.

"Pin. Sunday School pin!" said Betsy as she pointed to her shiny new one.

"Yes," laughed Mommy. "We know you got your first-year Sunday School pin. We are glad, too, Betsy."

"By the time you are as old as Mrs. Weaver," said Linda, "you may have many more than twenty-six."

"It's good to attend Sunday School regularly and earn your pins," said Dad. "The pins are rewards for regular attendance. There is another reward for which it is more important to be working."

"What's that?" asked Gary.

"The reward Jesus has promised to His faithful followers when He returns," answered Dad.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my church. May I remember it is important to attend all the services. Thank You that Jesus is coming again to reward His followers. In His name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 18:1-6

Betsy's Wagon

"Wagon broken," said Betsy. "Daddy fix." She took Daddy by the hand.

"Where is the wagon?" he asked.

"In garage," replied Betsy.

Together they walked to the garage. The wagon handle was off the wagon and laying on the floor. Daddy picked it up.

"The screw has come out," he said. "Let's see if we can find it and the nut that holds it in place."

They looked and looked. At last Daddy said, "Here's the screw. I think I have a nut that will fit it in the jar on the ledge."

Daddy opened the jar. Betsy watched as he poured out the many things that were in it. He tried one nut on the screw. It was too big. He tried another. It was too small. He tried a third one. It fit just right. Daddy put the other things back into the jar.

"Now we can fix the wagon," he said as he picked up the handle again.

Daddy put the handle in place. He put the screw through the hole on one side and out the other side. He put the nut on tightly to hold the screw in place.

"There you are Betsy," he said. "All fixed. Climb in and I'll give you a ride to the house."

Betsy laughed happily as she rode in the wagon. Even though a small part of it was missing she knew Daddy would fix it. She had faith in him.

This is the kind of faith Jesus said we should have —the faith of a little child who knows the Heavenly Father can do anything.

Prayer:

Dear God, sometimes I seem to forget how great You are. Help me to have more faith in You—the faith of a little child. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 18:11-14

The Lost Kitten

"Where is Mittens?" asked Gary when he came home from school.

"Outside with her kittens," answered Mom.

Gary put his books on the table and went outside.

"Mittens," he called. "Come Mittens."

The cat came running with three of her kittens tumbling along behind her.

"Where is Shadow?" asked Gary. "Where is your other kitten?"

"Meow," answered Mittens.

"Well, if you don't know either we better look for him," said Gary.

Mittens followed Gary as he looked for the lost kitten. He looked under the porch and around the hedge. He looked behind the garage and in the flower bed. He looked and looked.

"Where can that kitten be?" he wondered as he leaned against the big tree.

"Mew, mew," he heard faintly.

Gary looked up the tree. There just above his head was Shadow. He had climbed that far up the tree and was afraid to come down again. Gary reached up and lifted him from the tree.

"Shadow!" he exclaimed. "I've been looking for you. "Mittens! Mittens, here is your lost baby!"

When Gary placed the kitten on the ground, Mittens washed it with her tongue. The other kittens played about happily as if trying to show they, too, were glad their brother was found.

Jesus said just as we are anxious for all our pets to be safe, so God is very anxious for all people to have eternal life by trusting Jesus.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to be my Savior. Help me to do my part in telling others about Him. In His name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 19:13-15

Shhh!

"Grandpa! Grandpa!" shouted Betsy as she came running into the house.

"Shh!" said Mommy. "Grandpa is resting. He's been working hard today and is tired."

"Grandpa been resting long time," declared Betsy. "Want him to tell me a story now."

"Not so loud Betsy," Mommy told her.

"That's alright, Alice," called Grandpa from the living room. "I'm awake. Come, Betsy. We will have a story."

Happily the little girl ran to him. She climbed onto his lap. "I'm glad you're awake, Grandpa. I wanted to talk to you."

"Well, well," laughed Grandpa. "I wanted to talk to you, too."

The children in today's Bible reading wanted to talk with Jesus. They were unhappy when the disciples told them He didn't have time for them.

How quickly their sadness changed to gladness when Jesus called them to Him!

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I'm glad You love little children. I'm glad You want to be my Savior and Friend. Amen.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 21:28-31

Coming

The children were playing kick ball in the backyard with some of their friends.

Jim!" called his mother. "I want you to go to the store for me."

"In a minute, Mom," answered Jim.

And he continued to play ball. He played and played.

"Jim!" called his mother again.

"Coming, Mom," replied Jim.

But he didn't go. He played ball instead.

"Don't you think you should go." asked Gary. "Your Mom may need something from the store for supper."

"I'll go in a minute," Jim told him.

"James Richard!" called his mother crossly. "Come right now!"

"I'm coming," answered Jim as he ran towards home.

His mother was cross because Jim had not come when she called. Jim was unthoughtful and selfish when he continued to play ball when his mother needed him.

Obedience is a lesson we all must learn. Do you obey quickly and cheerfully?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my parents. Help me to show my love for them by obeying. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 22:36-40

Ball or Leaves?

"Hi, Gary," called Steve. "Let's play football."

"I can't," replied Gary. "I'm going to rake the Peters' yard for them."

"That's a good idea!" declared Steve. "I'll get our rake and help you."

Soon the two boys were busily raking the old couple's yard. It was a big yard. They worked until suppertime.

"We can finish it tomorrow," suggested Gary.

"Sure," agreed Steve. "I'll come for you about nine o'clock."

Steve and Gary willingly gave up their playtime to help someone else. They were showing love for God and others.

Do you show your love by the things you do?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the many loving people who help me everyday. Help me to find ways to show my love for You and others. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 25:31-40

Dad Goes to Jail

"Where are you going, Dad?" asked Gary.

"To the county jail," replied Dad.

"To jail!" exclaimed Linda. "What for? Only bad people go there."

Dad shook his head. "No, Linda. Those who love God should go to jail, too."

"But why?" Linda wanted to know.

"Those who are in jail," explained Dad, "need to know that Jesus loves them. Many of them have never heard about Him. They need to know, too, that others are interested in them. When people are in trouble they need friends."

"What will you do?" asked Gary.

"I'll visit with the prisoners," said Dad. "I'll give them some Sunday School papers and other things to read."

"Jesus said when we help those who are poor or sick or in prison it is the same thing as doing those things for Him," reminded Mom.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, may I remember there are many ways to serve You. May I be willing to share with those who are sick or in trouble. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

NOT I, BUT CHRIST

I cannot make by life's small plan,
It is not mine to mold,
But I can yield my all to Him,
He'll guide and keep and hold.

I cannot see from day to day
Whate'er my lot may be,
But oh, how sweet to trust in One
Who ever leadeth me!

I know not what tomorrow brings;
My future all is dim;
So I will simply take His hand
And leave my life to Him.

—Helen Eaton Brannon

THE NEED for full, self surrender is the old, sinful nature seeking to reassert itself (Rom. 7:21). Any Christian knows something of the conflict be-

tween good and evil, the flesh and the Spirit (I Jn. 1:10). Though converts are a "new creation" (II Cor. 5:17), having a life they never had before, the old man is very vigorous and strong in many (I Cor. 3:1). Most of Paul's writings were to believers who, after their first glorious experience of "joy and peace in believing" (Rom. 15:13), experienced the backward pull of their old fleshly nature.

We are meant to be overcomers (Rom. 8:37) in decisive victories. The secret of complete victory is complete surrender (Rom. 12:1, 2). Since "we are the Lord's" (14:8) we shall no longer live unto ourselves but unto our Lord. We "have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts thereof (Gal. 5:24). Our bodies are for the Lord (I Cor. 6:13). We are "free" to do right (I Cor. 9:1), but never to do wrong (Gal. 5:13). Separation from the world unto God is our choice (Heb. 11:24, 25). Self-denial for daily cross bearing is voluntary (Lu. 9:23). To show that self is crucified we shall even refrain from lawful things if they will cause others to stumble (I Cor. 8:13). Not to sanctify ourselves for the sake of others (Jn. 17:19) is to face a terrible consequence (Mk. 9:42). We are "not to please ourselves" (Rom. 15:1).

Self-crucifixion seeks not the praise of men (Matt. 6:17, 18) but rather the "well done" of the Lord. To take up a cross means to be crucified on it (Gal. 2:20). Whatever we do, it is solely for the glory of God (Col. 3:17). However, we cannot live this life of ourselves; only the Holy Spirit can live it in us, and only He can keep Christ supreme in our hearts and lives (II Cor. 12:7). Under divine control we reign over sin (I Pet. 5:6), have sustaining and protecting power (I Jn. 5:18). God transforms us by filling us (Exod. 40:33-35) and indwelling us (II Cor. 6:16). Faith needs freedom (Matt. 6:22), food (I Tim. 4:6), and growth (II Thess. 1:3).

"In full and glad surrender
I give myself to Thee,
Thine utterly and only
And evermore to be.

"O come, and reign, Lord Jesus,
Rule over everything;
And keep me always loyal
And true to Thee, my King."

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

NEW FILMSTRIPS ON FAMILY LIFE

ONE OF THE CONCERNS expressed by this year's Conference Moderator, Rev. Charles Munson, in his moderator's address was the need for the Brethren Church to give more attention to the building of strong families. He noted that "American families are in trouble" and that "problems which plague American homes . . . are problems which face Brethren families." Because of this need, Moderator Munson recommended that "Family-life Conferences" be held within our districts, and he also encouraged local churches to conduct a series of such Family-life meetings for the benefit of their own families.

The Sunday School Board recently purchased a number of filmstrips which deal with the subject of family life. In the light of the need expressed by Moderator Munson, and of the recommendations he made we here present the names and descriptions of these filmstrips. Perhaps many churches will want to use these filmstrips as aids in conducting Family-life meetings in their own local churches. These filmstrips may be rented from the Sunday School Office, 524 College Ave., Ashland, Ohio.

Christian Home and Family Life

Family Worship—54 frames, color, record and manual, 10 minutes.
Illustrations are given of how family worship has been practical for several families. Ideas are presented for adapting family worship to a variety of family needs and schedules.

Family Recreation—44 frames, color, record and manual, 7 minutes.
This filmstrip presents ideas for ways to relieve monotony and conflict in home and family relationships through recreation. Varieties of recreational activities are shown and related to God's plan of fulfillment in Christian life.

Family Give-and-take—40 frames, color, record and manual, 7 minutes.
Living together requires rules, cooperation, and loyalty. This filmstrip presents thought-provoking suggestions for turning family tensions and conflicts into the kind of a give-and-take that is healthy and good.

Family Togetherness—41 frames, color, record and manual, 7 minutes.
Family heritage, affection, understanding, and family cooperation are shown as basic to producing a sense of togetherness in the Christian family.

Christian Parents' Kit

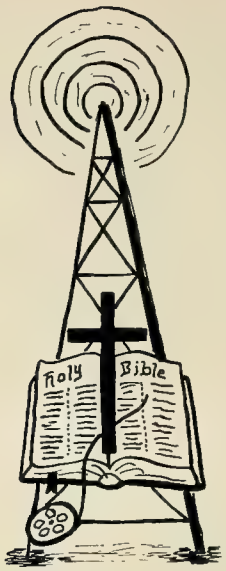
Parents of Preschoolers—43 frames, color, record and manual, 9 minutes.
This filmstrip aims to lead Christian parents to better understand their preschool children and to help them provide the proper kind of home life, so that parents and children can fulfill God's purpose for their family.

Parents of School-agers—43 frames, color, record and manual, 10 minutes.
The years of middle childhood are covered in this filmstrip. The many faceted development of the child is discussed.

Parents of Young Teens—42 frames, color, record and manual, 8 minutes.
This filmstrip helps parents analyze these perplexing years when young teens seem so grown up one minute and so childish the next.

Parents of Older Teens—41 frames, color, record and manual, 8 minutes.
Older teens are nearing adulthood. This filmstrip suggests how parents of older teens can get a better perspective by analyzing what is needed to complete this transition from childhood to adulthood.

Brethren Youth Crusaders



HELPS AND HINTS

No questions for the 1965-66 Bible Quiz are being sent out to local churches. Many problems have arisen with questions being furnished and therefore, the National Youth Office will not be sending questions to each church.

We would like to offer some helps and hints for the Quiz, however. Rules and a bibliography of helps have appeared on these pages and are also in the Leader's Book which has been sent to each pastor and youth leader whose name we have. Be sure to read the rules carefully and obtain any helps you may desire from our listing.

In addition, we would urge each adult working with the teams to be reading our book for this year—Genesis. This is an exciting book of beginnings and each adult should know what he is trying to teach the young people. Make it a practice to read at least one chapter per day and make up a number of questions from that chapter for use in the group. Ask the young people to do the same. You will learn more from this close work with the Scripture.

Study the Scripture together. Learn why people did things and why certain events took place as well as the names of people and places. Look for God's plan of salvation from the very beginning.

Make your questions short and clear in meaning. For example:

1. What day did God create the firmament or Heaven? 1:8
2. Where did God plant a garden? 2:8
3. Name Noah's three sons. 5:32
4. What is the purpose of the rainbow? 9:15, 16

Make this an exciting year of study in Genesis!

"On the Air in Argentina"

1965-66
NATIONAL BRETHREN YOUTH PROJECT
GOAL: $11,000

The B.Y. project for this year will be used to aid our expanded radio ministry in S. America.

Because the radio ministry has grown, the demand for Bibles has greatly increased and the supply of the Word has diminished. To be able to provide stations with the program one must have the tapes to do so and money is needed to buy air time.

Therefore, the 1965-66 project will provide the needed funds for purchasing Bibles, tapes and air time.

We know you will want to share in this expanded ministry to reach those who have not heard about Christ and His salvation. So begin working hard to reach our goal for

HOW SHALL THEY HEAR UNLESS WE GIVE?

1965 - 66 Theme

II Timothy 4:8

"LOVING HIS APPEARING"

Around B. Y. - - -

in Pictures



Ardmore Sweeps the finals



Jr. Highs — Ardmore and Gretna

Saturday, August 21, 1965 . . . Memorial Chapel . . . 2:15 p. m. . . . scene of the B.Y. Bible Quiz Finals.

Quizmasters were . . . Juniors—Russ Gordon . . . Jr. Highs—Lynn Shellenberger . . . Sr. Highs—Dennis Randall.

Judges were...Dr. Joseph Shultz...Rev. Richard Kuns...Rev. Arthur J. Tinkel.

Lights . . . places . . . action! Juniors first . . . Ardmore, Indiana, and Derby, Kansas . . . questions . . . 25 of them . . . score . . . Ardmore wins! Change quizmasters...new teams...check lights ...Ardmore, Indiana, and Gretna, Ohio Jr. Highs ...questions...25 completed...score...Ardmore wins!



Juniors — Ardmore and Derby

Change teams...Ardmore, Indiana, and Johnstown II, Pennsylvania...new quizmaster...check lights...25 questions...score...Ardmore wins!

The picture review on this page shows the three winning Ardmore teams on the upper left with the Juniors receiving their trophies at lower left. Jr. Highs are receiving their trophies at upper right and Sr. Highs receive their prizes at lower right.



Sr. Highs — Johnstown II

MISSIONARY NEWS



Missionaries' Birthdays - - -

AT THIS time of year with much reorganization of leadership and committees, there have been many requests for a birthday list of our missionaries and children. We offer this listing for you to put in your notebooks or to hang in a permanent place to help you remember these dates.

	Birthdays	Addresses

NIGERIAN MISSIONARIES

The Bischofs

Robert	March 5	705 Grant Street
Beatrice	March 19	Ashland, Ohio
Barbara	April 22, 1956	
Robert, Jr.	February 21, 1959	

The Shanks

Glenn	July 16	Box 652, Jos
Jean	December 14	Nigeria, West Africa
Dennis	December 15, 1953	
Donna	August 13, 1956	

The Bowers

Harold	November 19	Box 626, Jos
Shirley	August 11	Nigeria, West Africa
Mark Allan	March 11, 1955	
Marla Ruth	July 11, 1960	

The Bolingers (candidates in training for Nigeria)

Larry	July 19	628 Clifford Street
Rose	August 26	Lansing, Michigan 48912
David	September 6, 1956	
Susan	August 9, 1959	
Jon	September 14, 1963	
Brian Lee	July 1, 1965	

ARGENTINA

The Solomons

Kenneth	September 11	Instituto Biblico Eden
Jeannette	July 17	Soldini (Santa Fe)
Timothy	February 18, 1956	Argentina, South America
Rebecca	February 27, 1958	
Joel Arthur	June 4, 1963	
Margaret Marie	January 9, 1965	

The Rowseys

John	November 28	O'Higgins 3162-68
Regina	May 11	Buenos Aires, 29, Argentina
Susan	May 11, 1955	South America
Phillip Andrew	June 19, 1958	
Valerie	January 1, 1962	

The Aspinalls

Raymond	January 19	Ave. Genova 1353
Marilyn	August 8	Rosario (Santa Fe)
Mark Alan	December 29, 1955	Argentina, South America
Kathy Lynn	June 25, 1959	
Claudia Kay	August 29, 1961	

The Bylers

Rob	June 24	O'Higgins 3162-68
Jane	December 2	Buenos Aires, 29, Argentina
Susan *	July 31, 1946	South America
David	September 6, 1949	
Stephen	March 19, 1951	
Elizabeth Ann	June 24, 1955	
Rebecca	January 11, 1958	

(Susan is in the United States attending college. Her address is 8 Westerly Ave., Madison, New Jersey)

The Curtises

William	October 19	O'Higgins 3162-68
Fran	July 7	Buenos Aires, 29, Argentina
Deborah Sue	January 20, 1960	South America

Note: There are only two apartments at O'Higgins and the Curtises and the Rowseys live there. The Bylers rent elsewhere but receive their mail at O'Higgins, Headquarters of C. A. V. E. A.

Why not join the
TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

SISTERHOOD

Devotional Program for November

DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Worship:
"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

Hymn: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

Circle of Prayer:
Guided silent prayer—for the Bylers in Argentina, for our school teachers, for the Sisterhood program of our churches.

Special Music:
Invite one or several women from your W.M.S. society to present this portion of the program.

Bible Study

Hymn: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

*Review of the first story of **Junior Missionary Stories** for junior girls.

*Guided group discussion of this **demand of discipleship** —"Seek ye first the kingdom"—assign the leadership of this discussion to one senior girl; do this in advance so that she may have time to prepare.

Hymn: "Spirit of Sisterhood"

Sisterhood Benediction

Business

(The program is the same for juniors and seniors to this point(*). The juniors then have the review and the seniors have the guided discussion. Each group closes with the Sisterhood hymn and benediction.)

READ THE SISTERHOOD PAGE IN THE EVANGELIST EVERY WEEK!

JUNIOR BIBLE STUDY

THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST

by MRS. EDWIN BOARDMAN

A Mystery

LET US PAUSE reverently to remember that we are dealing with what St. Paul has called "a mystery" —"the love of Christ." "That ye may be able to comprehend what is the

length
breadth
depth
height

and to know the love of Christ." We who follow Jesus as He performs His wonders must do so humbly. In our hearts we are kneeling as we ask, "How could He love us so?"

A Look Backward — A Look Ahead

We have learned that:

1. Jesus, by *supernatural power* was able to cut across *natural law* and perform a *miracle.*
2. Being *divine,* He never used this power except to *glorify God.*
3. His miracles cannot be explained by natural causes.
4. Each miracle falls into one of four groups:
 a. Healing—17 particular miracles.
 b. Nature—9 particular miracles.

c. Demons cast out—6 particular miracles.
d. The dead raised—3 particular miracles.

In the months ahead two studies will be given to the casting out of demons. Christ's power over death in three miracles will be an Easter meditation.

Christ's first miracle, of course, showed His power over nature when he changed water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana. In our study this month, we shall consider His next three miracles: 1. healing, 2. a nature miracle and 3. a demon cast out.

The Healing of the Nobleman's Son
John 4:46-54

After the wedding at Cana, Jesus went down to Jerusalem for the Passover. It is now some months later and He has returned to Cana in Galilee (see your Bible map). The people, no doubt, received Him eagerly after the joyous wedding miracle. But strangely enough, the first man to approach the Master does not live in Cana. He is a great man from Herod's court in Capernaum—that large, busy city located fifteen miles from Cana on the Sea of Galilee. In Capernaum the nobleman has found that suddenly wealth and position mean nothing for his son lies ill and at the point of death. A fever is burning out the boy's life and help is needed immediately or it will be too late.

"But who can help? Where is that prophet who heals with a touch?—the one who did wonders at the feast in Jerusalem? He is in Cana, they tell me. Let me now hasten to bring him here." So thinks the nobleman.

When he arrived in Cana, to the father's dismay, Jesus answers his request with a rebuke, "Unless you *see*, you will not believe." Jesus intends all to realize that even miles of distance cannot stop His power, nor is it necessary that the nobleman *watch* as Jesus touches the boy.

To the father every minute of delay may be fatal. Again he pleads, "Come down before my child dies!"

"Your son is alive; go thy way." The nobleman proves that he is, indeed, *noble*. At this word of Jesus "the man *believed*." We do not question our Lord, "How can these things be?" *We believe!* Christ is the Truth and the Life.

When did the improvement begin? Before he reaches home, the father learns from the servants, "at the same hour" when Jesus said "Thy son liveth." All the fears and pain are over. This whole Jewish family are now Christians. St. John tells us that this was Jesus' "second miracle."

The Miraculous Catch of Fish
Luke 5:1-10

For this miracle we turn to the Gospel of St. Luke. Jesus has left the hill country where He grew up to go down to the Sea of Galilee. No color picture in motion could compare with this scene by the lake. We feel the fresh breeze, we see the multitudes—and that central figure is *our Lord*. Are there any boats? Yes, at the edge of the lake there are boats but Luke shows them empty, for the fishermen are mending their nets.

Jesus is about to teach but there is no pulpit—no mountain top to lift Him above the crowds. Jesus calls to Peter. He will use Peter's boat; and to keep the bolder ones from crowding too near, thus blocking the view of the timid, He asks Peter to push the boat out a little from the land.

Look closely at Peter. We see that he is discouraged and weary. All the previous night the fishermen have been on the lake dropping their nets into the water. But when, with bulging muscles and perspiring faces they pull in the nets, what do they have? Nothing but stones and empty shells! Surely! more—just a few *small* fishes? No! Nothing! Only broken nets to mend.

Jesus has finished speaking. He turns his full attention to the tired Peter, "Push out into deep water."

It seems hopeless! *"Neverthless, at thy word" (if you say so)*—and the net goes down. Now bring it in—what?—it is heavy!—wait—!! the *net is breaking*—"Help!" cries Peter. In answer, James and John toil beside him—one boat is full, about to sink—*two boats are filled—the second beginning to sink!*

Peter! James! John! This is no ordinary man—*He is divine!* All the fishermen are astonished! Peter drops to his knees, "Depart from me!" he says, feeling unfit to be in the presence of the Lord. John, the Baptist had said earlier, "His shoelace I am not worthy to untie."

"Fear not," says Jesus, "from henceforth thou shalt catch men." They understood—without a word they followed—the first three of Jesus twelve apostles.

A Demon Cast Out
Mark 1:23; Luke 4:33-37

This miracle occurred at Capernaum where were the homes of Peter, Andrew, James and John; also here were those new believers, the family of the nobleman whose son was healed.

It is the Sabbath and Jesus is teaching in the synagogue. At the *power* of His preaching, the people are filled with astonishment. Every eye is fixed on Jesus! Then, across their ears, a demon's voice cuts through, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

But Christ shall *not* be announced by a devil. A miracle shall proclaim His Heavenly Kingship. Jesus is the *Master*. He commands the demon, "BE SILENT and come out of HIM." No questions—no explanations. There is a last terrible struggle and the demon *OBEYS* leaving the body of the man unharmed.

The people stare at one another. For *illness* there were medicines but who could know the ways of a *demon*? With authority Christ had taken command of *His* creation. Even demons must obey.

In each of the above miracles—at Cana—in the ship—in the synagogue—*obedience to Christ* was necessary.

Beholding His mighty works we understand now that Jesus' matchless love is indeed *a mystery*. Three dimensions are not enough. Divine love requires a *fourth* dimension—*depth*. In Christ's miracles, we bow in wonder at this *Supernatural Depth!*

Signal Lights for November

Prepared by Mrs. Alberta Holsinger

Bible Theme: "OBEYING GOD"

Project: OUTFIT THE BOLINGERS FOR NIGERIA

Call to Worship:

Praise the Father above;
Praise Him for His care and love.
Praise Him on Thanksgiving Days;
Praise Him, praise Him always.

Sing:

"Can a Little Child Like Me"
"My Bible and I"
"The BIBLE"

Bible Story:

John Obeys God

Zacharias and Elizabeth had no children. They wanted a son very much. They asked God to send one to them.

At last God told them they would have a baby boy. He told them to name the baby John.

When John was born Elizabeth and Zacharias were very happy. They thanked God for their son. They promised that he would learn of God and serve Him.

Baby John grew to be the boy John. He had many happy times. He played with his friends. He went to the village well and the market with his mother. He went often to the temple with his father who was a priest.

Boy John grew to be the man John. Then he heard God say, "Go and preach to my people. Tell them I am sending the Savior."

John obeyed God. He preached to the people. He said, "Repent and be baptized."

Many people came to hear John. Many were sorry for their sins and were baptized.

Not everyone was kind to John. The king had him put in jail. But John knew God is greater than any king. He knew it is important to obey God.

Do you know it is important to obey?

—Based on portions of Luke 1 and 3.

Sing:

"Oh, Be Careful"

Mission Story:

Another John

Father had gone to the Gwambali River to buy dried fish. Shortly after he returned home his first son was born.

The baby was named Tizhe. The oldest boy of every Higi family is named Tizhe.

The neighbor women cooked some of the dried fish for Mother. So Father added Gwambali to his name. Then Mother added Natawa which means "What have I seen?"

Tizhe Gwambali Natawa grew and grew. As a little boy he stayed home to keep thieves from the compound while Mother and Father hoed the garden.

A few years later he helped the other village children care for the goats, sheep, and donkeys. Soon he began to help with the hoeing.

When Tizhe became a Christian and was baptized he took the name of John. Now he is known as John Guli.

John was about fifteen years old when a class in religious instruction was started in a nearby village. John entered the class. Then he went on to elementary school and later to Kulp Bible School.

John married Kwanye who took the Christian name Elizabeth. God has given them two lovely children, Zakariya and Ruth.

John wants to be pastor among his own people. He has entered the Nigerian Theological College for four years. Then he wants to go to the large Higi village of Ghyi.

John said, "It is a big and important village, but it has no messenger for Christ."

Soon John Guli may be that messenger. This is another John who is trying to obey God.

—based on the article "John: A Voice in the Wilderness" by Gerald Neher
The Brethren Evangelist
May 29, 1965

Friendship Circle of Prayer:

Let us thank God that people in many countries are learning of Him.

Let us ask God to be with John and Elizabeth Guli and their children. Let us ask Him to help John to learn the things he needs to know to be a good pastor. Let us ask Him to help Elizabeth to be a good pastor's wife. Let us ask Him to watch over and protect little Zakariya and Ruth.

A Thanksgiving Tree:

(Have a tree branch securely anchored in a tree holder or pail of sand.)

This tree does not look pretty now—just a bare branch, but we will make it look bright and gay.

At the top I will place this gold paper leaf to show we are all thankful for Jesus.

Now come one at a time and tell us something else for which you are thankful.

Then if you brought a gift, as we talked about last month, for our friends in Kentucky place it on the tree.

Business:

1. Roll call—tell what you did without last month.
2. Secretary's report.
3. Our project: Last year we wanted to buy a tractor for the Eden Bible School in Argentina. We knew it would cost at least $700. When all the groups turned in their money we had $716.25. We thank God we were able to buy the tractor.

This year we want to help send a new missionary family to Nigeria. It will cost $900 to outfit the Bolingers. Can we do it? Let's try!!

Handwork:

Thanksgiving Place Cards

Ask each child how many people will eat Thanksgiving dinner with him. Give him that number of plain three by five index cards.

Help the children fold the card in half crosswise. At the bottom of each card print a person's name. (The younger Signal Lights will need help with this.)

Above the name make a picture of something for which you are thankful. Each card may have a different picture.

These cards will make stand-up place cards for the Thanksgiving table. Remember to thank God every day for the many good things He has given us.

Signal Lights Benediction:

Dear Savior, help us to be Signal Lights shining for Thee in the dark places of the world. Amen.

World Religious News in Review

AMERICAN TURNCOAT: 'DON'T WORRY ABOUT COMMUNISM'

HONG KONG (EP)—A former American Negro soldier, who spent 11 years on the Chinese mainland, said in Hong Kong August 17 that all Americans "should take a trip to (Red) China."

"You wouldn't have to worry about Communism in the United States at all after that," he asserted.

William Charles White, 34, was a corporal of the U. S. Army. He was captured in 1950 in a skirmish outside the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

He attended the "People's University" in Peiping after refusing repatriation to the United States under terms of the Korean armistice in 1953.

White left the Chinese mainland August 16 with his Chinese wife, Hsieh Ping, and a son and a daughter.

"Superficially, everything . . . is great," he said. "But you don't have to go very far beneath the surface to see what life is really like."

He summarized the life of the average Chinese in one word: "pressure."

MISSIONARY ATTACKED IN ISRAEL

HAIFA, ISRAEL (EP)—A mob of young zealots broke into the home of a Hebrew Christian family early this month damaging furnishings and threatening the occupants, and demanding that they cease propagating the Christian faith.

The father, 52-year-old Peter Gutkind, immigrated from Poland seven years ago. He is a representative of the American Board of Missions to the Jews.

Mr. Gutkind said that these religious young men, belonging to the fanatical Yeshiva sect had threatened him for many days. They had placed guards around his house to constantly harass the family making personal threats and throwing stones.

On August 5 a group of the students surrounded Mr. Gutkind's house. Some of them kicked the door open, breaking the lock, and forced their way in. They physically attacked members of the Gutkind family and ripped down curtains and shutters.

A police car responded to the call which had been placed, but after talking with the students, did nothing to disperse the gang. About twenty minutes later in response to another call, a second police car arrived. Six of the agitators were identified and arrested, while the others quickly dispersed.

The six who were arrested are to stand trial.

SURGEON 'TITHES' A MONTH OF SERVICE IN KOREA

CHONGJU, KOREA (EP)—An orthopedic surgeon from San Antonio, Texas, who "tithed" a month of his time and skill to the Presbyterian Medical Center here, introduced rehabilitation surgery here for crippled children.

Dr. Coyle Williams drew young patients from all over Korea for surgical procedures which were new to this area.

During his month's stay Dr. Williams performed 80 operations, examined 32 orthopedic patients in the out-patient clinic of the hospital and lectured daily to doctors on the hospital staff. He also trained surgeons at the center in the latest techniques for treatment of polio and cerebral palsy in children.

Dr. Williams paid his own expenses for the trip because he believes "Christians should tithe their time as well as their money for the work of the church."

Dr. Paul S. Crane, director of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern) medical center, said Dr. Williams "demonstrated that a highly qualified specialist can make a major contribution in a short visit to a teaching mission hospital." He expressed hope that other specialists will make similar visits.

The medical center includes a nursing school and an intern and resident training program as well as a hospital.

ABS APPEALS TO CONGRESS FOR PASSAGE OF BIBLE RESOLUTION

NEW YORK (EP)—The American Bible Society has appealed to Congress to approve a pending resolution designating 1966 as "The Year of the Bible" to help overcome the "worst Bible gap on record."

It said this gap results from the "lag between Bible distribution and the number of people who can read but don't have copies of the Scriptures."

Asserting that the need for more Scriptures "is greater today" in this country than when the ABS was founded in 1816, the society noted that it entered its 150th year "with the growth of population outracing the rate of distribution of Holy Scriptures."

The Brethren Layman

The Laymen's Meeting

James E. Norris

Program for November

Topic:

"THANKSGIVING"

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 8

Short Historical Sketch:

Thanksgiving Day in the United States is a day set apart to give thanks to God for the blessings of the year. The first Thanksgiving Day in America was observed by the Plymouth Colony, November 26, 1621. It is a national holiday. Since Lincoln set the example in 1863, by proclaiming the holiday, successive presidents have done the same. The encyclopedia says, "by common consent the last Thursday in November is Thanksgiving Day. Business is suspended customarily,—**union services are held in some churches.** Family reunions are held, a traditional turkey dinner is served, with cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie, after dinner coasting and skating are in order, but **a religious feeling pervades the day.** (A Thanksgiving Dance would be out of order.) After the first corn crop, Governor Bradford and the Pilgrim fathers decided to have a feast of ingathering—a day of Thanksgiving. They invited friendly Massasoit to join them with his ninety braves—which he did. There was preaching, feasting, talking and games for three days. Fifty-five English speaking people were present. Sickness had told heavily on their colony; over forty of their colony lay under the sod. Of the fifty-five mentioned there were but four women. These with the young girls and one servant, prepared for all that large company and the ninety Indians besides." That was over three hundred and forty years ago. As I read this I wondered if we in America have the appreciation for the gifts of God that they had in those days, and I wondered what would happen to us if we failed in our Thanksgiving. Then I turned to God's Word for the answer. Let us make some observations on Deut. 8.

1. All the commandments which I command thee this day shalt ye observe and do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers (Deut. 8:1).

Could we, in some way, imagine the Pilgrim fathers coming to America bearing the promise of God; having the faith to set up a new colony; believing that He would see them through; knowing that the promises of God are dependant on one thing. What is it? Of course you know what it is. Take verses 1 and 2 and make a comparison with America today. Have we as a nation remembered? Those of us who lived through the **Depression Years,** know that there was a mighty spirit at work, and we emerged as a nation stronger than ever before . . . **Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live** (8:3b).

2. Read Verses 4 to 9 and comment on them.

Is it too much to apply the language of these verses to present-day America? Verses 7, 8, 9 almost speak out America.

3. Beware. (Read Verses 10-14.)

We as a nation are forgetting God. We are not keeping his commandments. We have eaten; we are full.

4. And Thou say in thine heart, My power and might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth (v. 17).

Sometimes we feel that we have accumulated what we have by our own doing, but it may vanish just as quickly.

5. Who gives us power to get wealth (v. 18)?

Comment on this.

6. Discuss verses 19, 20.

What are some of the other gods?

Can you name any nations that were destroyed by disobeying God's command?

Conclusion: Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14.



Boys' Brotherhood Study Article —

MEEKNESS

The Eighth Fruit of the Spirit

by REV. CLAUDE STOGSDILL

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law (Galatians 5:22, 23).

WHEN A PERSON is born again, great changes take place. The Bible says that he becomes "a new creature," and shall be known by his "fruits." This is true, of course, because the Christian has died to himself and is alive unto Christ. Christ's Spirit is set free to have full sway in his life. This personality of Christ shines forth in the life of the Christian and perhaps can nowhere be found better set forth than in our text.

Today, we would emphasize the eighth fruit of the Spirit, "meekness." Meekness, perhaps more than any of the rest of the fruits of the Spirit, can be misunderstood as to its real meaning. The one thing that it is not, is the lack of backbone. Christ was perfect in meekness but one would not dare say that he lacked backbone or that he was a coward. One would not think of Christ as a coward or even bashful and backward; yet this is often the picture one may see of a person who is called meek.

The more I study and meditate upon this fruit of the Spirit the more it seems to me the one that is tragically lacking in the lives of many Christians is meekness. Not only is it the most lacking, but I wonder if it would not be the one that would perhaps make the greatest change in the world today if all persons, especially Christians, would show more of it in their daily lives. I know many Christian people today who want to do great things for Christ, not only do they WANT to, they do. Somehow in their drive to be a fervent witness for the Lord, they offend in the things of love, and temperance, and meekness. We don't for a minute suggest Christians lose their zeal. We need more action than what we seem to have, but in all of Christ's zeal we can find no place where Christ was rude to any person, at any time.

The Hebrew word for meekness is "anah" meaning, "to be bowed down." The Greek word is "praotes," meaning, "gentleness." In either case it suggests a "yielded" spirit, this especially toward God and His will. Brethren people above all should practice the spirit of meekness since it is related to humility.

Great men of God, though courageous and zealous to be "more than conquerors" for Him, were yet meek in the Spirit. David was a great warrior for God, yet he showed forth meekness by showing honor and respect toward Saul, "God's anointed." Here was the man who, when young, was unafraid to stand against the giant, Goliath, when no one else dared to stand, not even the King himself, yet in obedience to God, he was meek and humble in his attitude toward King Saul and especially his Heavenly Father.

In Dakes annotated Bible, meekness is said to be, "the disposition to be gentle, kind, indulgent, even balanced in tempers and passions, and patient in suffering injuries without feeling a spirit of revenge." Any person having a personality flavored with these characteristics is indeed in the hands of the Holy Spirit.

The Dakes Bible mentions the ten benefits of the meek:

1. Blessings of the meek: *The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever* (Psalm 22:26).
2. Satisfaction, guidance in judgment: *The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way* (Psalm 25:9).
3. Knowledge of God: (Psalm 25:9).
4. Earth as an inheritance: *But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace* (Psalm 37:11). *Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth* (Matt. 5:5).
5. Salvation: *When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth* (Psalm 76:9). *For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation* (Psalm 149:4).
6. Help from God: *The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground* (Psalm 147:6).
7. Increased joy: *The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel* (Isaiah 29:19).
8. Holy Spirit: (Gal. 5:22, 23).
9. A blessing to others: *Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness* (Gal. 6:1).
10. Patience: *And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves* (II Tim. 2:24, 25).

May God help us to show forth more in our lives the eighth fruit of the Spirit so that we may enjoy these blessings from God.

from the Woman's Outlook

CONFERENCE STATISTICS

by MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

THOSE OF US who attended our recent General Conference are agreed that we had an especially good Conference. After I returned home, I became interested in comparing this last year's accomplishments with the past two years. This comparison is listed below.

Note that our monetary giving was up in 1964. We had less delegates at Conference but more societies reporting. This year shows a decline in many areas.

The total of the quarterly offering sent to the Missionary Board in three years is $9,503.60. Just look what a little adds up to!

The number of societies reaching the Bible reading goal went DOWN, but we must keep in mind the percentage was raised from 60% to 90% of the members reaching this goal.

When all the societies do not send in a report it is impossible to keep an accurate account of our National W.M.S. membership. According to the report of our business manager, Mrs. Charles Munson, we did have an increase in *Outlook* subscriptions. When you send in your membership for the *Outlook,* be sure to include the zip codes.

This short report will give you a comparison of three years' work and also shows in what areas we need to work harder. Let us proportion the giving of our time, our talents and our material possessions this next year.

	1963	1964	1965
Conference Delegates	208	174	208
Societies represented	87	81	92
Societies sending a report	119	124	120
Societies showing an increase in membership		55	41
Societies reaching Bible Reading Goal	72	79	52
Thank Offering	$6,808.28	$7,100.00	$6,900.00
National Project	7,738.37	9,667.28	8,840.00
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OH, TO KEEP THAT CONFERENCE ENTHUSIASM

IT IS AMAZING and also gratifying to note the enthusiasm that surges through the hearts and minds of Conference delegates. The enthusiasm I am speaking of is that which prompts delegates to raise the percentage of the Bible Reading from 60% to 90%. General Conference is a "mountain-top experience" for us spiritually. When we get back in our local groups among some members who are lukewarm and indifferent, we sometimes doubt if we made wise decisions at Conference. So our responsibility is to generate enthusiasm and keep it gurging throughout the year.

When I opened my devotional booklet on the Monday morning following our Conference, this is how the headline read: "The Spring in the Midst." The writer told this story.

"There is a spot at Cathedral Pines Camp that is always cool, damp, refreshing, and green no matter what the year's weather has been. Even in the driest years, this one spot is a jewel of green. It lies about

halfway up the hill back of the chapel and shows as a huge boulder with green moss and ferns growing on it and under it. Right there is a small spring that bubbles from under the boulder the year around, nourishing continual green growth, coolness and freshness."

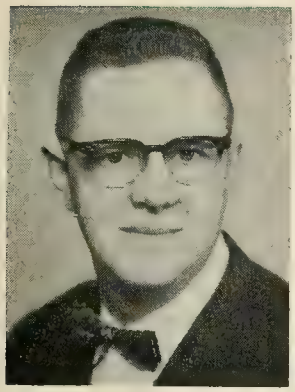
The writer of this article was using the story to illustrate the spiritual. *He who believes in me . . . Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water* (John 7:33). I would like to use the story to show how we can be a "spring in the midst" of our local groups this next year. We can use our enthusiasm and information to nourish continued green growth, coolness and freshness among the members of our societies.

We who believe in the work of the W.M.S. will continue throughout the year to bubble forth with encouragement and enthusiasm. This is a big responsibility. We need first to be enthusiastic about His work. So the writer of this article was stressing the most important source of nourishment which he refers to in John 7:33. The source of life's real meaning issues from the presence of God in the midst of our lives.

I trust that you will be aware of what is expected of YOU this year. I pray God's blessings upon each of you as you labor in His vineyard.

MEETING OUR OPPORTUNITIES with CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CENTRAL DISTRICT VICE-MODERATOR'S ADDRESS



September 24 - 26, 1965

Waterloo, Iowa

by REV. JAMES BLACK

Acts 2:41-47

I

I AM NOT equal to the task before me this afternoon. In the preparation of this message I have prayerfully depended upon the direction of the Holy Spirit, and sincerely trust that what will be said will cause us to take a serious look at our attitudes toward Christian Education. I have been assigned the topic: "Meeting Our Opportunities with Christian Education," and trust I am not in error as I assume we are not fully taking advantage of every opportunity which is available to us in this important area of Christian endeavor.

In the second chapter of the Book of Acts we read of a great experience on that Day of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Ghost. As a result of this activity, and immediately following, the disciples with power never before known to them began to witness in that great city thronged with pilgrims from all over the known world who had attended the popular Jewish feast of Pentecost. Peter, now possessing a great measure of this Pentecostal Power, began to preach concerning this One Jesus, Lord and Christ. Peter calls to their minds the words of the prophets concerning the pouring out of the Spirit (Joel 8:28), for all who heard wondered what had happened to these "devout men, out of every nation under heaven," who, without the benefit of linguistic study, spoke in the language of the Parthians, Medes, Elamites and other nations represented there. He reminds them of the works and miracles of the man Jesus, who so recently had walked among them, whose works alone were ample proof of his Lordship. The Spirit-captured congregation was not ignorant of the teachings of Scripture, so Peter expounds again the prophecy of David concerning the Messiah. This man of whom

he spoke was raised from the dead, even as he said and as the prophets had determined, and Peter then "clobbered" their consciences as they were made to realize they were the very ones who had rejected Him and brought about His crucifixion.

What happened next is known to all. These men were convinced of heart, crying out "What must we do?" What?—Peter had the answer—the answer needed then and for all men—for they were to "repent and be baptized and they would receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:28).

The few verses of the text of the message of the afternoon show the results of this great meeting (2: 41-47). Charles Erdman says concerning these verses, "No less marvelous than the gift of tongues or the eloquence of Peter or the confession of a multitude was the conduct of those who accepted Christ as their Savior." There are those who believe Pentecost's power was only evidenced by the speaking of tongues, or at least they have placed the greatest importance on this experience. Although the language phenomena cannot be overlooked or relegated to anything less than miracle, there are certainly greater profits of a Spirit-indwelt believer, these to be found in one's daily life and Christian zealousness. This is not true of the individual alone, but is also valid evidence of the zealousness of a church, a district, or a denomination of believers. Now, I really believe, if we are less than the power and witness we should be, it is because we have not "grown" as our Lord intended we should grow, and this growth will most certainly fall under the general heading of "Meeting Our Opportunities with Christian Education."

I think we would agree that there are few people who would really determine the worth of an automobile by "kicking the tires." This may or may not have value, but will introduce a very important point upon which all else said this afternoon will be based. In addition to what we can term common sense, our Lord, in parable form, makes us to realize the critical relationship of a foundation to that which is built upon it. One would not purchase a building without some knowledge of the worth of its foundation. Upon what does it rest? Has it been built upon sand or rock? The value of a theory will depend upon the worth of a premise, or the relating facts which are available. In like manner the Christian, the church, will have its strength determined by its foundation. Tremendous growth was experienced by the earliest church, and through over 1900 years of trial, persecution, and near oblivion as it was on occasion forced underground, she has spiritually prospered and remains the greatest determiner of the worth of man's values today. The early church could expect nothing less than spiritual growth, for look at the foundation upon which it grew. The writer of this inspired, historical, record of the church said, "they continued steadfastly in the (1) apostle's doctrine, (2) fellowship, (3) and in breaking of bread, and in (4) prayers.

II

What of "doctrine?" Does it have a place in our discussion? Perhaps we ministers are to blame for our Christian Education shortcomings, but rather than our spending time in determining the offender, let us look at the problem and see if we have a cure; that is, a cure for the shameful fact that many of our members know so little of the basic doctrines of the Christian church. Our past General Conference Moderator, Rev. Charles Munson, shook his "little boxes" in an effort to have us take a second look at "what we have doctrinally." Let us look at this the first of several pillars of the church to be under discussion in this message. We read there was a steadfastness in doctrine. I know of Christians, and you may also know of some, who would believe we Brethren are overly-concerned with "doctrine." Beloved, we had better be concerned. What have we without the doctrine of the Virgin Birth? What is left of our church when we remove in theory or practice, (openly or hypocritically under cover), the doctrine of the trinity, hell, salvation, and, yes, of our baptism and our communion? Surely I am not the only minister aware of restlessness in these areas, and in many cases I have noted the very ones who are unstable and unsure in their doctrinal positions are the ones who experience the greatest discomfort and dissatisfaction in their own Christian lives. Christian Education—does it apply here? Of course it does, for the Bible leaves us in no doubt as to the importance of our spiritual growth once we are born into the kingdom of God. Are we doing the best job possible in aiding in this growth of our people? It has been said, "Doctrine is the necessary foundation of duty; if the theory is not correct, the practice cannot be right. Tell me what a man believes, and I will tell you what he will do." (Tyron Edwards)

We are living in a day when doctrinal truths are treated lightly for ones "doctrine" need not be necessarily Biblical if it is convenient or if it makes reasonable sense to the one who practices it. We who are involved in Christian Education must not become too engrossed in the beauty of or the feasibility of a doctrine, (or the convenience of its practice), but rather consider *is that doctrine true?* When of necessity we are to go to a certain place we are less concerned with convenience and pretty country and more concerned with our staying on the right road. Our members are not immune to "doctrinal seasickness," and many who have been members of our churches for many years find themselves being tossed about by every wave of doctrine, and will so remain subject to this misfortune unless they learn of essential Christian truths, and be persuaded as to the validity of true Christian doctrine. How better can our believers be taught the means of "trying the spirit" than through this our opportunity with Christian Education?

III

Now let us look at the second pillar mentioned upon which this church was built. The writer of Acts refers to this pillar as "fellowship." Mr. Spurgeon once illustrated the importance of fellowship by relating the following. He said, "When Christopher Wren was demolishing the ruins of old St. Paul's to make room for his new cathedral, he used a battering ram which thirty men beat upon a part of the wall a whole day without producing any visible effect upon the masonry. When finally the wall was overthrown and demolished it was found that such an intimate union

had taken place between the particles of the mortar that it had become like solid stone. This was due to the similarity of the natures of the mortar and of the stones." Another has said, "lime is the bond between mortar and stone, *fellowship* the bond between member and member.

(We would all be justified in wondering what possible application can be made between fellowship and Meeting Our Opportunities With Christian Education?)

We can begin with our use of planned fellowship within the local church. It may be that we need to make the Sunday school (or church school) more "alive" and more a vital part of our everyday life. It will not be practical (and not even advisable) to become as involved in sports, recreation, and social functions as the public schools in order to stimulate interest and enhance the total growth of the individual, but there is much to be gained in considering doing more in these areas. Many of our young people become too involved in the world's questionable activities out of sheer boredom—want of "something to do"—and most churches make no effort whatever to meet these social needs.

And how about fellowship between churches? Our past General Conference Moderator did a fine job of stating what I trust is the majority stand on the question of ecumenicity, expressing his desire for our continued "courtship" with churches of like heritages and practices, and so this is not my greatest concern in the area under discussion. We in the Brethren Church, especially those geographically separated as we are in the Central District, must find means of combining our efforts—and talents—and facilities—and people in order to prosper in this vital concern of Christian Education. Combined we have our Spring Camp and the Summer Camp programs, but are reaching but a very small percentage of our youth population, and, even then, we have them for such a brief time. And as for the more mature, we offer little or nothing.

It will be well to specifically consider our camp program. Camping is growing in popularity across the nation. Recently my sister and family in Santa Clara, California, sold their camper and equipment because available camp sites were so crowded it was difficult to find a place to "hook up and plug-in." In the N.S.S.A. *Sunday School Encyclopedia*, Richard E. Troup writing on Camp Administration says, "Beyond the indefinable 'spiritual and moral values' of many traditional 'Christian' camps, there is a rapidly increasing throng of men and women seeking a vital camping experience that will at the same time produce solid, definite, distinctively Christ-centered qualities in each camper's life." Are we satisfied with our program? Are we satisfied it will meet the needs of next year, or ten years from now? If not, what are we willing to do in order that we might meet this great Christian Education opportunity? What a wonderful opportunity for church fellowship and spiritual growth. Certainly we are a small district— made up of but five churches. However, doing something on a small scale is better than doing nothing at all.

Remember, we are not alone in our efforts to strengthen our camp program, or to promote better Christian Education in all related areas of the church. Our National Sunday School Board is available to us and they expressed a desire to aid in workshop planning, providing leadership when requested to do so, and will do all they can to help our churches do a better job in Christian Education.

IV

Now we move to another mentioned pillar, that of "breaking of bread." The early church believed in and faithfully observed this sacrament which reminded them of our Savior's death, his resurrection, and his coming again. The Brethren also dearly love this sacrament, but which pastor among us has not heard disturbing comments leaning toward the compromise of its full observance? However, I have already discussed our doctrine and the importance of our faithful adherance to it, so would hurry on to consider this pillar as it would further relate to our subject. Bread is the staff of life, and a living union should be realized here as we break "spiritiual" bread with one another. We must be both able and willing to do all we can to enhance the spiritual growth of all who are in the church, and give special consideration to the young people.

In the September, 1965 issue of *Decision* Magazine, we read a very timely editorial entitled, "The Student Revolt." Here we have read again the very sobering fact that the youth of our world are restless and constantly on the verge of revolt. "They are indignant over the regimented social injustice they see around them. Unbuttressed by the promises of God, unstrengthened by the Great Encourager, unconsoled by the assurance of Christ's reappearance at the climax of history, they feel caught in an atomic countdown which will nullify all their efforts to build a decent world." We cannot escape the fact that many of our own Brethren people are caught in this seemingly inescapable dilemma. Our world; our nation; our own churches stand in need of young men and women who are grounded in spiritual things and who are desirous of fulfilling the will of Christ in all things. When our church facilities are inadequate to meet the demands of the day in which we live; When our teachers are not qualified, (if they are not); when our pastors, and the lay leadership of our churches, are not confronted with and persuaded of the urgency of properly educating our youth in Church and Biblical truths essential for eternal life and effective discipleship, we are not going to meet this need, and this generation will reap the pathetic harvest resulting from the retarded growth of our young in Christ.

V

There is another pillar which must be examined. This is not to be considered a final point, but is a vital part of all areas covered thus far. I refer to the prayer life of all concerned people. The scripture verse discussed reads, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, *and in prayers,*" (Acts 42). All will recognize the need of prayer, but do all pray in proportion to the recognized need? What is a pastor without prayer? What is a teacher without prayer? What is a church—a conference—a denomination without prayer? Perhaps we don't know how to pray,

and need Biblical education in order that we enjoy the fruits of an effective prayer life. I have read that "prayer is not eloquence, but earnestness; not the definition of helplessness, but the feeling of it; not figures of speech, but earnestness of soul."

Perhaps our prayer life will increase in direct proportion to our recognition of the need of it. Dr. Charles Blair, pastor of Calvary Temple, Denver, Colorado, was, as most of you know, the National Sunday School Board's workshop speaker at National Conference this year. Dr. Blair credited the success of his work in Christian Education to prayer, and mentioned the twenty-four hour constant prayer chain at work in his church. As he (Blair) spoke on the theme, "Building A Sunday School In Times Like These," he emphasized the purpose of the Church school. "Its purpose," said Dr. Blair, "to win the lost *and then make disciples.*" He also mentioned that it is "more fun to catch fish than to clean them" and all knew what he meant. How very important that we are a praying people, and that we have praying and prepared teachers. How brief the time we have these little spiritual minnows. How easily they will be swallowed up by the Enemy unless the church aids them in their efforts to reach spiritual maturity.

VI

I cannot supply all answers needed in order to have maximum efficiency in our programs of Christian Education. I have no proposals to make, for this is not my intention. My prayer is that we re-evaluate the total program of Christian Education in our local churches. How zealous is our teaching? What are we teaching? What are our methods of teaching? These questions are important as we are compelled, by the very fact that we have been given this task by God, to determine our responsibilities and meet our opportunities in Christian Education. We should be reminded of the Gospel Light Brethren imprinted material, and all churches should follow the complete graded program as approved by the denomination. We should take advantage of the facilities and personnel available to us. And it should go without saying, may we as a district, as individual Christians, be more determined to seek God's leading as we, with His help and blessing, meet our opportunities with Christian Education.

May God grant wisdom, determination and vision as we seek His desire—for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The man who reads is in demand everywhere—in industry, in the professions, in the armed forces, in government, and in education. Promotion in one's vocation, higher pay, and more valuable service have been found to be directly related to a man's willingness to read.

If the dollars-and-cents reward is a sufficient incentive to make us want to be literate in the world of business, should we then not be far more eager to become so in the pursuit of spiritual values? Whether or not a church is healthy is directly related to whether the members read, and also to what they read.

—John Vander Ploeg, *The Banner*

LIQUOR AND POPULARITY
DR. RAYMOND I. LINDQUIST
from Presbyterian Life

Question: I am a freshman in college, and I find that many of the students drink now and then. I don't, and I don't find it difficult to refuse. But the real problem to me is trying to convince them that I can be a good guy without drinking. I intend to stick to my guns, but I naturally want to go along with the crowd.—Doug. M.

Reply: First of all, what you so deeply desire you can surely have. In all our colleges there are many who do not drink and yet are "good guys." I think of one now, but one who has so captured the admiration of his school that he is the frequent choice for various honors. In the last analysis, "regular fellows," are judged on qualities and practices quite distinct from social drinking.

Of course the difficulty of deciding not to drink varies with the person. What may be easy for you is rough with another. Sometimes the ease with which one makes difficult decisions shifts with the position one holds on the campus. A college heavy weight can defy social convention (majority opinion and practice) and it is really no defiance because, if he is a brain or a man of muscle, or both, he is automatically in the magic circle of those who, within reason, can do what they please. "The King can do no wrong." If he pleases not to drink, no questions are asked and others join him. He never walks alone.

I was always wryly amused in college when various athletic stars and official luminaries gave their smooth testimonies about how easy and natural it was to avoid collegiate temptations. What, I asked myself, could such people know about the temptations of the average man without a following, a man who, when he had made a tough decision, walked a lonely road?

Since you are a freshman, I take it that you have not yet emerged from the middle or fly weight division of campus influence. For you the defiance of convention, whether it comes easy or not, is just that—a defiance. Yet by the very act you will discover friends who will rally to your side. Like the sidewalk from your house when you are going some place, the road is lonely merely at the start.

Honor to all college men who take a stand for an honorable cause, honor to leaders because they are influential and can do much good, but more honor to the ethically stubborn men in the medium and low brackets because their effort is great and their cost is high.

If Goliath had vanquished David, and if the Babylonian lions had devoured Daniel, the expected would soon have happened and costly parchment would not have been purchased to print it. It is the heroically unexpected which makes the spine of history tingle.

Remember, too, that it is a rare person who is liked by everybody. For all of us there is a screening of acquaintances through the fine two-way mesh of ideal conduct. The quality of the friends we keep will depend on the qualities we use to evoke their friendship. If we disclose only the enamelled surface of self, we will find that our friends are of the same type—bright, brittle and not a little boring.

If, on the other hand, we take a stand for the things that permanently matter and thus draw back for a little the curtain which masks the life within, we find that there are those who join us. And these are the men whose friendships furnish the enduring wealth of life.

And this, too, must be said besides getting people to like us and proving that we are "good guys," there is the influence we may exert on men who are potential alcoholics. I need not tell you that reliable statisticians report that, out of every eleven persons who begin drinking in college one turns out to be an alcoholic, and there is no way of knowing during college days which one it will be.

Without the tragic details, let me tell of one such alcoholic who came to see me not long ago. He said, "I began drinking in college, and I found it lots of fun and easy to master, but now with family burdens and business troubles, I find it is mastering me."

The man was frantic. He is making some progress toward self-control now, but how much better if he had never started!

In the mysterious inter-relations of persons, it is not unlikely that your courageous code will help some man keep from even beginning a habit which might lead to disaster.

You say you will stick to your guns. That is at once your most dangerous and safest place. It is the most dangerous because enemy fire is always directed toward gun emplacements. It is the safest because that is where your guns are. And a good gunner remains with his guns. And more ammunition to you.

news ... from the Brethren

Hagerstown, Md. Rev. W. St. Clair Benshoff reports that the Woman's Missionary Society sponsored a special service on Wednesday evening, October 13, at which time Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burtner of Jos, Nigeria, were the guest speakers. The Burtners work with Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Shank at the Hillcrest school in Jos. This special meeting was in the form of a dinner for all members of the church.

Gratis, Ohio. Rev. Thomas Schultz was the guest speaker at a Public School teachers' convention recently.

Tucson, Ariz. Rev. Clarence Stogsdill reports that two persons were received into membership of the church recently by baptism.

COMING EVENTS

Maurertown, Va.
Evangelistic Meeting
November 10-21
Rev. David Wampler, evangelist
Rev. Wilbur L. Thomas, pastor

Levittown, Pa.
Evangelistic Services
November 14-19
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, evangelist
Rev. Robert Keplinger, pastor

Pleasant View, Penna.
Evangelistic Crusade
November 7-14
Rev. Virgil Meyer, evangelist
Rev. R. J. Godwin, pastor

Wayne Heights, Penna.
Evangelistic Services
November 21-28
Rev. Jim Rowsey, evangelist
Rev. Marlin McCann, pastor

Gratis, Ohio
At Home Revival
November 14-20
Rev. Thomas Schultz, evangelist-pastor

New Lebanon, Ohio
Revival Services
November 1-7
Rev. Herbert Johnson, evangelist
Rev. Donald Rowser, pastor

Bryan, Ohio
Weekend Missionary Conference
November 12-14
The Larry Bolinger Family
Rev. Smith Rose, pastor

Goshen, Ind.
Evangelistic Services
November 7-14
Rev. Jim Rowsey, evangelist
Rev. Richard Allison, pastor

Derby, Kans.
Crusade for Christ
November 7-21
Rev. Carl Barber, evangelist
Dedication Services
November 21
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, speaker
Rev. M. W. Dodds, pastor

Falls City, Nebr.
Revival Services
November 1-12
Rev. Buck Garrett, evangelist
Rev. Robert Holsinger, pastor

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Gratis, Ohio, church. In the Senior Division, Leroy Solomon of the Louisville, Ohio, church was runner-up. The winner was Steve Zerby of the Loree, Indiana, church.

These four boys each received a plaque and trophy. The trophy was theirs to keep as a personal prize. The plaque they received was to be presented to their home church and displayed in a prominent place. It was also suggested that the church pay for the engraving of the boy's name on the plaque and trophy if they so desired.

The competition was very brisk and close in both divisions, and the preliminary contests had entries from fifteen churches and seven states. Many were reluctant to enter because of the newness, let's have every boy that attends general conference in 1966 be a contestant.

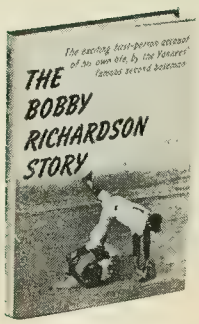
The advisors of Boys' Brotherhood thank all who entered, and also our thanks to all who helped as judges and served in many ways to make this Bible Sword Drill a success.

It seemed to be very well received and enjoyed by many who witnessed this at conference.

Our congratulations to the winners and runner-ups and may next years' contest be highly competitive.

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NOTES and COMMENTS

NO REGULAR ISSUE OF THE BRETHREN EVANGELIST NEXT WEEK!

WE ARE HAPPY to announce that the Annual number of **The Brethren Evangelist** will be dated Saturday, October 30, 1965. Therefore there will be no regular issue of the magazine on that date, the next regular issue will be dated November 6.

As of this date (October 19) all of the material for the Annual have been set and is about ready for the press. We are hoping that it will be in the mail within a very short time!

We are able to publish the Annual earlier this year because of the fine cooperation which your Editor has received from the secretary of the General Conference, from the secretaries of the various auxiliaries, and from all those who had the responsibility of furnishing the necessary information needed for the publication.

Of course we are grateful for the fine cooperation which we have received from Mr. Richard DeVeny, the Shop Superintendent, and his men in the work which they have done to hasten the publishing of the Annual.

When you receive your Annual, be sure to keep it where you can find it because you will want to refer to it many times throughout the year.

A DOUBLE PORTION

YOU WILL FIND in this issue of **The Brethren Evangelist** a double portion of the Children's Devotions. This is done since there will be no regular issue of the magazine for next week.

These devotions will continue in the November 6 issue of the magazine.

THE PEACE COMMITTEE

YOU WILL ALSO FIND in this issue of **The Brethren Evangelist** materials from the Peace Committee of General Conference. This committee has been working hard the last several years to present to the denomination a fresh approach to our responsibility in promoting peace, therefore we encourage you to read all the material that is enclosed in this magazine.

The members of the peace committee are: Rev. Phil Lersch, chairman; Ernest Fair; Mrs. John Porte; Thomas Shannon; and George Kerlin.



a guest editorial

MY HEART FOR EDITORIAL WORK

by W. T. PURKISER, Editor
HERALD OF HOLINESS

YOU WILL UNDERSTAND, I am sure, the predominance of the perpendicular pronoun when I tell you that I am in a position which I did not seek and for which I was not professionally trained.

When I left school many years ago, I went into the pastorate and served there for seven years. I was then led of the Lord into educational work and served in an undergraduate college of liberal arts for twenty years and then three years in a graduate seminary.

One Wednesday night in the midst of a quadrennial gathering of our church—our General Assembly—a member of a special nominating committee called me and told me that my name was one of three which had been placed in nomination for the position of editor of the official organ of the Church of the Nazarene. I didn't know then what an organ was—except to make music on. I have found out since. I accepted the nomination and the next afternoon, by virtue of the will of the company there gathered, became the editor of the *Herald of Holiness* in which position I have served for five years.

I will have to confess for awhile I felt a little bit like the puzzled fellow out in the desert with a rope in his hand who told a passerby: "I don't know whether I have lost a horse or found a rope!" It seems now that I may have found a rope. I hope not for the purpose for which some ropes have been used!

I edit a denominational magazine. I cringe a little bit when it is called a weekly because I know how that word can be spelled. We have a circulation of approximately 100,000, but like everybody else we have to fight for our circulation to keep it up to that point or to push it beyond if we can.

It would be very easy for me to tell you about some aspects of the editorial responsibilities that I do not particularly like. I don't like those letters that ought to come in asbestos envelopes. I don't like the frustration of limited space and the clamour of worthy causes which require representation in a denominational periodical.

However, on the positive side, I do like to write. From the very start of my ministry as a matter of personal discipline I compelled myself to write two sermons a week totalling about 6,000 words. For a number of years I turned out a great volume of material. It was certainly not immortal copy. It came very close to being eternal in the amount of it.

I also find satisfaction in helping people with something to say, to say it a little better than they might have otherwise. Of course, I, too, have those contributors who have nothing to say and who say it very well. But the ones who particularly delight me are those who do have something to say and can be helped to say it a little better. I am glad to be able to help individuals to write.

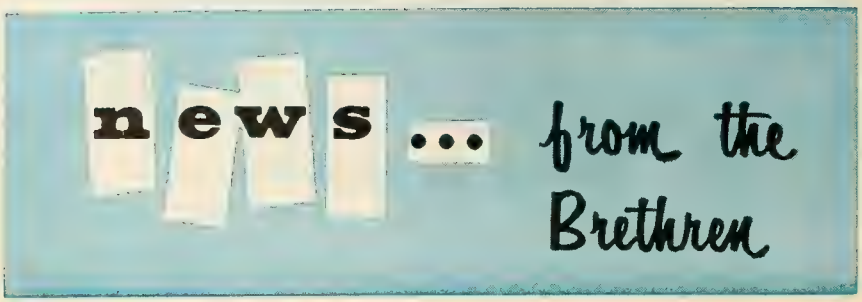
I don't know how the rest of you editors fare, but I receive a terrific volume of correspondence of about 1,500 letters a year—personal letters for which I am responsible and which I must answer. Many, many of them deal with very practical and personal problems. I don't always hear the effect of my individual replies but some of them do come back with rewarding words about something that helped an individual in time of need.

It is amazing what people write an editor about. I am sure you know that. He's sort of a father-confessor for a denomination . . . kind of a safety valve for all of the gripes and irritations that accumulate among a company of people here on earth.

I am also grateful for many friends among the editors who exchange periodicals. I know a great many more of you by name than I do in person because I read your material and I occasionally correspond with you.

But most of all I should say I am glad for a small part in the perennial battle for the minds of men. It is the opportunity of carrying a part of the load of sharing the whole Gospel with the entire world through the printed page, of sharing in the work of the Kingdom eternal. This is my heart for editorial work.

Why not join the
TEN DOLLAR CLUB?



Bethlehem, Va. Rev. John F. Locke reports that the church has recently purchased new hymn books which have assisted in the worship services of the church.

Linwood, Md. Rev. Hays K. Logan reports that two persons were received into the fellowship of the church on Sunday, September 19, 1965.

Vinco, Pa. Rev. Henry Bates reports that the groundbreaking service for the new addition to the church was held in conjunction with the morning worship on Sunday, October 10.

Dayton, Ohio. Rev. W. Clayton Berkshire reports that three persons were recently received into fellowship of the church by transfer of letter.

Matteson, Mich. Rev. Jack McDaniel has recently moved to the pastorate at this church and he reports that on September 19, one person was baptized and received into membership.

He also reports that work is progressing very well on the new addition to the church.

Warsaw, Ind. Five persons were recently baptized and received into the fellowship of the church according to Rev. Paul D. Tinkel, pastor.

Milledgeville, Ill. Rev. Arthur H. Tinkel, pastor, reports that the congregation has recently adopted the unified budget method of giving to the church.

Memorials

WOLOSZYN. Mrs. Mabel Woloszyn, age 62, of South Bend, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday, August 10, 1965. She was a member of the Ardmore Brethren Church.

Services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. William Cole. Burial was in the St. Joseph Cemetery, South Bend.

Reah Harman

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MARTZ. Mrs. Betty Frances Huffer Martz, age 24, passed away following a lingering illness on September 28, 1965. Funeral services were conducted at the Mt. Olive Brethren church by Rev. Ralph Mills and her Pastor, the undersigned. Interment was made in the East Lawn Memorial gardens.

Rev. John F. Locke

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SHOWALTER. Mrs. Margaret Maiden Showalter, born November 23, 1895, passed away on October 4, 1965. She was a member of the Mt. Olive Brethren Church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wilbur Garber of the Grottoes Church of the Brethren and the undersigned. Interment was in the Mt. Olive Church Cemetery.

Rev. John F. Locke

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SHOEMAKER. Fayette Shoemaker, a faithful member of the Denver Brethren Church, Denver, Indiana, passed away on Saturday, October 2, 1965. His funeral services were conducted by Rev. George Hapner and Rev. Austin Gable. Interment was in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Mrs. Marlin Roller

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SMITH. Mrs. Margaret (Maggie) Showalter Smith, widow of Jacob Benton Smith and the Rev. John Harvey Showalter, age 91, passed away on September 5, 1965. She was the eldest member of the Mt. Olive Brethren Church (Virginia).

Funeral services were held at the Mt. Olive Brethren Church on Wednesday, September 8, with her pastor and the Rev. David Mefford of the First Baptist Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia, officiating. Interment was made in the family plot in the Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Rev. John F. Locke

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POWELL. Mrs. Ora (Hazel) Powell, age 71, passed away on September 8, 1965, at Udell, Iowa. She was a faithful member of the Udell First Brethren Church.

Funeral services were conducted in the First Brethren Church in Udell by the undersigned assisted by Rev. Herbert Zeiler, pastor of the Fairview Church of the Brethren. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery.

Rev. Amos Mast

COMING EVENTS

Maurertown, Va.
Evangelistic Meeting
November 10-21
Rev. David Wampler, evangelist
Rev. Wilbur L. Thomas, pastor

Levittown, Pa.
Evangelistic Services
November 14-19
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, evangelist
Rev. Robert Keplinger, pastor

Pleasant View, Penna.
Evangelistic Crusade
November 7-14
Rev. Virgil Meyer, evangelist
Rev. R. J. Godwin, pastor

Wayne Heights, Penna.
Evangelistic Services
November 21-28
Rev. Jim Rowsey, evangelist
Rev. Marlin McCann, pastor

Gratis, Ohio
At Home Revival
November 14-20
Rev. Thomas Schultz, evangelist-pastor

Bryan, Ohio
Weekend Missionary Conference
November 12-14
The Larry Bolinger Family
Rev. Smith Rose, pastor

Goshen, Ind.
Evangelistic Services
November 7-14
Rev. Jim Rowsey, evangelist
Rev. Richard Allison, pastor

Derby, Kans.
Crusade for Christ
November 7-21
Rev. Carl Barber, evangelist
Dedication Services
November 21
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, speaker
Rev. M. W. Dodds, pastor

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Readings from the Old Testament

Memory Scripture — Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

October 31 - November 13

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1965

Read Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5

Day and Night

The Kellers were eating supper. Linda looked toward the window.

"How dark it is already," she said. "Just a short while ago it was still light at suppertime."

"The days are getting shorter," answered Gary.

"I know it," replied Linda. "But why?"

"God planned it this way," said Dad. "He knew in the summer we would need longer days for working and playing. He knew winter would be a good time to stay in the house so He made the winter nighttime longer."

"I like the long summer evenings," Gary said. "I like to work in the garden with you and to play outdoor games with my friends."

"Yes," nodded Linda. "That's fun. But I like the winter evenings when our family reads and plays games together."

"Both are good," said Mom. "God knew exactly what would be best when He planned the night and the day."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the daytime for working and playing. Thank You for the nighttime for resting. May I always remember You have planned the best for me. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1965

Read Scripture: Genesis 1:6-8

The Sky

Betsy and Mommy were raking leaves in the backyard. A squirrel scampered across the yard and up the big tree.

Betsy laughed. "See the squirrel!"

She watched him climb the tree and jump from one branch to another. Then she looked higher.

"See the sky. Pretty blue sky."

Mommy had been watching the squirrel. Now she, too, looked at the sky.

"It is pretty, Betsy. Such a blue, blue sky with fluffy white clouds."

"Who made the sky?" asked Betsy.

"God made it," Mommy told her. "Long ago when He was planning our wonderful world, He made the sky."

"I like the sky," declared Betsy. "Glad God made it."

Prayer:

Dear God, each day as I look about may I see the wonderful things You have planned for me. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1965

Read Scripture: Genesis 1:9-13

Food

Gary and Linda went with Grandpa to the barn to do the milking.

"Hay! I smell the hay," declared Linda. "It smells good."

"Look at that hay loft!" exclaimed Gary. "It's full. Do you need that much hay, Grandpa?"

"Yes," nodded Grandpa. "Twenty cows eat lots of hay as well as other foods, too. The Bible tells us God made the grass on the third day. I'm glad He did. My cows surely need it!"

"He made our food then, too," added Gary. "The fruit trees and other plants."

"Not only that," reminded Linda. "He also made them to have seeds so more would grow."

"God thought of everything when He made our world," said Gary.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my food. May I never forget that it comes from You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1965

Read Scripture: Genesis 1:14-19

The Sun and Moon

"Oh, Mom," called Linda. "Come to the window. See the sunset! Isn't it pretty?"

"Indeed it is," agreed Mom.

"Want to see, too," said Betsy.

"See how pretty and pink the sky is?" asked Linda. "That's a sunset."

"Pretty," said Betsy. "Pretty sunset. Did God make the sunset?"

"Yes," smiled Mom. "The Bible tells us He made the sun, moon and stars."

"He made the sun to shine in the daytime," said Linda, "so we have light for our work and play."

"Sun warm," said Betsy.

"Yes," answered Mommy. "God made the sun to give us heat as well as light."

"And the moon," added Linda, "gives us a soft light all night."

Prayer:

Dear God, I know You are very wise and good. Thank You for the sun and moon. Thank You for the light they give. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1965

Read Scripture: Genesis 1:20-23

Pete the Parakeet

"Mom! Linda! Betsy!" called Gary when he came home from school. "See what I have!"

The girls and Mom came to the kitchen.

"Bird!" shouted Betsy. "Pretty bird."

"A parakeet!" exclaimed Linda. "Where did you get it?"

"Mrs. Peters gave it to me," said Gary. "May I keep it, Mom?"

"Yes," smiled Mom. "If you take care of it, you may keep it."

Gary set the cage on the table. "Watch what the bird does." Gary opened the cage door and put his finger in. The bird hopped on it. Gary took his hand from the cage with the bird still on his finger.

"Nice bird," laughed Betsy. "What's his name?"

"Pete," Gary told her. "We will have lots of fun with Pete. He does many tricks."

God made the birds and the fish. He made them to add beauty to the sky and earth and water. He made them to give us food and pleasure.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for all the lovely things You have made. Thank You for the birds and fish. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1965

Read Scripture: Genesis 1:24-31

Animals and People

Betsy was sitting at her little table. She was playing with clay.

"Look, Mommy, look," she said. "See what I have made?"

Mommy looked up from her sewing. She smiled at Betsy. "You have a whole tableful of creatures."

"Here's a cow and a horse and a dog and a cat. Here's a man and a woman and a baby," explained Betsy.

"I like all of them," said Mommy. "They make me thing of a Bible story. One day God made a cow and a horse and a dog and a cat and many other animals, too. He made a man and a woman. He put them all on the earth He had made. You make very nice clay animals and people, but the ones God made were real. They could move and breathe."

"God is great," said Betsy remembering one of the verses she had learned at Sunday school.

"Yes, very great," agreed Mom.

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I know You are great and good and kind. Help me to always remember You made this lovely earth and everything on it. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1965

Read Scripture: Genesis 2:1-3

A Day of Rest

Gary and Dad had just finished putting on the storm windows. When they came into the kitchen Gary said, "Umm! It smells good in here!"

"Cookies," laughed Betsy. "Good cookies."

"How do we know they are good?" teased Daddy.

"Eat one," said Betsy. "Gary eat one, too."

"They are good," nodded Gary as he took a big bite from a cookie. "Did you help make them?"

"Yes," Betsy told him. "Helped Mommy and Linda. Helped make a cake and salad, too."

"You've been busy girls," smiled Daddy.

"We're getting ready for tomorrow," reminded Linda. "Tomorrow is a day of rest."

"I don't understand," said Gary, "why Sunday is our day of rest. The Bible says God rested on the seventh day which is Saturday."

"That's right," agreed Dad. "Since the time of the resurrection, Christians have observed Sunday as the day of rest. Jesus, you know, arose on the first day of the week."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad You planned for a day of rest. Help me to remember it is Your day and to use it as I should. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1965

Read Scripture: Exodus 20:3-17

Rules

The doorbell rang. Linda ran to the door and opened it.

"Hi, Uncle Ted," she said. "Come in. It's cold out there."

"I know it's cold," laughed Uncle Ted as he took off his snowy boots.

"Uncle Ted's here," called Linda to the rest of the family.

"Good," declared Gary as he came into the hallway. "I'll hang up your coat and hat, Uncle Ted."

"Hello, Ted," greeted Dad.

"We're glad you came to see us," added Mom.

"What's the box you have?" asked Gary.

"It's a game," said Uncle Ted. "It's a new game I bought yesterday. I thought you would like to play it with me."

"Sure," agreed Gary. "I'll get the table."

"I'll get some chairs," said Linda.

Soon the family and Uncle Ted were seated around the table.

"How do we play it?" asked Linda.

"First we must read the rules," said Uncle Ted. "There's a right way and a wrong way to do everything. We want to play the game the right way; so we'll read the directions."

Long ago God knew the Hebrew people needed rules to help them live happy lives. He gave them the Ten Commandments. As followers of Jesus these are good rules for us to follow, too.

Do you know them?

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad you've given us rules. I know if I obey them I'll be happier. May I try this day to obey You in all things. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1965

Read Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Teach Others

"Oh, Betsy," said Linda, "I like this picture on your little table."

"Made it in Sunday school," Betsy smiled. "See the church? See the people?"

"Yes, I see them," answered Linda. "I see your memory verse, too. 'O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.' Let's sit down here and I'll help you learn it."

The two girls sat down. Linda patiently went over and over the verse until Betsy could say it.

It is important to teach the little ones God's Word. There are many ways you can help them to learn.

Do you read Bible stories to the younger children in your family?

Do you invite the children you know who do not go to church to go with you?

Are you learning God's Word so you can help others to learn it, too?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the Bible. Help me to remember it is important to share this glad news with others. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1965
Read Scripture: Deuteronomy 28:1-12

A Nation Blessed

On the way to the farm the Kellers had to wait at the railroad crossing. A long freight train was going by.

"Look at all those new cars!" exclaimed Gary. "One, two, three, four, five. Five cars loaded with them!"

"I wonder what's in all those box cars," said Linda.

"There's grain in many of them," answered Dad. "The farmers raised a good crop this year. Now it's going to market."

"Those cows are going to market, too," added Linda as a car of cattle came into sight.

"There are some refrigerator cars," said Gary.

"They are probably carrying fruits from the warmer climates to the northern cities," said Mom.

"How much we have!" declared Linda.

"Yes," agreed Dad. "God has promised to bless the nation that would obey Him and serve Him. Our country has been known as a Christian land. As long as we are true to Him, He will bless us. It's up to each one of us to do our part to keep our nation Christian."

"Caboose! Caboose!" shouted Betsy as the end of the train came into sight.

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I live in a Christian land. Guide our President and other leaders that they may do their part to keep our nation true to You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1965
Read Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:11-13

Learning

"Look at the kittens," laughed Gary.

They were all sitting on the floor watching Mittens.

"It seems as though Mittens is telling her babies something," said Linda.

"Maybe she knows they will soon be going to new homes," suggested Gary. "Perhaps she is telling them things they should remember."

"I suppose she is telling them not to forget to clean up their food," said Linda.

"And to wash behind their ears," added Gary.

"Come children," called Mom. "Time to go to church. Bible Hour starts in fifteen minutes."

"We're coming," answered Linda as she and Gary put on their coats and hats.

"There are things kittens need to know and things people need to know," said Gary. "The best way to learn is from a good teacher. I'm glad we have Children's Bible Hour."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my parents, my minister, my Sunday school teacher and others who are helping me to learn of You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1965
Read Scripture: Joshua 1:7-9

Not Afraid

"Hi, Betsy," said Gary when he came home from school. "Do you see the snow?"

"Lots of snow," answered Betsy as she ran to the window.

"I'll say there is lots of snow," agreed Gary. "I never saw it come down so fast."

"Hi," called Linda as she came in the door. "The streets are really slippery. The cars have trouble going on the ice. Is Dad home yet?"

Mom shook her head. "He had to go to Elmville on business."

"Elmville!" exclaimed Gary. "That's a long drive. Do you suppose he will make it home all right."

"I'm sure he will," Mom said. "Dad is a careful driver, but most important of all, God is with him. Since He is, Dad will not be afraid of the dangers of the storm. We should not be frightened for him either. God said, 'I am with thee whithersoever thou goest.' We'll ask God to watch over Daddy and soon he will be home."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad I know You are with me. Help me to be strong and of a good courage and not afraid. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1965
Read Scripture: Joshua 24:14-16

Choosing

When the doorbell rang, Daddy went to answer it.

"Hello," said Mr. Jones. "I have brought Susan to get her kitten."

"Come in," invited Dad. "The kittens are in the kitchen. You are the first one to come, Susan. You may have whichever one you want."

The kittens crowded around Susan when she stooped down to see them better. "How will I ever choose?" she wondered. "They are all so cute."

"Yes, but you may have only one," reminded her father.

Susan stroked their fur and looked at them and talked to them. At last she picked up the black one with the white tip on his tail and white ears.

"I will choose this one," she said, "and I will name him Tippy."

"You have made a good choice," said Dad. "You and Tippy will have good times together."

We have many choices to make. Some are easy. Some are hard. The most important choice is whom you will serve. Will you like Joshua say, "I will serve the Lord"?

Prayer:

Help me today, dear God, in the choices I must make. Help me to choose Your way and to serve You as I should. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1965
Read Scripture: Ruth 1:14-18

Your God, My God

"Mom," said Linda, "this coat I wore last winter is still good, but it is too small for me. Dixie is wearing a light weight jacket. I know she doesn't have anything warmer. May I give her this coat?"

"That's a good idea," answered Mom. "You may walk over with it now."

A short time later Linda returned smiling. "The coat fits Dixie and looks nice on her. She was happy to get it. I asked her to go to church with us tomorrow. She said she would."

"Great," said Gary. "I shared a candy bar with Walter yesterday and asked him to go with us, also. That's two stops we need to make on the way to church."

"I'm glad you children are helping others to want to learn of God," said Mom. "When they see the kind and

thoughtful things you do, they want to learn of the One Who makes you that way."

Prayer:

Dear God, may the things I do and the words I speak help others to want to learn of You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

LEADING THE ADULT DISCUSSION

WITH THE INCREASE in adult education and learning, energetic adult classes are less and less willing to tolerate lecture after lecture in the Sunday school class. Because the average adult has received more education and has learned to think for himself, he also desires to express his thoughts—especially in the Sunday school hour. The teacher is therefore faced with the problem of leading an adult discussion.

Good class discussions do not just happen. There are many pitfalls along the way. To be effective, discussions, therefore, must be carefully planned. The teacher must not be a dictator, but he **must** be a **director.** What planning must the leader do before he can successfully lead an adult discussion?

The leader must study adequate resource materials.

Class discussion is not a substitute for teacher preparation. In fact the teacher must be even better prepared than for a class lecture because discussion questions strike deep into his resource materials.

The teacher who has adequate background materials can refer to them to keep the discussion on an intellectual and logical basis. From them the teacher can derive thoughts and suggestions that stimulate adults to more constructive thinking and conclusions. These resource materials, especially biblically-oriented resources such as Scriptural texts, will supply a more sure authority upon which to base a discussion.

The leader must vary discussion approaches.

There are two basic types of questions. One type simply asks for set answers. Such questions as those beginning with "who, what, where, when" usually have predetermined answers, especially when these questions relate to Biblical content. It is good to use these questions which cause people to read and study the Bible. Also such questions can be used to draw people into the discussion who rarely express opinions.

The second type, questions and statements that ask for opinions are also a must. But the teacher must take special precautions in not allowing a few opinionated persons to dominate the sessions. Planned involvement of all class members is a secret well worth the teachers learning and planning.

The leader must give ample opportunity for Scripture searching.

Some classes end up talking about everything but the Bible. This must be avoided. The wise teacher will look up related passages of Scripture, assign them to class members, and refer to them during the discussion. This will focus attention upon the Word of God where it really belongs in every class period. Beyond the Scriptures quoted by class members, the teacher will keep additional references for use in the discussion so that class members are constantly brought into contact with what the Bible says. After the teacher refers to the Scriptures, it won't be long until class members prime their own minds with texts which fit into the discussion.

The leader must gear the discussion to one theme.

This takes considerable study and practice. The leader must determine the central theme of the lesson and constantly guide class members to stick to the theme. When side issues arise it is best to make note of them and then return to the theme. This takes considerable diplomacy in some situations but will be a great help in keeping the discussion a spiritually beneficial experience.

Discussion **is** valuable. Sharing by an interchange of ideas is probably the most profitable and most efficient means of communicating the Gospel. The teacher who learns to lead such discussions will be able to lead people into the presence and will of God.

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Sunday School Lesson Comments

Carl H. Phillips

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Lesson for October 31, 1965
SAMSON: MISUSING GOD'S GIFTS
Text: Judges 13:2-5, 24; 16:4, 15-21

WHILE WE CONSIDER the weaknesses and sin of Samson, we must not forget that he was also listed along with David, Samuel and the prophets as an example of a man with great faith (Heb. 11:32). It is hard for us to explain or accept a man with such a nature as his. Some sins seem to be more repugnant to us than others, especially those that are easily seen and of a scandalous nature among Christians. We tend to overlook other qualities which are just as bad but not evident to the eye or which do not directly effect us. Samson did great things in the power of God but how much greater feats could he have performed had he not so misused his life and his powers.

The Advantages of Samson

1. He was born and raised in a godly home.
2. His birth was by a divine miracle.
3. God was with him in a special way from his birth.
4. He was given a very high and holy calling.
5. He was endowed with especially great strength.

Samson's first mariage to a Philistine woman was at the direction of God (Judges 14:4). The slaughter of Philistines that transpired was a punishment upon them just as was their slaughter by David and Jonathan. This is not to say that God directed every moment of his

conduct. He was accepted as a judge of Israel for twenty years (Judges 15:20).

One of his besetting sins was his sensual nature. He liked the women. He became immoral. He was to have been an example of holiness and purity of life. Like most people today he was a failure.

Second, he, like Esau, sold his "birthright" as it were for a night of ease and pleasure. To see that his hair was never cut was a little thing to expect of Samson but even this he gave little regard. In one night he went from a judge to a slave.

God has gifted most of us with good healthy bodies and minds. He has showed us a good way of life. He has given us a calling for His good purpose. We are entrusted by the Lord. These are for us to use not to abuse. We will be known among men and angels by what we do with what we have.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

"NOT YOUR OWN"
(I Cor. 6:19)

Not your own, but His who bought you,
Shed for you His precious blood
Everlasting life to give you,
Make you thus a child of God.
Not your own, for He has called you.
Hasten now, His call obey.
Go wherever Jesus leads you—
Gladly serve Him while you may.

O the joy of that sweet freedom,
Self to lose and Christ to gain,
Made an heir to that bright Kingdom
Where His own with Him shall reign.
All we have we owe the Saviour—
Less than all how can we give?
To the praise of our Redeemer
And His glory may we live.

—Ida. A. Guirey

EVERY TRUE CHRISTIAN has God Himself abiding in his heart, and his body becomes the temple of the living God (I Cor. 6:19, 20). Christ is not only our sin-bearer and indweller, for He gives us His own eternal life "more abundantly" (Jn. 10:10b), that we "might be filled with all the fulness of God" (Eph. 3:19). As Jesus gave Himself to us in His infinite purity and holiness, He wants us to give ourselves unto Him in the same way (Rom. 12:1, 2). Christ is our victory, giving us dominion over sin (Rom. 6:14). He prayed that we might be given nothing less than the glory of God in Christ (Jn. 17:22-24). Filled with His Spirit (Jn. 7:37-39) we may display Him in His glory (I Pet. 1:16; Matt. 5:48). We are commanded to love as He loved (Jn. 13:34, 35). Only as we are Christ-centered and Holy Spirit controlled can the power of Christ be revealed (I Cor. 3:21, 22).

The center of this life as God planned it is the person of the Lord Jesus Christ (II Cor. 5:15). God motivates us to work for His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). God's will for each of His children is their highest and best development (II Pet. 3:18). God's plan includes the details just as it includes the major decisions (Col. 3:17). Paul was eager to keep himself out of sight that the Lord might be glorified (I Cor. 9:27). He desired above everything that the will of the Lord might be perfectly fulfilled in his own life and was unconcerned about his own comfort and reputation (Phil. 1:20).

In giving ourselves unto God we have a great enemy, namely, the Devil, "the prince of this world," who is determined that Christ shall not have His way with us, that the Holy Spirit shall not possess us, and that the love of God shall not be manifested in us; and we shall be tested by the fire of temptation and the trials of affliction, and sometimes this fire of temptation causes distress of soul to the earnest Christian who would live the life victorious, of which Christ is our example (Heb. 5:7, 8; Matt. 26:39).

"Lord! Why is this?" I trembling cried;
"Wilt Thou pursue Thy worm to death?"
"'Tis in this way," the Lord replied,
"I answer prayer for grace and faith:
These inward trials I employ
From self and pride to see thee free;
And break thy schemes of earthly joy
That thou mayst seek thy ALL IN ME."

—John Newton

The Protestant minister must be a life-long student of the Bible...But the Protestant minister must also be a student of life, both life past and life today. Every minister should study intensively one or more of the great theologians and the great theological issues of the past. And let the minister study religious traditions other than his own; let the Lutheran study Calvin, and the Calvinist, Wesley, and perhaps each of them, Augustine and Barth. It is only within the clash of ideas that he will come to know his own tradition, which itself emerged from and was shaped by conflict.

But let the Protestant minister also study the world in which he lives and to which he ministers... Read, minister, read! Read widely, for every sermon must echo a background far larger than the sermon. A sermon must sound as though God is behind it and all of life in front of it. The minister at the pulpit-point of convergence can produce such sermons only if he continually studies the Bible and continually appraises all of life. This means reading and more reading. It still remains cruelly true that he who does not have time to read does not have time to preach. Can the Protestant minister who says that he does not have time for study really have an answer to the layman who, after many weekly disappointments, says that he does not have time to listen?

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Brethren Youth Crusaders

BIBLE QUIZ HELPS

We urge all youth groups to participate in the 1965-66 Bible Quiz on the "Book of Beginnings"—Genesis. This is a very interesting and important Bible book which contains many of the "firsts" of the Bible.

Some sample questions on the first five chapters of Genesis are offered here. Remember no questions will be sent to the local churches this year. Local churches will provide their own questions and districts will provide questions for district competition.

Chapter 1

1. In the beginning, who created the heaven and the earth? 1:1
2. Who was it that moved upon the face of the waters? 1:2
3. What day did God create the firmament or Heaven? 1:8
4. What did God create on the sixth day? 1:24, 27
5. What did God tell man to do upon the earth? 1:28

Chapter 2

1. What did God do on the seventh day? 2:2
2. Where did God plant a garden? 2:8
3. Name the four heads of the river going out of Eden. 2:11, 13, 14
4. Who named the living creatures of earth? 2:19
5. How did God make woman? 2:22

Chapter 3

1. After the serpent tempted Eve, how did the fruit look to her? 3:6
2. Who did Adam blame for his eating the forbidden fruit? 3:12
3. Quote Genesis 3:15.
4. Why did Adam call the woman, Eve? 3:20
5. Why did God want man out of the garden of Eden? 3:22

Chapter 4

1. What were the occupations of Cain and Abel? 4:2
2. Did God give Cain a chance to do well? 4:7
3. Why did God place a mark on Cain? 4:15
4. Name the father of all who play the harp and organ. 4:21
5. Name the third son of Adam and Eve. 4:25

Chapter 5

1. How old was Adam when he died? 5:5
2. What did Enoch do? 5:22
3. Name the oldest man in the Bible. 5:27
4. How old was the oldest man in the Bible? 5:27
5. Name Noah's three sons. 5:32



"Giving Thanks Unto the Lord"

Call to Worship:

"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him" (Psalm 105:1, 2).

Hymns:

"O Worship the King"
"Come Ye Thankful People Come"

Scripture:

Psalm 104:31-35

Prayer Circle:
Our hearts should be so filled with praise that we should just let our prayers overflow with Thanksgiving for His blessings.

Leader's Talk:
Now while we are having our Thanksgiving vacation seems a better time for a Thanksgiving service than any other, but we should be thankful at all times. We are going to discuss the beautiful Psalm from which our Scripture was read.

This Psalm was written when the author's heart was filled with the beauty and power of the world God had created. As we read and study it together, let our hearts be filled with this sense of God's wisdom and power.

First Reader: Read verses 1-9. The Psalm begins with a call to thanksgiving and then speaks with reverence of God's creation of the beauties of this world. Notice how the verses follow the story of creation as we read it in Genesis. (You may want to refer to the Genesis account.)

Second Reader: Read verses 10-13. God sends water for the fields and animals. By the streams the birds build nests and God directs the water's flow. All things are provided for the needs of man and animal.

Third Reader: Read verses 14-18 slowly. This is almost a nature study by itself as the Psalmist tells how God provides for each creature. Notice the little things God has provided for and name them.

Fourth Reader: Read verses 19-23. Think how much each verse tells of God's plan for our world. The moon measures seasons; the sun keeps time. Sometimes we dread to see the darkness come but here the Psalmist tells us it is the hunting and play time of the little creatures of the forest. When the sun rises, the animals crawl back into rest and man goes out to work until evening. All things of God's creation have their time to work and rest.

Fifth Reader: Read verse 24. In this verse the Psalmist's heart overflows with the wisdom and glory of a God who could provide boundless resources and riches in this world. Now, stop and think of the blessings and pleasures that we enjoy that were not even dreamed of in David's time.

Sixth Reader: Read verses 25-26. Here is a good description of the ocean. Think how many different creatures live in the waters. We have not yet counted them all, but the Lord has provided for each one.

Seventh Reader: Read verses 27-30. Now the Psalmist speaks of man and his dependence on God for his life and food. Our spirits, too, come from God.

Eighth Reader: Read verses 31-35. Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

Hymn:
"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

IDEA BOX



"Mixed Up Kids"

Are you confused? So are we! That is why these meeting plans are so scrambled. But we thought a "Mix-up Meeting" would be fun, as well as unite your BYC a little more closely.

PREPARATION

Send out post cards ahead of time with mixed up messages advertising the meetings. Make posters for the meeting room with drawings mixed up (boy's shoes on girl, girl's hat on boy, etc.).

Decorations in meeting place out of order. Do not over-do it, but make each error obvious.

INSPIRATION

Program—(1) Mix up verses of hymns in singing—boys singing one verse, girls another, certain ages singing others.

(2) Scrambled Bible Names quiz:

(Write each name on blackboard)

Matltensonai	Sorman
Kram	Sigense
Mrbnesu	Eldain
Mythtoi	Lezkeie
Vlearntide	Bvpersor
Websher	Stuti

(3) Talk: Luke 15, Prodigal Son—
"When he came to himself . . ."
Those who are mixed up: (a) The Unsaved; (b) The Disobedient; (c) The Lethargic; (c) The Self-Willed.

(4) Solo—with audience humming: "Lord. I'm Coming Home."

(5) Benediction—someone from audience, chosen beforehand.

1965 - 66 Theme II Timothy 4:8

"LOVING HIS APPEARING"

1965 PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Theme: "The Price of Peace"

These posters were judged during General Conference in Ashland in August. Winners and the posters displayed are pictured and listed below. The Peace Committee thanks all who participated. However, due to the waning interest in the contest this year, the committee is postponing the Peace Poster Contest for at least the next year. If you are interested in resuming the contest in the future, notify any member of the committee.

DIVISION I (ages 12 to 18)

First Prize ($25) — **Vicky Cranmer**

Second Prize ($15) — **Candace Dickson**
Papago Park, Arizona

Third Prize ($10) — **Mary Beth Arch**
Nappanee, Indiana

Other Entrants — **Joyce Payne**
Burlington, Indiana
— **Linda Ann Silvious**
Quicksburg, Virginia
—**Eva Marie Whitley**

(**Note:** Posters in the foreground are part of the Ashland Seminary Conference display)



DIVISION II (ages 19 and up)



First Prize ($25) — **Joe Hanna** (on right)
Corinth, Indiana

Second Prize ($15) — **Hilda M. Lloyd** (center)

Third Prize ($10) — **Janice Forney** (on left)
Highland, Pennsylvania

MEETING GOAL NUMBER 6

FOR THE PAST two years, the National Goals Report has included the following as Goal Number 6 under the EVANGELISM category:

> "A program to support orphans financially and/or sending regular offerings to an organization which assists in feeding and clothing the needy overseas." (2 points credit)

The reports after the first year of participation was encouraging. Of the 57 churches reporting their Goals achievement, 19 claimed full credit for participation in "Goal Number 6"—equal to 33% of those reporting. Closer examination revealed that of the 21 top churches achieving 60 points or more, 50% met the requirements of "Goal Number 6."

This is a good start in the first year of such an emphasis. Other churches will become involved during this current conference year. Here's how it can be done.

Materials are available from the following organizations to provide your church with a reliable outlet for sponsoring an orphan or providing food and clothing for needy people of the world.

COMPASSION (The Everett Swanson Evangelistic Association).

Orphan Sponsorship Plan
—$10 per month
—Provides the necessities of life (food, clothing, shelter)
—You receive a case history, photo and other details of the child
—You are able to correspond with the orphan
—You receive a picture of that child opening your packages
—(Ideal for individuals, families, Sunday school classes, youth groups to sponsor)

WORLD VISION (Dr. Bob Pierce, president).

Orphan Sponsorship Plan
—$10 per month (similar to **Compassion's** plan)

Emergency Mission of the Month
—$10 per month sent to critical areas of the world needing emergency help due to disaster (Formosan tidal wave, Iranian earthquake in 1962, Indonesia's tragic volcano eruption, etc.)

Subscribe to **World Vision** magazine ($2 per year, 12 issues)

WORLD RELIEF COMMISSION (National Association of Evangelicals)

Bundles for Leprosy Patients
—Contain: 1 handkerchief, 1 bar of soap, 1 toothbrush, 1 tube of toothpaste, nail clipper, comb, safety pins, 1 sweater or 3 yards of cotton cloth. Wrap all in turkish

Sewing for World Relief - - -

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The ladies meet voluntarily on Thursday mornings from 9 to 12 o'clock to sew specifically for World Relief. On other occasions, groups of women hold all-day sewing meetings for the local hospital's needs and bandage rolling. But the Thursday morning sewing group is particularly interested in doing what they can to supply better clothing for the needy around the world.

Information and patterns were obtained from Church World Service and the World Relief Commission (addresses appear elsewhere in this issue). Church World Service supplied different patterns for children's clothes for the Near East, the Far East, and Africa. Among other features, the World Relief Commission literature illustrated ways of making hospital gowns out of men's discarded white shirts. Knotting a quilt is also on the agenda as a future project. Thus far, most of the material used has been leftovers from their homes—thus curtailing the possible expense and putting the odds-and-ends to good use.

The Peace Committee is encouraged to know of activities like this in Brethren Churches. It's a very practical way to help meet some needs in the world—and it counts toward the meeting of Goal Number 6 under EVANGELISM of the National Goals Report.

We commend this group from Park Street (and others like it throughout the Brotherhood) and urge more churches to follow these suggestions. God will bless you for this spirit of outreach.

towel, fasten with safety pins. $1 covers cost of processing leper bundle and enables it to include a New Testament in the language of the recipient.

Cash Donations

—$1 send 200 pounds of food overseas
—$5 sends 100 pounds of clothing
—$25 provides and ships an abundance of vitamins, medicines and medical supplies
—$60 will buy a sewing machine for an orphanage
—$473 will ship a carload of food

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE (National Council Churches)

..CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program)
—Food supplies sent over world to aid individuals and groups, in cooperation with World Relief Commission and other church agencies.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
—Provides food, clothing, shelter, medicine for needy. Aid sent to Africa, Asia, Europe and Middle East, Latin America

For detailed information on these various programs, write to the sponsoring agency.

COMPASSION
7774 West Irving Park Road
Chicago 34, Illinois
WORLD VISION
Box 0
Pasadena, California 91109

WORLD RELIEF COMMISSION (NAE)
33-10 36th Avenue
Long Island City, New York 11106

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10027

In addition a few packets of sample materials from these four agencies are available from the Peace Committee on a first come, first serve basis. Write **Rev. Phil Lersch, 707 Park Street, Ashland, Ohio 44805.**

CHRISTIAN PACIFISM



by Ora Huston

Peace Counselor, Church of the Brethren and former Executive Secretary of **NSBRO** (National Service Board for Religious Objectors).

WE ARE terribly confused in our religious faith and our ethical conduct proves it. Very often when our conduct is called in question on the war and peace issue, we get the response, "But you can't trust the Russians, or the Red Chinese, or the Cubans, or the Vietnamese, or some other group."

As a matter of fact, we are not supposed to trust the Russians or any other men to determine our conduct. The middle verse of the Bible clears that up. *It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man* (Psalms 118:8). We are commanded as Christians to love our enemies, whoever they are, with the spirit of reconciliation.

Our pattern is wrong on both counts. We do not trust in God, but put our trust in the Armed Forces. We do not love the Russians and doubt that we can trust God to protect us.

Communists deny the existence of God. They call it a vain superstition. We deny Him by our actions. When the average American family is willing to put $750.00 a year in the military defense and unwilling to put even as much as $2.50 a year to share our Christian faith with the other people of the world, who do not know Christ, we in fact deny God.

This is an old problem. Isaiah had to face this in his day. He said, *Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help and stay on horses and trust in chariots because they are very strong, but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel neither seek the Lord* (Isaiah 31:1). If he were writing today he would probably say, "Woe to them that put their faith in nuclear bombs, guided missiles, or polaris submarines, and deny the redemptive power of God's love."

Let's get it straight, the Christan's confidence is in God not the military. We are to love even those who despitefully use us, not to hate anyone, and that means to apply the winning and redemptive power of God over those that can't be trusted.

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VOICES FROM THE PAST . . .

. . . ARE WE LISTENING TODAY?

Taken from the Minutes of the General Conference of the Brethren Church for 1916 and the **Brethren Annual** for 1917.

The Peace Committee offered its report as follows, with the hearty adoption of the same by conference:

We, your Peace Committee, beg to submit the following resolution:

Whereas, A large portion of the world is now deluged with blood, and the earth shakes with the clash of the European nations at war, and threatening war clouds have long hung along the horizon of our land, and there is popular demand for increasing dependence upon the force of arms as a defense of our national existence and well being; and

Whereas, This popular idea of dependence upon force makes it appeal with increasing effect in these troublous times: be it therefore

Resolved,

1. That the time-honored peace policy of our beloved church be hereby reaffirmed.

2. That it is the sense of this conference that war is an un-Christian method of settling international disputes.

3. That there is unusual need in these times of unrest for teaching and preaching non-resistance, as taught and practiced by our Lord Jesus Christ.

4. That our dependence for safety and national well-being is to be found in getting right with God and conforming to the New Testament standard of peace.

Be it further

Resolved, That we commend the efforts of our President to keep our nation out of war; we deplore the havoc and devastation of peoples and property across the seas. The Brethren Church, born with the cry of peace upon her lips, has suffered in almost every generation for this constructive and God-given principle, promulgated by His Son, our Savior. Emulating Jesus Christ and the founders of our church we pledge to our country the best Christian example and conduct possible, and we exhort our people everywhere, regardless of partyism, finance, or tariff, to stand by that candidate that counts people above pelf, principles above preferment; and who best represents the conservation of human life and Christian principles.

Respectfully submitted,
The Peace Committee (1916)

ALL THAT WE HAVE COMES FROM GOD,

AND WE GIVE IT OUT OF HIS HAND

(I Chronicles 29:14b — Dutch Paraphrase)

The Brethren Layman

BOYS' BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM by Dick Jackson

SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST JESUS

OUR LORD JESUS, though He was rich, became poor for our sakes that through His poverty we might be rich. It pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell in Him. The brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the Word of His power, when He had given His life to purge our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay His head.

We know that He was manifested to take away our sins. We, being dead of sins, should live unto righteousness, even though He is able also to save us to the uttermost that comes unto God by Him. He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His wounds we are healed. It behooved Christ to suffer —that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations. He appeared to take away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Your sins are forgiven for His name's sake; all things are yours: whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are ours, and we are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

Scriptures to study:

II Corinthians 8:9; Colossians 1:19; Hebrews 1:3, 4; Philippians 2:6, 7; Matthew 8:20; I Corinthians 3:21-23; Matthew 1:21; I John 3:5; I Peter 2:24; Hebrews 7:25; Isaiah 53:5, 6; Luke 24:46, 47; Hebrews 9:26; Acts 5:31; Acts 13:38, 39; I John 2:12.

The Parson's Corner

Rev. C. Wm. Cole

Re-presenting THE PARSON'S CORNER

It is with pleasure that we present this first in a series of twelve articles under the caption, "The Parson's Corner." *Three different Brethren ministers will supply material, to appear monthly. The first is Rev. William Cole, our pastor of the Ardmore Brethren Church in Indiana. Denominational wise he is our present national statistician, and if you see him in a group of people on Ashland College campus at General Conference, he is the one with the camera. We will appreciate his contributions.* F.S.B.

THIS CORNER is dedicated to the practical inspiration of laymen and pastors. It is our hope that we can answer some problems that we men face mutually.

Problem one—How do we move ourselves to do our Christian duties?

As for pastors we are usually given full-time support to do the work of the ministry. There are so many duties that we do not have time for secular work along with the work of the church. What makes us move to do our utmost for Jesus Christ? Is it the full time given us? Is it the supply of our need by our congregations and Mission Board? Is our duty to Jesus Christ measured by the amount of salary that we feel we should have in order to give God our best work?

These factors may help us to get more done, but I am sure there is not a pastor who would claim that the above reasons could move us to do all of God's will in us. We ought to be moved to preach, visit, counsel, teach, pray from the sheer call of God upon our souls. All successful pastoring comes from working just as hard with a handful of people as with a thousand. We ought to say, I must work and work with all my heart, mind, soul and strength because Jesus bids me and calls me to work for Him. My congregation calls me, yet I hear God's call louder than the congregation's call to me. God still calls me even when the congregation may be asleep. Therefore, my motive for my Christian service can come only from God's call and be energized

by His continuous daily call. This being the truth for pastors, what layman dare to say before Christ, "I am not working all I can for Christ because my pastor is supported to give his full time to Christ's work?" "I have an excuse." Not so, because pastors and laymen stand on equal ground before God when it comes to His calling us to do our Christian duties. Pay does not enter the picture. We work because Christ gives us other compensations for our labors which money cannot buy. Men, we are one in our lifework as Christians. The distinction of being pastors or laymen makes no difference. We must put the work of Christ where we live above many other things regardless of the compensations given us. We will squeeze out time for Christ though we work six days a week at our place of business. No secular job can be so demanding but what we can give Jesus Christ a chunk of our time for soul-winning work. The Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses even take time off from their secular work in order to evangelize their causes, how much more should we make time each week to give some time for the Brethren Church. Why? Because we love God who loved us and bought us to share in His everlasting world.

So we have a common motive, love, that goes beyond monetary and time considerations. We love Him and His creation. We will love to promote Him among the lost, among the boys and girls, in all the community and person to person. We will hunt out time in order to see unhappy people be made happy by our labors of love.

Our motive is not because our congregation or pastor asks us, but rather because our God is asking us to help Him. He promises a warehouse full of compensations to each of us. God forbid that we be materialists who are moved or kept from all-out service by the dollar, or by the clock or by weariness. Let us honor our Lord by laboring for Him with all our strength, because as Paul reminds us, "He remembers without ceasing your labor of love."

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

THIRD BRETHREN JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

THE MEN of our Third Brethren Church held their monthly meeting on Monday evening, September 27, with an attendance of 21. The laymen's topic, as outlined by Mr. Norris in *The Brethren Evangelist,* "Loving His Appearing," was led by vice president John Golby and involved Clarence Howard and Chester Figart with an open forum discussion following.

In our business session, our men were reminded of the upcoming Rally Day and Pennsylvania District Fall Rally. The treasurer's report indicated that our organization would have something over $100 to contribute to the district laymen goal, which is a considerable improvement over a year ago. A good report of our joint sponsorship of the radio program, "Foundation for Faith," was given and Richard Howard commended the men on their hearty participation in the building of the new Pennsylvania District Camp Peniel.

Working from a nominating committee's report, the men elected the following officers for the new year, which begins for us on October 1:

President, Clyde Grumbling; vice president, Chester Figart; secretary, Glenn Benshoff; assistant secretary, Walter Ream; treasurer, Ted Jones.

We look forward to a good year in men's work for the Lord in Third Brethren under this fine, new leadership.

Floyd Benshoff
Past President

LOW BRIDGE EVERYBODY DOWN!

Sergeantsville, New Jersey

THE MEN AND BOYS of the First Brethren in Sergeantsville, New Jersey, had planned to take a Saturday afternoon canoeing trip on the Delaware, but when October 2 rolled around, we lost several enthusiasts before we started. Bill Firth was waylaid by a stubborn cold, Les Higgins had some ornery chickens who kicked over their vaccine and this kept him busy, and one of our boys had trouble remembering what time to meet. Nine of us went and due to no skill of our own, all nine returned—relatively dry, too.

Due to the strong wind, we stayed in the old canal, where there were some really low bridges. One close call came when a low branch "jumped in front of" Barry Emmons and Kenny Lambert as they tried to catch Pastor Ed and Frankie Venable. Kenny appeared somewhat perplexed as he saw his bow man leave his position to become mere ballast in the bottom—of the canoe, that is. Now Kenny had a branch for a partner and the question seemed to be, "Where do we go from here?" Champion "Indian for the Day" turned out to be Russ Bauman as his canoe was always first.

Once again, Christian boys found that good clean fun is even more enjoyable when there is Christian Fellowship to bind them together.

Rev. Edward Schwartz

PEACE SUNDAY
November 14, 1965

MISSIONARY NEWS

THE NEW MISSIONARY HOME OF THE BRETHREN HOME

THIRTEEN YEARS AGO the National Laymen's Organization purchased as a missionary project a house at 1014 Grant Street to be used as a home for furloughed missionaries. Through the joint efforts of many individuals, churches, Sunday School groups and organizations this house was repaired, modernized in areas, decorated and furnished for the comfort of our missionary families. It has been in a fine convenient location and enjoyed over these years by the various missionary families furloughed in the Ashland area.

It is always a pleasure to make way for growth and advancement and to also improve the living conditions of our missionaries. The Missionary Board was most fortunate and eager to buy a larger, two-story frame house and Ashland College then made a generous offer to purchase the Shively Missionary Home as a part of their development program. The Lord's hand has surely been in these transactions and the National Laymen's initial investment has brought advantages to all parties concerned.



Cozy bedroom



New Missionary Home



Another cozy bedroom

It is always sad to leave a house that has been a happy home for many families over the years, but the Missionary Board purchased with great joy and satisfaction the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Weidenhamer (members of the Park St. Church, Ashland, Ohio) at 705 Grant Street which is just one block north of the old property.

Marilyn and Larry Weidenhamer had spent many years giving this house loving care and accomplishing a great deal of modernizing, refinishing and decorating. They worked diligently to leave the house spotless and charmingly clean before their trek to Michigan and donated a freezer, window coverings and draperies in beautiful condition, and offered a family-size refrigerator to replace the small one previously used.

These pictures of the house and yard illustrate its fine condition and cozy atmosphere. The bathroom is modern with fine fixtures and the kitchen is adequate, but it is hoped that it can become more efficient and serviceable in the near future. The purchase price of 705 Grant Street having been less than the sale of the Shively Missionary Home provides funds to be used toward modernizing the kitchen and building a carport at some future date.



Lovely modern bathroom



One corner of the kitchen



Bischofs, furloughed missionaries, residing in the new home



Spacious living room

After thirteen years and many children, there were some items in the house at 1014 Grant Street that had to be weeded out and replaced or refinished just as would be true in any dwelling. What a joy it was to witness the Lord's leading and guiding to make the home comfortable! The new house will provide four bedrooms instead of three, and Reverend and Mrs. C. A. Stewart of Nappanee, Indiana, donated handsome twin beds, complete, as well as many sets of linen and luxurious bedspreads for them. In total, there is considerably more floor space in the new house and the donation of new items was appreciated to more fully furnish it. A beautiful, modern couch

donated by Helen Shively was in perfect color harmony with other living room furnishings all of which are still in sound condition and placed in the new house. Mrs. Frank Lonero, who originally donated many furnishings for the missionary home, is again providing for the comfort of our missionaries. Other donations have come from Mr. and Mrs. Dorman L. Ronk, Mrs. Charles Munson and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert C. Mellinger.

We would request that YOU consider the Missionary Home if you have any substantial furniture or household equipment which you are disposing. You can either contact the Missionary Board or Mrs. Dorman L. Ronk, Chairman of the House Committee, 710 Grant Street, Ashland, Ohio.



Picturesque stone patio in the rear

BRAINWASHERS

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

THE VERB "brainwash" may have been coined to designate the process of *forcible indoctrination to induce someone to give up basic beliefs,* as practiced by communists in these last decades, but the practice has long been with us.

When man and woman conjoin to bring progeny into existence, there enters a third party to form the triumvirate of life. God only can quicken, for He *formeth the spirit of man within him.* Think we, then, that our God, who put *the spirit of man, which is in him,* the *spirit of man* that *is the lamp of Jehovah,* would leave a single new creation unattended? Remember Jesus and His word; *See that ye despise not one of these little ones: for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven* (Matt. 18:10).

What of the guardian angel? Every individual evidently has one. The disciples said to the housemaid, Rhoda, when she affirmed that Peter was at the gate, *It is his angel.* Yes sir! This old fashioned preacher believes the revelation, that each has his guardian angel.

Did you ever see a baby in its crib, not conscious of being observed by human eyes, yet cooing and waving its arms in ecstasy? Grandma says, *Its playing with the angels.* Superstition, you say? Old wives' fable? What about *his angel*? Does the baby see *his angel*? Is there baby-angel communication? Why not?

Soon the process of brainwashing begins. By his first Christmas, the whole family has entered the plot for Santa Claus to displace the baby's angel. He is surrounded with glitter, and noise, and riotous color. From then on, it is Santa Claus, the giver of gifts. Yes, and even we believers of the Christian heritage are involved. On the very natal day of God's greatest gift to man, His own Son, we point our children to a fat, pot-bellied, bewhiskered caricature of benevolence.

In its season, following Santa Claus, we trot out the Easter bunny. We make the ridiculous egg-laying rabbit a substitute for the risen Christ. Eggs, and rabbits, and painted chicks on the anniversary of death's defeat and the empty tomb.

As soon as the little ones are old enough to listen to stories, old Santa brings them story books. Then we proceed to feed the budding minds with fairy tales. Witches, ogres and giants people an imaginary world with elves, and gnomes, and leprechauns; and little folks are tucked into bed with eyes as big as door knobs.

And then, one day this dreamworld of childhood is shattered by some neighborhood or school wiseacre who bluntly announces, *"There ain't no Santa Claus. The Easter bunny is a fake. And fairies? That's kid stuff."* Tearfully, the disallusioned child rushes home for reassurance. Then more brainwashing is required.

True, we believers send the little ones to Sunday school where they are told of God and Jesus; too often by half prepared teachers or incompetent ones. This writer, as pastor, had in his church a family whose oldest were twins—a boy and a girl. The family had guarded the Santa Claus story so well, that it wasn't until the twins' second year in school that someone loosened the thunderbolt. They rushed home to question mother, *"Isn't there really a Santa Claus, or Easter bunny, or fairies?"* When the mother answered *"no,"* they asked, *"Isn't there any God either?"* Much explanation was required to reassure those children that, God is.

Is the old adage true, that, *the truth itself is not believed from him who often has deceived?* May it be possible that there lingers a little doubt of our teaching about God when our children learn of our traditional deceptions? If not consciously, at least in the unconscious?

Now let us turn another page. These same children grow up and we send them away to college. There they listen to some atheistic teacher ridicule belief in God with declaration that the Bible is full of myths, fables and folklore. Does that old buried doubt, lurking in the unconscious, rise up to destroy the faith of our teaching? So-called modern thought proceeds to brainwash our youth. How much to blame are we if our little ones are not so well grounded in the faith? Can our children withstand the Devil's slur, *Hath God said?* Should we as parents give this a good *think*?

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood Meditations - - -

Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth (Song of Solomon 1:3).

As you journey along on your heaven-bound way,
And the Lord gives some blessings to brighten your way,
Just pass it along:
God gave you the sunshine to scatter around,
He blessed you that you might in blessing, abound,
And make others strong.

Why not help another, since God gave you aid,
And cheer on your brother who trembles, afraid?
Just give a long shout:
Tell out how the Lord in His grace heard your prayer,
Of how He sustained you, and carried your care;
Help others who doubt.

The resume of a devoted Christian life should be expressed in one word: "others!" He who lives for himself is poor, indeed.

Take the example of our Lord. He went about doing good. His consummate ambition was to help others. He sought to carry their burdens, to scatter their clouds, and, ultimately, to redeem them from the weight and woe of their sin.

When Peter and John pressed their way to the temple at the hour of prayer, they took the lame man with them.

God gave us hands with which to lift some struggling soul from the mire. He gave us feet that we might hasten on our way to help some soul in need. He gave us a heart with which to love some loveless soul.

Each life should be as the savour of sweet ointment poured forth, a life radiating the aroma of heaven.

The flower sends forth its perfume. The sun sends forth its rays. God grant that we may send forth the glory of a life filled with God.

Just pass it along—
Your joy and your song;
Send forth a glad note,
A blest antidote
To sorrows and sighs,
To wailings and cries;
Earth's sorrows beguile
With a smile.

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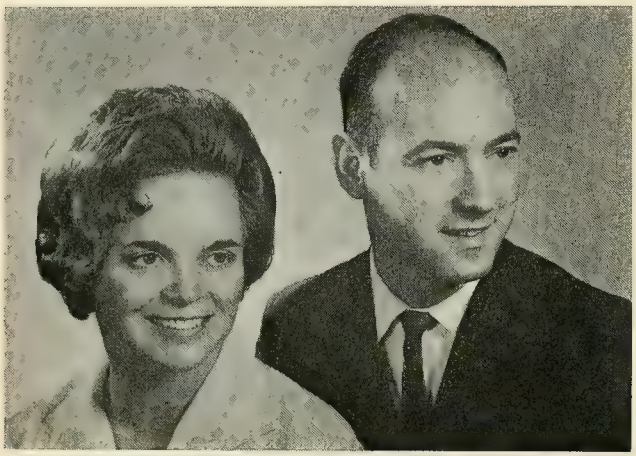
The increasing literacy among the nations of the world is opening doors of men's minds to the magic world of books and this craving must be gratified. Russia has not been slow to recognize the tremendous potentialities that are daily opening up in this respect and in spending billions of dollars to extol the wonders of Communism and lure emerging nations into the dark ways of materialistic and destructive philosophy that is without God and can bring only disaster and despair to its advocates and destruction in the end. If the democratic nations could only be brought to realize that it is only God's Word and papers (publications) such as this that offer the only ground of hope for the future how much better would we be.

—*The Evangelical Christian*

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Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

NEW PASTOR AT SERGEANTSVILLE, NEW JERSEY



THE FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH at Sergeantsville, New Jersey, officially installed Rev. Edward S. Schwartz as its pastor on Sunday, September 26, at a special Installation Service, presided over by Rev. William J. Wadsworth, a retired minister from Plainfield, New Jersey.

Brother Schwartz was issued a unanimous call to pastor the church on June 4, but was unable to move into the parsonage until August 1 because of heart surgery which Mrs. Schwartz had undergone in mid-June.

The new Sergeantsville pastor hails from Southern New Jersey where he attended high school at Paulsboro and Rutgers University (College of South Jersey) in Camden where he received his A.B. in 1957. His ministerial studies were taken at Dallas Theological Seminary where he received his Th.M. in 1961.

Mrs. Schwartz, a native of Hilltown, Pennsylvania, in nearby Bucks County, graduated from Pennridge High School in Perkasie in 1957 and has attended Philadelphia College of Bible for one year. She had sung in the A Cappella Choir in high school, the District Chorus in Pennsylvania, and over the radio when the couple attended at Church of the Open Door in Philadelphia. For the past two years she has sung in the 110-voice Zion Hill, Pennsylvania, Choral Society, as well as solo work and various ensembles.

The Schwartzes have spent nearly a year in rural missionary work in Minnesota and Montana under the American Sunday School Union and 3½ years in teaching, with 1½ years in Philadelphia schools and 2 years in Deep Run Valley schools in rural Bucks County just prior to his ordination at Church of the Open Door in June and acceptance of the Sergeantsville flock immediately following.

They are looking forward to times of spiritual blessing and fruitful service in this opportunity to serve a rural congregation.

World Religious News in Review

ECUMENICAL DECISIONS CITED BY ANGLICANS

VANCOUVER, B. C. (EP)—The Twenty-second General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada completed its nine-day session here with more bold ecumenical decisions than any Synod in the Church's Seventy-two-year history.

"This was one of the most critical meetings in our history, and forward looking in character," according to Archbishop Howard H. Clark, Archbishop of Rupert's Land and Primate of All Canada.

It achieved ecumenical objectives in a number of measures, notably in approving principles of union with the United Church of Canada, he said. The Synod also marked the fruition of several actions to streamline the Anglican Church to make it instantly responsive to urgent world and Canadian needs. Much of the impetus appeared to come from the 1963 Anglican Congress held in Toronto.

JAPANESE GROUP 'DISAPPOINTED' AFTER U. S. PEACE MISSION

TOKYO (EP)—Five Japanese Christians who toured the United States for three years on a peace mission reported to fellow Christians here that they had been cordially received but that United States attitudes on Asian affairs differed vastly from theirs.

"The wall which lies between us is thick," the peace team said in its report. "In particular, we could not help being disappointed by their (Americans) too-simple anti-communism attitude and their anti-Red China stance.

"We were also disappointed by their too-self justifying understanding of liberty and democracy, their ignorance of the actual situation in Viet Nam, their lack of understanding of Asian problems, and finally, their over-swollen sense of responsibility toward international politics and their implicit approval of power politics."

The peace team of four men and one woman was sent to the United States to explore ways of ending the war in Viet Nam. The trip was financed by money raised by the Japan Christian Council for Peace in Viet Nam, an ad hoc organization composed of Christians from a number of denominations.

SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION SET IN SOUTH VIET NAM

SAIGON (EP)—A campaign to distribute one million Scriptures was begun here by the Pocket Testament League.

Glenn Wagner, foreign secretary of the organization has established headquarters here. He stated that "Christian workers report the need for great quantities of Scriptures to be given to American and South Vietnamese soldiers and refugees in hospitals, training centers, outposts and camps."

Wagner said he had been assured of "government and military cooperation."

He reported that 200,000 Gospels in the Vietnamese language have already been printed.

Earlier this year, Gideons International announced plans to distribute 4,000 New Testaments in the Vietnamese language.

REDS USE SCRIPTURES AS PROPAGANDA VEHICLE

LONDON (EP)—Communists in the Far East are flooding South Korea with propaganda and anti-American literature disguised as Scriptures, according to the Rev. James Roe, Secretary for Asia for the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Back in England after a recent visit to Korea, Mr. Roe disclosed the Red propaganda in a statement issued here.

"I managed to secure a copy of a faked version of St. Luke's gospel during my visit," he said. "The document consists entirely of anti-American cartoons bound in a standard cover of the Gospel of St. Luke. The caricatures are quite well drawn, and in some cases are amusing even to Western eyes—though the written content is puerile.

"The book, with copies of other faked literature, was shown to me by an official of the South Korean Ministry of Information, who told me that his government is faced with intense difficulties in trying to overcome the scale and audacity of the forgeries."

GOVERNOR BARS REPEAL OF 'EVOLUTION' STATUTE

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. (EP)—Gov. Orval Faubus said here he would object to repeal of the state's thirty-six-year-old law banning the teaching of evolution in Arkansas schools because he regards it as a safeguard against "way-out teachers."

The governor said he believed in the evolution of ideas and machinery, but not in the evolution of man from primates and lower forms. A Baptist, Mr. Faubus said this teaching was contrary to the Bible.

There have been attempts in the Arkansas Legislature to repeal the law. A bill offered early this year never cleared a House committee.

SENATE BACKS '66 AS YEAR OF THE BIBLE'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The Senate, by voice vote, approved a resolution which would designate 1966 as "The Year of the Bible." An identical resolution in the House is expected to receive similar action soon.

Introduced by Sen. Clairborne Pell (Dem.-R.I.), it is primarily designed to give official "recognition of the place of the Bible in the culture of our country and of the role performed by the American Bible Society" over the past 150 years.

The Society, which last year distributed some 25 million Bibles or Scripture portions in the U.S. and approximately 48 million abroad in 1,232 languages, will celebrate its 150th anniversary next year.

OHIO LEGISLATOR HITS MEETING OF PRESIDENT WITH POPE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—An Ohio legislator told the House of Representatives that the upcoming visit of President Johnson with Pope Paul VI in New York on October 4 "may actually create . . . international disquietude, become an abrasive element in American life, and contribute to unnecessary divisions."

Rep. Walter H. Moeller (D.-Ohio) cited an editorial in America, the national Catholic weekly which favored the meeting, and a rebuttal to it by *Christian Century*, a Protestant ecumenical periodical, which cautioned against the President conferring with the Pope if the Pope were to act in capacity of a head of state.

Mr. Moeller is a clergyman of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

The Ohioan claimed that while the objectives of both leaders are desirable, the church-state consequences may be too heavy a price to pay. "While those who seek peace in the world are worthy of the strongest support of all who desire this high prize, yet the prize cannot be sought at any price," he said. "Our country has been careful to distinguish the respective roles of temporal and spiritual powers in a free society.

OKLAHOMA CITY CHURCH ACCEPTS FIRST NEGRO

OKLAHOMA CITY (EP) — The first Negro member ever to belong to First Baptist Church here was accepted by a three to two majority on a standing vote at a Wednesday night prayer service and business meeting.

Mrs. John Henderson, sixty-six-year-old retired school teacher, is the person received into membership. She transferred her letter from Calvary Baptist Church, a Negro congregation affiliated with the National (Negro) Baptists.

The vote came ten days after Mrs. Henderson presented herself as a candidate for membership during a Sunday worship service.

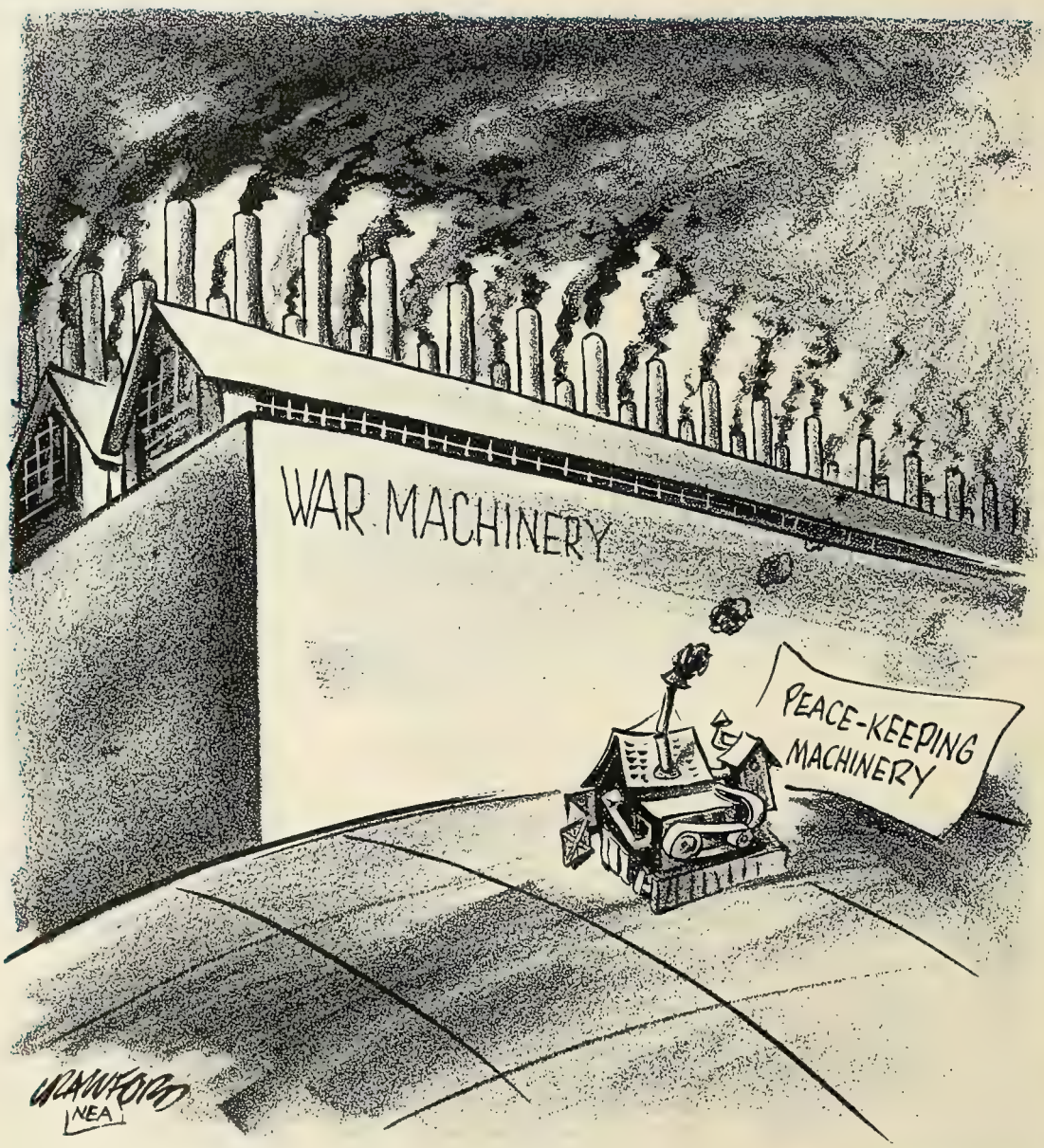
ATHLETES TO GIVE CHRISTIAN TESTIMONIES AT FAIR

LOS ANGELES (EP)—Three prominent athletes will give their Christian testimonies on a special battery of telephones in the Union Rescue Mission display booth at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona, September 17-October 3, it was announced by Hugh R. Murchison, the Mission's President.

The athletes are Albie Pearson, diminutive outfielder of the Los Angeles Angels, Felipe Alou, also an outfielder who was formerly with the San Francisco Giants and now plays with the Milwaukee Braves, and Bob Davenport, one-time All-American fullback with University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) football teams and currently coaching at Taylor University.

As people walk by the battery of phones, they will be able to pick up the receivers and the recorded voices of Pearson, Alou and Davenport will tell how their personal relationships with Jesus Christ have enriched their lives and helped guide them in their athletic careers.

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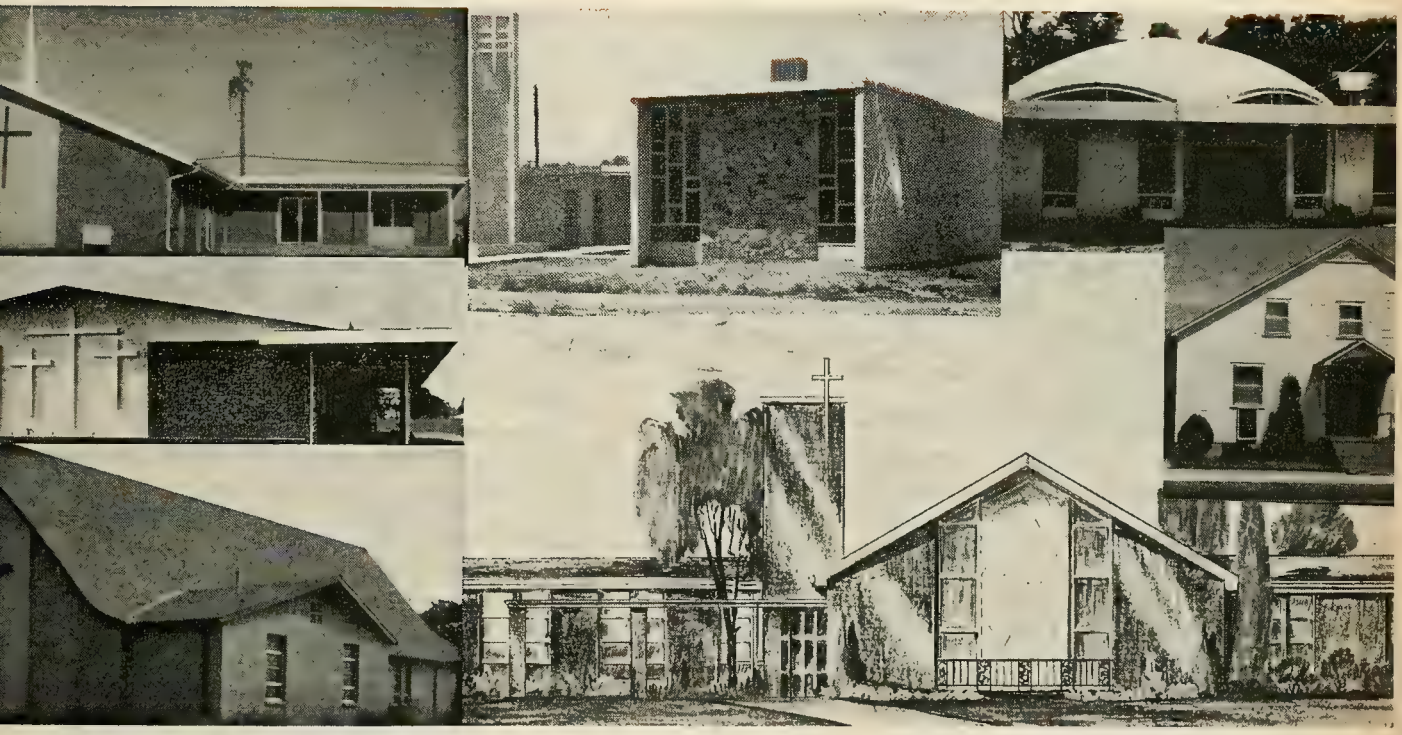
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Rev. Robert Keplinger to undergo open heart surgery —

REV. ROBERT KEPLINGER, pastor of the Fairless Hills-Levittown, Pennsylvania, Brethren Church, will enter the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, 34th and Spruce, Philadelphia, Pa., on Sunday, November 21, and will undergo open heart surgery on Wednesday, November 24.

Bro. Keplinger has requested that the Brotherhood remember him in prayer during this time.

THE COVER PICTURE

ON THE COVER of this issue of **The Brethren Evangelist** you will notice a composite picture of several mission churches. The identity of these church is as follows:

Upper left: Derby, Kansas, Brethren Church
Center left: Stockton, California, Brethren Church
Bottom left: Massillon, Ohio, Brethren Church
Center top: Papago Park Brethren Church, Tempe, Arizona
Upper right: Newark, Ohio, Brethren Church
Center right: Mulvane, Kansas, Brethren Church
Lower center and right: Drawing of the Chandon Brethren Church, Herndon, Virginia

A REVISION

ALL PRIMARY DEPARTMENT Superintendents, please notice: The **First Grade Primary** materials have been revised and will be ready for the winter quarter, or January 1, 1966.

If you have on hand **NEW** pupil's manuals and teacher's manuals (T-12 and S-12) you may return them to us for full credit. However, such materials **MUST** be returned to us by **November 10!** We urge you to mail them in to us immediately!

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a guest editorial

REVOLVING FUND — 1965

by REV. DONALD ROWSER



THE BRETHREN HOME MISSION Revolving Fund continues to move toward its goal of $250,000. In the past year your response to the Revolving Fund has been most encouraging.

Meanwhile, the population continues to explode, cities are springing up across our nation. The challenge of these new communities without a witness for Christ is constantly called to our attention. The Missionary Board is well aware of these new areas where churches are desperately needed.

Some drawbacks for starting work in a new community are these:

1. **Lack of Man Power!**
 Who would be capable of starting a new church? Although the problems is a great concern, yet, the Lord in His wonderful way has provided the man when the time came to begin a new work.
2. **Lack of Money!**
 We all know that the cost of real estate and construction has increased greatly in the last five years. It takes a great deal of money to buy lots and construct a first unit church. When a work is begun in a home or building, proper growth is not realized until there is room for expansion. It is very difficult for a small group to carry on with regular expenses and work on a building program without some help. This is why the Revolving Fund was begun—"to make monies available, as loans, for the establishment of new churches."

At the present time loans from individuals, churches and organizations and bequests and gifts total $170,000. This shows we are not far from our first goal of $250,000.

Churches that have been aided by the Revolving Fund to this date are:

Washington, D. C.	Newark, Ohio
Papago Park, Ariz.	Lost Creek Church, Ky.
Mishawaka, Ind.	Derby, Kans.
Levittown, Penna.	Massillon, Ohio
Stockton, Calif.	Chandon, Va.

At the time of this writing the construction work for the new Chandon Brethren Church has already begun. This is the latest church to be assisted by the Revolving Fund.

The question is, where to from here? Where will the next Brethren church be built? Will it be in Florida, California, Arizona, Washington, Illinois—or WHERE?

If we keep investing in the Revolving Fund we may rejoice someday to see a new work in these states and many more.

We of the Missionary Board are confident that the people of the Brethren church want to see the church of Christ move forward. Church expansion can take on a more grand scale if we are willing to invest our money where it can do the **most good**—in the Revolving Fund. Here you can be sure what your money is doing. Here you are helping to build new churches.

If you would like to invest in the Revolving Fund, monies are loaned in multiples of 100 with up to 4% interest payable by the Missionary Board.

A booklet entitled "Building for Christ" is available from the Board explaining the Fund. If you are interested, additional information may be received by writing to the **Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, 530 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio (44805)**, or talk to your local pastor.



news ... from the Brethren

Masontown, Pa. Rev. James Naff reports that the church building has recently undergone extensive repairs in that the outside brickwork was cleaned and repointed. This work has considerably improved the appearance of the church.

Pleasant View, Pa. Rev. Richard Godwin reports that two persons were baptized and received into the membership of the church recently.

Ashland (Park St.), Ohio. Rev. Phil Lersch reports that seven persons were recently received into membership of the church. Six by baptism and one by transfer of letter.

Mansfield, Ohio. The architect has been given the authority to begin schematic drawings for the new church building according to Rev. Spencer Gentle, pastor.

Smithville, Ohio. Rev. Donald Rinehart reports that during the month of October there were five new members received into the church. Four by baptism and one by letter.

West Alexandria, Ohio. Rev. Herbert Johnson reports that the church has entered into contract with Associated Engineering of Indianapolis, Indiana, to prepare plans and specifications for remodeling and renovation of the existing sanctuary, new choir and altar area, new entrance area, pastor's study and church office and for the addition of a two-story educational unit to the rear of the existing structure.

Also, he reports that eight new members have been received into membership by confession of faith and baptism.

Bryan, Ohio. Rev. Smith Rose reports that the Homecoming Day was very successful in attendance and program. Rev. C. A. Stewart, former pastor, had a part in the service as well as Rev. Amos Mast who was the guest speaker during the evening service.

Elkhart, Ind. Rev. Charles Lowmaster reports that three persons were received into membership of the church by transfer of letter.

Goshen, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Doran Hostetler and Holly from the Riverside Christian Training School, Lost Creek, Kentucky, were the guest speakers for the Harvest Homecoming services. In the following weekend, as a part of the Homecoming services, a caravan of cars made the annual trip to the Kentucky missions.

Waterloo, Iowa. Rev. James Black reports that the responsibility of preliminary planning for the remodeling to be done to the church has been placed in the hands of an architect.

Falls City, Nebr. On Thursday, October 28, an all day vigil of prayer for the Revival services which are now in session.

Weddings

HOLDER-HOFFMAN. Mr. Jay F. Hoffman II and Miss Janice Joan Holder were united in marriage in the First Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa, on August 24, 1965, by the undersigned. Both are members of the church.

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

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COMBS-DeVENY. Mr. Daniel J. DeVeny and Evelyn Ann Combs were united in marriage in the First Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa, on Saturday, September 3, 1965. The ceremony was performed by the undersigned assisted by Rev. Spencer Gentle.

Both are members of the Waterloo Church. Daniel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard DeVeny of Ashland, Ohio. Mr. DeVeny is the Shop Superintendent of the Brethren Publishing Company.

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

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HINKLE-HINKLE. Ronald Lee Hinkle and Marlyn Joan Hinkle were united in marriage on October 9, 1965, at the Mt. Olive Brethren Church by the undersigned. The couple will make their home at Penn Laird, Virginia.

Rev. John F. Locke

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McPHERSON-BAUMAN. Miss Arlene McPherson was united in marriage to Mr. Russell Bauman on August 28, 1965, at the First Brethren Church of Sergeantsville, New Jersey, by the undersigned. The Baumans will make their home in Copper Hill, New Jersey.

Rev. Edward Schwartz

COMING EVENTS

Levittown, Pa.
Evangelistic Services
November 14-19
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, evangelist
Rev. Robert Keplinger, pastor

Wayne Heights, Pa.
Evangelistic Services
November 21-28
Rev. Jim Rowsey, evangelist
Rev. Marlin McCann, pastor

Ashland (Garber), Ohio
Spiritual Life Conference
November 15-21
Dr. Joseph Shultz, evangelist
Rev. H. H. Rowsey, pastor

Gratis, Ohio
At Home Revival
November 14-20
Rev. Thomas Schultz, evangelist-pastor

Bryan, Ohio
Weekend Missionary Conference
November 12-14
The Larry Bolinger Family
Rev. Smith Rose, pastor

Cerro Gordo, Ill.
Annual Homecoming Service
November 21
The Harmonaires of Decatur, Ill., will present a musical program during the afternoon session.

Derby, Kans.
Dedication Services
November 21
Rev. Virgil Ingraham, speaker
Rev. M. W. Dodds, pastor

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Readings from the Old Testament

Memory Scripture — Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

November 14-20

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1965
Read Scripture: Job 19:23-27

He Lives

"Dixie seemed to enjoy Sunday School," said Linda as she and Gary set the table. "I think it is the first time she ever went. The other girls made her feel welcome and she liked our flannelgraph story."

"Walter was interested in the things we discussed, too," said Gary. "When our teacher spoke of Jesus being in Heaven, Walter asked how he knew Jesus was alive."

"What did Mr. Runyon tell him?" asked Linda.

"He said the Bible tells us He is and that was proof enough for him. Then he said anyone who doubted that Jesus lives should make a careful study of history and he would be convinced."

"Do you children know," asked Dad "that not only does Jesus live now but He lived before He came to earth? Job said hundreds of years before Jesus was born, 'I know my redeemer lives.' "

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I'm glad You came to be my Savior. I'm glad I know You are living and watching over me. Amen.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1965
Read Scripture: Proverbs 1:7-9

Learning

"Come, Gary," said Linda. "It's time to start to school."

"I'll be ready as soon as I pull on my boots," answered her brother.

"Stay home," begged Betsy. "Play with me."

"Sorry, Betsy," laughed Gary, "but we can't. We have to go to school."

"Why?" questioned the little girl.

"To learn things," explained Linda.

"Things like history and geography and arithmetic," added Gary.

"Learn things at home," declared Betsy.

"Of course you can," agreed Mommy. "You can learn the most important thing of all—to love God. The Bible says that is the beginning of wisdom. Gary and Linda must go to school to learn other things."

"Oh," said Betsy. "Bye, Linda. Bye, Gary. Wave."

Betsy ran to the window as the older children went out the door. She laughed happily when they waved to her. Then she ran to Mommy with a Bible story book.

"Learn about God," she said.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for my Bible. Help me to remember to study it carefully. May I remember that loving You is the beginning of wisdom. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1965
Read Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-10

What Shall I Be?

On the way home from school the boys were talking about when they would be grownup.

"I'll be a pilot," declared Mike. "I'll fly all over the world."

"I want to be a doctor," said Larry. "I'll work in a hospital and help many people."

"Well, I've decided I'll be a baseball player," said Tom pretending to swing a bat. "I'll hit a home run every time I'm up to bat."

"What are you going to be, Gary?" asked Mike.

"I want to be a minister," answered Gary. "I don't know where I will serve. Maybe in Africa with Uncle Jim. I know one thing, though."

"What's that?" questioned Tom.

"God will show each one of us what is best for us," said Gary. "If we trust Him, He will lead us."

Prayer:

Dear God, it's good to know You will lead me in the way I should go. Help me to always trust You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1965
Read Scripture: Proverbs 10:1-6

Soup for Supper

"Something smells good," declared Gary when he and Linda came into the kitchen.

"Soup! It's soup," said Linda.

"Right!" smiled Mom. "Vegetable soup made from vegetables that grew in our garden this summer."

"It was a lot of work making the garden and taking care of it," said Gary, "But now I'm glad I helped."

"It was hard work canning and freezing the vegetables," said Linda, "But I'm glad I helped with that work."

"Yes," agreed Mom. "If we hadn't worked this summer we couldn't have this good soup tonight. God said it is wise to gather food in the summer for the winter."

"Where did He say that?" asked Gary.

"In Proverbs," answered Mom. "Proverbs is a good book to read often. It tells us many things we ought to do."

Prayer:

Dear God, I want to take time to read Your Word every day. Help me to understand the things I read in the Bible and to obey them. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1965
Read Scripture: Proverbs 15:1-3

Linda's Answer

"Where's my ball?" demanded Jane.

"I haven't seen it," answered Linda softly.

"Oh, yes, you did," shouted Jane. "It bounced into your yard. You're just hiding it from me."

"No, I'm not," answered Linda. "I was jumping rope. I will help you look for your ball."

"I think it went past the big tree," said Jane.

The girls began looking for the ball. Soon Linda said, "Here it is under this bush."

"Oh, thank you," smiled Jane. "I'm sorry I was so cross."

Linda giggled. "We would have had a real quarrel if I would have answered angrily."

"Indeed we would have," agreed Jane. "I'm glad you remembered our memory verse, 'A soft answer turneth away wrath.' "

"So am I," said Linda. "That proves again that the Bible is right."

"Let's play ball together," suggested Jane.

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to control my temper. When others speak in anger may I remember to answer softly. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1965

Read Scripture: Proverbs 20:11-12

The Difference

Mrs. Rammy was visiting with Mom. The telephone rang. Mom answered it. Soon she came back to her friend.

"That was Gary," she explained. "He wanted to go to the skating rink to watch them play ice hockey."

"Did you let him go?" asked Mrs. Rammy.

"Yes," replied Mom. "He will stop at the store for me and be home by five-thirty."

"You sound so sure of what Gary will do," said Mrs. Rammy.

"Gary always does what we ask him to do," said Mom. "And he comes home at the time he is told to come."

"If that were Paul," said Mrs. Rammy, "he would forget to go to the store and he would be so interested in the game he wouldn't come home until I went for him."

To herself Mom thought, "How nice it is to have a boy like Gary—a boy we can depend on."

Prayer:

Dear God, people will remember me by the way I act and the way I speak. I want to be known as one who is kind and thoughtful and dependable. I want to be known as a good follower of Jesus in whose name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1965

Read Scripture: Proverbs 22:1-6

Family Devotions

"Come, children," called Dad. "It's time for our family devotions."

Gary and Linda came quickly.

"Where's Betsy?" asked Mom.

"She's in the playroom dressing her doll," answered Linda.

"Please get her," said Mom.

"Why do you want Betsy?" asked Gary. "She doesn't understand much of the Scripture. Sometimes she isn't even reverent."

"That's right," agreed Mom. "But she is learning. If she wasn't with us for family devotions she wouldn't know how to worship. There are things in our devotional period that she can understand. She is learning that it is important to read God's Word and to pray."

Dad said, " 'Train up a child in the way he should go' is what the Bible tells us to do. We know if we help you children now to follow God you will follow Him throughout your lives."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for my parents who are helping me to know Your way. May I always remember the things I am learning at home. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

THE TRUMPET'S CERTAIN SOUND

"Watch ye!" the trumpet rings
With no uncertain sound,
Lest we forget to watch and pray
When dangers gather round.

"Stand fast, be firm in faith!"
Cast every fear away;
For Christ will help you overcome
And hold the foe at bay.

"Quit you like men, be strong!"
Let not your courage fail!
"Let all your things be done
In love" for Him who died,
That He alone may have the praise,
And God be glorified.

—W. M. Czmanske

TRUTH REQUIRES a bold stand (Gal. 1:8, 9; II John 10, 11). Jesus was frequently in the Temple, but not in partnership with its corrupt leaders (Jn. 7:15). He did not seek their approval for His ministry (Lu. 20:2). The hostility of the Temple leaders against Jesus was so great that if anyone confessed Him he was cast out of the synagogue (Jn. 9:22). Christ declared boldly His separation from Judaism (Matt. 23:38). He instructed His church to have the same attitude toward declension from God's truth (Rev. 3:16).

Gamaliel cautiously stated the truth while fearing to stand for it (Acts 5:33-40). Had Paul been more tolerant toward false teachers he might have escaped the sharp edge of persecution (Gal. 5:11). There were those who pretended to be for Christ, but not for Paul (Phil. 1:15-17). So many turned away from Paul (II Tim. 1:15) that even Timothy needed to be reminded that the time had come when a true stand for Christ required a stand for Paul (II Tim. 1:8; 2:10). To be "an inclusivist" toward all views divergent from the faith of the Bible (Phil. 3:2; Isa. 5:20) is to plunge ourselves and others with us into confusion. Hence, the trumpet should not give "an uncertain sound" (I Cor. 14:8).

Today there are three virtues growing cold and dim: Faith (Lu. 18:8), hope (II Pet. 3:3, 4), and love (Matt. 24:12). We need to be on our guard against discouragement, but still continue to "love His appearing" (II Cor. 3:5).

"But oh, what bliss and glory
Would shine o'er all our days
If we only would remember
God means just what He says."

The sin of unbelief on the part of Christian workers means a departure from God (Heb. 3:12, 13). A man's testimony and usefulness is cut short when he glosses over the sins of the flesh (I Cor. 9:27). The "saltness" of the believer is intended to curb wickedness (Matt. 5:13). Christians are blamable for the increased wickedness of our modern world (v. 20). The nature of salt is to cancel the unwholesome (II Kgs. 2:20-22), and to prevent putrefaction (Gen. 18:23-33). One of our most important functions as Christians is to be "the salt of the earth" (Matt. 5:47). Where are God's prophets today (Jn. 4:19)? Their burning words produce brokenness and confession (I Cor. 14:24, 25).

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

PLUGGING THE LEAKS

THE FOLLOWING statements make up the third goal of the Standard of Excellence for Brethren Sunday schools:

"A continuing visitation program carried on by the Sunday school to enlist new pupils, follow-up visitors, and encourage absentees to return.

"a. Maintain a definite absentee record and follow-up system. (3 points)"

As stated in an earlier article of **The Brethren Evangelist**, fifty-nine Sunday schools returned Standard of Excellence reports this year. Of these 59, 23 reported that they had met this goal completely. An additional twelve Sunday schools indicated that they had met the goal in part. On the other hand, the other 24 reporting Sunday schools indicated that they had no definite absentee record and follow-up system. In other words, there were more Sunday schools which had no system at all than there were Sunday schools which met the goal completely.

Sunday schools have two big tasks to accomplish in relation to growth. One of these, obviously, is the task of getting new people to attend Sunday school. This is Sunday school **outreach**, and we are all aware of the need for such outreach.

What is sometimes overlooked, however, is the second task in relation to growth—the task of keeping those that we reach and those we already have. This is the task of **conservation**. Outreach and conservation: we not only have to bring new people in, we must **plug the leaks** to keep present members from going out.

One important means of "plugging the leaks" is the use of a definite absentee and follow-up system. There are really two parts to this system. The first is the absentee record reports. It is not enough just to mark pupils present or absent in a class record book. Something should be done with these records, particularly the records of absentees. A list should be made of those who are absent in each class and/or department. It is good if this list can indicate whether this is the first, second, third or more consecutive absence. These absentee lists should then be turned over to the Sunday school secretary or absentee secretary. It will be the responsibility of this secretary to arrange for absentee follow-up.

The second part to the system, then, is the plan of follow-up. Different methods can be used here. Some schools use a plan that requires a card to be sent the first week a pupil is absent, a phone call is to be made by his teacher the second consecutive week, and a personal visit to be made by the teacher the third week. Another plan provides for a telephone call by the teacher the first week, a visit by the teacher the second week, a visit by the departmental superintendent the third consecutive week, and a visit by the pastor the fourth consecutive week. Other plans may be used as well.

What kind of system of absentee records and follow-up your Sunday school uses "will depend on your local needs and wishes." "The important thing is that you have a system and that it be definite and specific."*

*Quotations are from **Interpretations of the Standard of Excellence for Brethren Sunday Schools** by Rev. Jerry Flora, page 5.



In India the Christian and Missionary Alliance opened a reading room adjacent to the University of Akola. Their hope was to reach the students. To their surprise, not only did the students make use of the reading room, but people of the town began visiting the center—people in government, the folk in society, engineers, and just plain ordinary people. In one month 5,500 people had been in the small and cramped quarters of this literature center.

—Peter F. Gunther, *Child Evangelism*

New TEN DOLLAR CLUB call is for the MANSFIELD, OHIO, CHURCH'S RELOCATION

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Brethren Youth Crusaders



BUT WHAT CAN WE DO!

Pastors and laity alike have often been overheard in conversations that go something like this:

"I'm not sure whether we have any Life Work Recruits in our church or not."

"Who would they be if we do have any? How would we find out?"

"I guess there isn't much I could do about it. I have heard someone say we should be interested in the Recruits but how can I show an interest?"

"We pastors are always told to take a personal interest in our Recruits and 'use them or lose them.' I have a Recruit Sunday every year and I have the list of Recruits from our church in my files. Among my many other duties, I try to watch the spiritual progress of our Recruits. But there just isn't much more we can do for them—they have to learn for themselves, you can't spoon feed them."

"But how will they learn unless someone guides or helps them?"

"I suppose that is true but what can we do?"

Let's stop the conversation right there! There are some things you can do as individuals and as churches. We want to suggest ways you can help the Life Work Recruits in your church.

1. Know who your Recruits are

A. Obtain the names from your Pastor—a list is sent to him each year.

B. Obtain the names from the National B.Y. Office.

2. Encourage them

A. Always speak to them when you see them.

B. Invite them to your home for fellowship and a meal either one at a time or as a group.

C. Show interest in their activities—support them at school and church functions.

D. Have a listening ear and understanding heart but not a loose tongue! Give counsel when it seems wise or when the Recruit asks for it but do not make their confidences to you public.

3. Train them

A. In church business.
(1) by "sitting in" on trustees meetings, official board, deacon boards, Christian Education meetings, etc.
(2) by taking part in business meetings.
(3) by holding office.
(4) by showing them how to perform various offices such as presidents, secretaries, treasurers, etc.

B. In Visitation (with pastor or laity).
(1) of the sick.
(2) of new prospects.
(3) of absentees.

C. In Teaching.
(1) local S.S. workshops.
(2) district or national S.S. workshops.
(3) observing S.S. classes in operation.
(4) assisting and teaching S.S. classes.

D. In Doctrine.
(1) through Pastor's Classes.
(2) Prayer meeting studies.
(3) individual or group Recruit studies on the subject.



4. Pray for them.

A. Establish Prayer Partners.
 (1) program led by pastor, youth advisor or interested layman.
 (2) at least one adult praying for one Recruit per year.
B. Individual prayer by everyone at any time.



5. Support them

A. to stand fast in their decision.
B. to help them seek God's will and plan for their lives.
C. to help financially when further training is needed.
D. to select a life partner with like interests, concerns and decisions.

Please take these suggestions and make them a matter of prayer and personal concern, **Then Do Something About Them!** Over and over again our Recruits say that once their decision is made, they become spiritual orphans. No one in their church seems to know they made the decision or care about it if they are aware of the decision. They receive little or no encouragement to stand fast or to continue to seek God's plan for their lives.

Many hearts and helping hands reach out to orphans or refugee children. Do we dare do less for our spiritual children?

DUELING AT CONFERENCE



From left to right: **Richard Best, Virgil Barnhart, Wade Michael, Ray Allison, Steven Zerbe, Leroy Solomon**

. . . The place was Ashland, Ohio . . . the time was August 21, 1965 . . . the duelers were chosen . . . the swords were sharp . . . the referee called for action.

Yes, there really was a duel at the 1965 Youth Conference but the swords were Bibles and the duelers were fellows from Boys' Brotherhood.

Between each division of the B.Y. Bible Quiz the boys held their Sword Drill contest. This was a "first" for the boys and B.Y. was glad to share in this venture by placing them on the Saturday afternoon program.

Mr. Virgil Barnhart, one of the Boys' Brotherhood advisors, called for the Scripture references. During the week eliminations had been held and by Saturday just two boys in each division were left to compete for the prizes. Trophies were given to the boys and trophies were given to the churches they represented in competition on Saturday at the Finals.

Results of the Sword Drill were as follows:
Wade Michael, Gratis, Ohio—winner of older division
Steven Zerbe, Peru, Indiana—runner-up of older division
Leroy Solomon, Louisville, Ohio—winner of younger division
Ray Allison, Goshen, Indiana—runner-up of younger division

The boys are shown in the picture receiving their trophies from Mr. Barnhart and Mr. Best, president of the National Youth Board.

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"LOVING HIS APPEARING"

The Brethren Layman

Views and Comments

Floyd S. Benshoff

What do Brethren Laymen Need Most?

PRAYER

by Fred W. Brant

(Guest Editor: Brother Fred W. Brant of Berlin, Pennsylvania. Mr. Brant is one of our senior citizens who, in his many years, has taken a real part in the advancement of the Kingdom in his home church, The First Brethren Church of Berlin, Pennsylvania. The Boys' Brotherhood movement in his local church, in his district and on the national level, have received substantial help and encouragement from him. He, years ago, was named Boys' Brotherhood Advisor Emeritus for our national organization.) F.S.B.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It has often been said that of all the power God has given us to use in His service, the power that we use least is the power of prayer, yet this should be the power that we would use most frequently. Our Savior, when He was on earth said: "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Even with this assurance, we fail to use this great power. Alfred Tennyson, in his **Idylls of the King**, wrote: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Doctors tell us of the truth of this poetry, for they point us to persons who are living today because of lives that were carried to the throne of grace in prayer, after medical science had done all in its power to heal.

Our Lord, even though He was God made manifest in the flesh, found the need of prayer, thus: "And it came to pass in those days that Jesus went out into the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God."

Paul urged the church at Philippi to "be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." And again, "pray without ceasing."

The first century church recognized the great need of the use of this power if one was to walk side by side with his Lord. In James we read, "the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Immediately we may surmise that we are left out of this power, because James speaks of a righteous man and we know that of ourselves there is no righteousness abiding in us.

In I Corinthians we read, "but of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption." We again see the wonderful work of our Lord who was made sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteous of God in Him. What a blessed assurance we have,

that small and insignificant as we may seem to be, God is waiting to hear our prayers and will answer them from His divine wisdom. Let us use this power that has been made available to us by a loving God, so that His purpose may be accomplished in us, when we have yielded our lives to His will, not seeking our own praise, but to magnify and exalt His name and to increase His kingdom, that we may be good stewards of the talents He has given us to use in His service.

Dear God, help us to search our hearts, as Christian laymen, that we may be the kind of stewards that thou would have us be. In Jesus name we ask it. Amen.

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IT HAS BEEN ASKED by those who take a casual or even dim view of expending much of talent, time, manpower or treasure on foreign missions, "Why should we bother, upset, and otherwise disturb the heathen and his way of life?" I'll tell you why . . . Jesus said we should. When He was about to depart from this earth to ascend into heaven, He said to His disciples, "Go, and make disciples of all nations."

He was speaking to a little group of men who had followed Him in good times and bad, for something like three years, during which time He had taught them constantly those things having to do with the Kingdom of God. His last words to those faithful followers were to the effect that they should give their lives in winning others.

Florence Gribble, wife of our pioneer missionary to Africa, expressed herself as follows as she was asked the question, "do you think the heathen are lost?"—"If I didn't think so, do you think I would leave the comforts of my native land to minister to them?"

One of the better speeches of our late General Conference was made by the General Secretary of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, Brother Virgil Ingraham, as he appealed for a 15% increase in mission giving for 1965. He showed this individual, at least, why we should do this. The November Thanksgiving Mission Offering is my opportunity, and yours, to demonstrate that we believe Virgil Ingraham knows what he is talking about and that Jesus meant what He said when He commanded us to "go into all the world." F.S.B.

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

IN RECOGNITION of a need of more Christian fellowship, the laymen of St. Joseph County, Indiana, met at the South Bend church on Tuesday, October 19, 1965.

Robert G. Porte, president of the South Bend group, called the meeting to order. After words of greeting, he introduced Rev. George Phillips, St. Joseph County Youth for Christ Director, who emphasized the need of the laymen to involve themselves in the everyday lives and problems of the youth. He emphasized the fact that too often we consider our duty and obligation completed when we have provided the essentials for our children, plus some extra non-essentials, but fail to give of ourselves. A house isn't necessarily a home. A man and wife are not necessarily parents because they have their names recorded on one or two birth certificates. A house is a home when it contains a family unit. Parents are so when they make or take time to give of themselves as companions, spiritual leaders, good counselors and better listeners.

Brother Lew Swintz of South Bend was introduced following the speaker. Mr. Swintz conducted a meeting of the assembly in order to determine their course of action. The following was decided:

. . . There was felt a greater need of Christian fellowship.
. . . Together, much could be accomplished.
. . . There will be monthly meetings in a roundrobin circuit following an alphabetical sequence.
. . . The date and time would be chosen by the host group. The county group would not be organized but the president of the host church would be in charge of the meetings.
. . . The initial meeting will be held in Ardmore on November 12, in conjunction with a fellowship and a family night.

Thirty-eight men answered to roll call representing Ardmore, County Line, Mishawaka, North Liberty, Teegarden and South Bend.

After the meeting, refreshments were served in the church basement. This county-wide meeting will not replace the local emphasis. It is the intention that the county meetings will inspire and assist the local groups with renewed interest.

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by REV. MY



First services held September 12 in the new First Brethren Church of Derby, Kansas

THE DERBY BRETHREN CHURCH is praising God for His abundant blessings! A first unit has been completed for the worship of God, the teaching of Christ and the salvation of souls. The Board of Trustees served as a Building Committee with Dwight Bishard as Chairman. Goodvin Church Builder Service, Inc. of Wichita, Kansas, was in charge of construction. The total cost was $50,000.

The first worship services were conducted in the new church building on September 12, 1965. The sanctuary is 36 feet by 66 feet with a side wing, 32 feet by 22 feet. The side wing consists of a foyer, an office, and a nursery. Plans call for the erection of a second unit approximately 40 feet by 80 feet.

The sanctuary provides worship facilities for 200 people. The overflow is divided by folding doors to provide three classrooms for the Sunday School Youth Department. The main sanctuary and baptismal dressing rooms are used by the Adult Department.

The lower floor is divided by an off-center permanent wall. The large room adjoins the kitchen and is designed to be used for fellowship and Christian education. The smaller room is equipped with a sink and water to provide adequate communion facilities. The two rooms on the lower floor are divided by folding doors to provide space for the Nursery II, Kindergarten, Primary and Junior classes. The Nursery II and Kindergarten classes are organized into a Pre-School Department as the Junior and Primary classes are organized into a Children's Department. Sunday School space is available for 200 persons.



Primary Class III—Marcy Lynn Dodds, Hazel Britton, Teresa Pray with their teacher, Mrs. Dwight Bishard

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V. DODDS

At present the Sunday School is organized into five departments and eleven classes. As attendance grows there will eventually be seven departments and sixteen classes.

The church facilities are being fully used at other times than the Sunday School hour. During the morning worship hour the two large rooms on the lower floor are used for Pre-School and Children's Church and the nursery is used to care for small babies. At the Sunday evening Training Hour the lower floor is being used for Junior and Senior Brethren Youth sessions while the adults are using the sanctuary for a Bible Class.

Efforts are being made to reach others in the community for Christ. Follow-up of absentees and prospects is being made through the Sunday school classes. Newcomers to the Derby community are being contacted in the Thursday night visitation program.

The Derby Brethren Church desires to express its deep appreciation to the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church and its General Secretary, Rev. Virgil Ingraham, who have given valuable assistance in the direction of the entire church program. We are most grateful to the Brethren Youth for their 1965 project offering, the churches and individuals who have supported the building program with their prayers and material support.

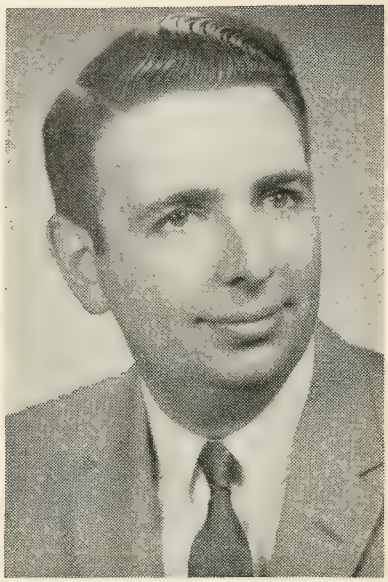
Will you continue to pray that the Derby Brethren Church will ever serve and win souls for Jesus Christ?



Sanctuary—Front View



Sanctuary—Back View



WAS JESUS IN FAVOR OF HOME MISSIONS?

by REV. WILLIAM A. ANDERSON

WAS HE? Of course! He spent His time preaching, teaching, and healing the sick in the neighboring towns and villages. To our knowledge He never left Palestine to become a "foreign missionary." In addition, when He commissioned the twelve and the seventy He sent them into the surrounding towns and cities—not into "foreign" territory.

Remember the time when the earthly ministry of our Lord was drawing to a close? The cross was behind Him. He had conquered death and the grave by rising the third day. He was ready to ascend unto the Father. Gathering His followers around Him Jesus gave them their last instructions: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

His followers were to start their witnessing in **Jerusalem.** Why there? First of all, **because that is where THEY were.** Witnessing must begin **just where we are!** A little boy once went to his pastor with this inquiry: "I am only a little lad; what can I do for Christ?" And the reply was this: "Go where Christ is **not**, and take Him with you!" Who would deny that we are surrounded with people who need Christ? It is hypocritical to profess a love for the souls of men across the seas while ignoring those dying without Christ around us. We will never have a passion for those in Nigeria or South America whom we have never seen until we possess a genuine concern for those who live in the towns and cities right where we are!

The second reason for beginning in Jerusalem was this: **because that is where the PEOPLE were.** Alfred Edersheim estimated the population of Jerusalem during the time of Christ as between 200,000 and 250,000. This number, said the noted historian, "was enormously swelled by travelers, and by pilgrims during the great festivals." What an opportunity for Christian witness this afforded the disciples! Jesus went into the cities and villages to find **people** who needed His loving ministry. The Brethren Church has been rather slow in establishing churches in the large metropolitan areas. We have devoted most of our energies in rural and suburban areas. But wherever we go to establish new churches we should go in search of **people** who need the message of Christ proclaimed by the Brethren Church.

Thirdly, the disciples began in Jerusalem **because that is where the NEED was.** Those in Jerusalem had rejected the Savior and the message of salvation. We hear the rejected Christ as He wept over the city: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate" (Matt. 23:37-38). Our Lord saw **people** who needed to embrace the message of life He had come to bring.

On another occasion we read: "But when He **saw** the multitudes, He was moved with **compassion** on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matt. 9:36). Two things are said here of Jesus: 1. He **saw** the needy multitude; 2. He was **moved with compassion.** Do we need any better reasons for establishing mission churches? All we have to do is "lift up our eyes, and **look** on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (Jn. 4:35). There are surrounding communities which need a gospel witness. Do we **see** them? And more importantly, do we really **care**? Are we "moved with **compassion**" at the sight of people who do not attend a church, or who attend a gospel-less church?

Well, what can **WE** do about Home Missions? Many of our larger churches can make plans to establish branch churches. Some have already accomplished this successfully. One of our newest churches, Winding Waters (Elkhart, Indiana), stands as a glowing example of what can be accomplished this way. Still another example is the growing and thriving work at Wabash. The Roann Brethren Church proudly sent out a number of their regular church families as "missionaries" to help build the work

at Wabash. As a result souls have been born into the Kingdom, and the message of Christ has been spread. Of course there have been instances where numerical growth has not been so pronounced. This should not dismay us. Rather, it should be expected. A. J. Moser, writing in the **Alliance Witness** on the subject of church extension, made this observation: "It is always easier to wage a battle in home territory than it is to carry the battle into enemy territory. The work of extension is the establishment of spiritual beachheads in the strongholds of Satan. That accounts for the large number of casualties. Satan would persuade us to overlook the beachhead entirely or discourage us by reminding us of our disadvantage in such an assault. He would endeavor to destroy our landing party. If that fails, he seeks relentlessly to cut our supply lines."

Some churches, admittedly, may be too small to establish a mission church by themselves. But several smaller churches in close proximity could unite their efforts in such an endeavor. A mission program of this type would "revolutionize" many of our churches!

Then there is the united effort of churches in a district in building and establishing extension work. There has been a marked success in a number of our districts in this particular endeavor. We can point with pride to the successful launching of the Levittown work through the diligent labors of the Pennsylvania District. The new work at Herndon, Virginia, reveals what can be done by a relatively small group of churches in the Southeastern District. And, of course, we dare not omit the California District with the re-location of Stockton, or the up-and-coming work at Derby, Kansas, through the efforts of the Midwest District.

Still another possibility for extending the borders of our home work is the establishment of branch Sunday Schools. Housing projects are rapidly springing up in every city. Because of lack of suitable space it may not always be possible or feasible at the start to build a church in such areas. However, it is often possible to rent a storeroom or social hall in the vicinity in which to hold Bible classes of Sunday Schools. As interest and growth develop, a branch church may be built at a later date.

But, you may be saying, what if none of these suggestions is suitable in my particular circumstance? There is one more avenue open to you. You may have a definite part in helping to establish mission churches by joining the Ten Dollar Club, or by loaning monies to the Home Mission Revolving Fund. In this way you will be joining heart and hand (and purse) in helping others to extend God's work through the Brethren Church.

In closing let me quote from one who writes of the importance of Home Mission work: "The early disciples developed the church first in their own home field. When it was sufficiently established, and almost contemporaneously, God dispersed them abroad to other lands . . . They were as much fulfilling the Great Commission on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem as they were the day they sent Paul and Barnabas on their first so-called missionary journey. The strengthening of the home base is not correctly stated as being necessary to missions. **It is missions!"**

"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK"

(John 4:35)

by REV. H. WILLIAM FELLS



Brethren Church at Massillon to be dedicated November, 1965

HOME MISSION CHURCHES and pastors need to read this fourth chapter of John often! We need to be aware of a number of thoughts from it; namely, Jesus must needs **go through Samaria.** We are all acquainted with Acts 1:8, and the detailed outline of where we are to **GO** in our mission travels; close to home first, in the hometown specifically, **Jerusalem**; then in **all Judea,** the entire hometown and county or state needs to be **saturated** with the **Gospel Message**; and **in Samaria,** we need the witness; then, (and Brethren, should we be permitted to say **only** then?) should we go to the uttermost part of the earth. We have not lifted up our eyes unto the fields that are white unto harvest right in our own backyards (or even the front yards)! Sounds like a Mission Pastor **begging** for assistance, well it might be. We desire that we might **know** that the Brethren are **seeing**

the harvest, and then are doing what both Levi Matthew and Dr. Luke advise by the Power of the Holy Spirit, **praying the Lord of harvest**, that He will raise up workers. We desire workers who will be willing to speak to the individual soul. Twenty-eight times in the four Gospels, Jesus speaks to the **individual,** while five times He ministers to the masses. There is a definite need for workers who will go forth to tell of the Master and His wonderful grace and power. The Samaritan woman said, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did; is not this the Christ?" "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did." "And many more believed because of His own word" (John 4:29, 39 and 41).

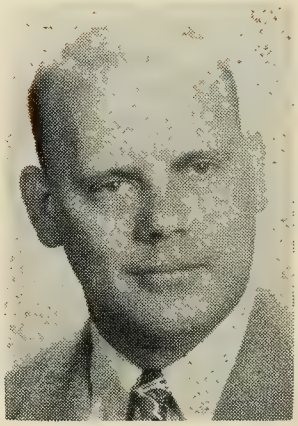
We here in Massillon are praising the Lord for His goodness in preparing our new building for us this year. We are so grateful for the new sanctuary that will seat three hundred; for the combination overflow rooms and the Sunday school classrooms that will seat another fifty to sixty, when they have the folding partitions in place. And then, in the Educational Unit, we have some nine classrooms, besides the pastor's study, furnace room and restroom facilities. The beams in our sanctuary are beautiful, and we are looking forward to Dedication Day toward the end of November.

But, Brethren, this is the physical plant, and we are much aware that inside this plant is the main part of the church. Those who, like the Samaritan woman have met the Master and heard Him tell all things whatsoever they have done. Those who have recognized themselves as sinners, lost and dying in sin, and who have done something about it. Those who have confessed Him as Lord and Savior, and have felt the tremendous need for the spreading of the Gospel. From this group will come those workers that the Lord will raise up, to go out into the surrounding community and give the Gospel message and have the privilege of knowing "That many of that city believed on Him for the saying of that one which testified." Brethren, we need mission pastors, indeed, who can lead in the building of new church buildings, and who can lead in the organization of churches; **but**, we **need** laymen and laywomen who are willing to catch the vision of a lost and dying world, and who are willing to yield and commit their lives to more than a church organization or a building program. We **must** pray the Lord of the harvest that He will raise up workers dedicated to the task of **evangelizing.**

Brethren, "When this Gospel is **preached** in all the world for a witness unto all nations; **then** shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14). The end is not yet, and we have **much** preaching to do. Let us begin with this charity at **home** and then unto the **world. But**—let it be known, we are not going out to save souls and enlarge the borders of the Kingdom. We are to leave this to the Holy Spirit and to Christ. All we have to do is **evangelize!** Spread the Gospel by word of mouth and the written word. And we **must** learn to leave the results to God. We have the instructions, directions, and the pattern, and we have been promised the **power**, if we only submit.

A RENEWED VISION OF THE CHURCH AT HOME

by REV. J. D. HAMEL



EVANGELISM is my job; **MY JOB.** That is an editorial "my," including of necessity, all Christians. The minister must say, "Evangelism is MY job" or his ministry will be spiritually unproductive. The Christian layman must say, "Evangelism is MY job" if he is to fulfill our Lord's injunction, "And ye shall be witnesses." Evangelism is the Church's major task and should engage every professing Christian in its operation.

Sinister forces are at work in this twentieth century. False religions abound on every side. Communism, the most powerful weapon ever forged by satanic ingenuity, threatens Christianity. Atomic energy holds civilization at its mercy. Colossal movements have been inaugurated for good and for ill. Revolution with all its terrors again lifts its hoary hand. All creation groans. Seemingly the birth pangs of a new age are even now being felt throughout the world. Once again there is "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

The urgency to evangelize is upon us! Sin is rampant. In America alone the story is over 12,000 murders annually, 20,000 suicides each year, rapes exceeded 19,000 in 1964, a new all time record for the U. S. Alcoholism increased 45% in our population since 1940—among women it increased 52%. America now has a total of about 5,000,000 alcoholics who are in various stages of despair with a sin that is wrecking their lives. In America we have over 70,000,000 unchurched.

Evangelism is the need of the hour. We must evangelize or perish. Jesus died for **ALL** men! But only as we tell the story may men be saved. The bleeding hands of Jesus point to multitudes without a "shepherd" while his command is, "Go ye . . . and make disciples." It is our Christian responsibility to see that every person on the face of the earth shall have opportunity to hear the **Good News** of the Gospel. Every reasonable influence must be brought to bear upon men that they may be challenged to accept Jesus as Savior and Lord.

We live in a country whose population is hitting over 200,000,000 and 2,700,000 are added every year. It is a country where in five years average family income has risen from about $6,280 annually to over $7,510, and where in three years gross national production has increased by 100 billion dollars. A glow of contentment seems to hover over this rich and prosperous land—70,000,000 people at work, 1,500,000 new houses built in a year, 8,000,000 new cars delivered in one 12-month period. But the glow also camouflages some ills and challenges that beset the nation. Our challenge is America? How to reach the unsaved with the Gospel message!

The Need for a Revival!

The cry for Revival is going up from many hearts over the nation. There is a rising sense of urgency among God's believing people. We in America are imperiled by the growing forces of evil and the increasing disintegration of the finer things of life. We have been spared the cruel scourgings of modern warfare. We know nothing of the postwar hardships now prevailing among nine-tenths of the world's peoples. But there are worse things than for a people to be poor and hungry and ragged. For a nation to forget God and wander into degrading sins is a thousand times worse than empty pocketbooks and scanty food.

For two generations or more the insidious poison of a materialistic philosophy under the caption of liberalism has been fed to millions of our people. The supernatural gospel of regeneration through faith in the blood of Christ has been watered down and replaced by a social gospel. As a result of this kind of preaching the average person in America has adopted the philosophy of "let's eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die." Now this calls for just one thing—**Revival!** God's Church needs revival today. The Church needs a rebirth today, and if she is to have it, it will come through prayer and a fresh enduement of the Holy Spirit. This will embolden, rekindle, and refire the love and compassion which is so sorely needed to win the lost to Christ.

Too many Brethren are not eager to be about our Father's business. Too many of us find time for everything except the winning of souls to Christ and **HIS** Church. To a large degree we have lost our fighting spirit, our desire and our passion to witness for Christ, and have become content with the status quo of things. A member of a large church said concerning his church: "We had a good year's work. We paid our budget and ended up with the same number on the roll." Many of us truly need to wake up, look to God for strength, and go to work. As Brethren and Christians you have nothing to do but to save souls, and both the early ministers and laymen believed it. Do we now seek to win people to Christ above all else that we do?

Good organization, beautiful churches, well-trained choirs add much to the effectiveness of any church. But these things are effective only if we use them for the purpose of winning men and women to Jesus Christ. They must not be ends within themselves. Unless the desire to win others to Christ is the motive for all that we do, our efforts will be as nothing in the sight of God.

How many Brethren today spend even as much as fifteen minutes a day in prayer and Bible study? How many of us pray each day for those of our friends and neighbors who as yet have not found God and His Son as their Savior? How many of us have spoken to someone within the last week and told him that we are concerned about him and would like to see him accept Christ as his Savior? Do not the most of us simply leave Christ out of our conversation for fear we may be called fanatics?

What Will We Do?

We Brethren today talk of our tangible possessions, our jobs, our clubs, our children and our government without apology. Yet, we who have received the greatest gift, the gift of salvation, are often reluctant to talk of this experience to others. We must begin to tell our neighbors and friends of what great things God has done for us.

It is not enough to hold our own in numbers from year to year. Unless we are growing in numbers, we are undoubtedly losing ground. Our population is growing by leaps and bounds. Many of our towns and cities have had a tremendous growth and yet the people called Brethren have not organized new churches in them as they should.

Let us gird ourselves and win persons to Christ and establish more churches, more working units for the fellowship and centers of enlistment of Brethren Christians.

Take Time for Others

For a few moments each morning place yourself before the Lord, and in the obscurity of faith, welcome into your life for His sake all those whom you are to meet that day without as yet knowing what they will be like—love them in Him. And then start out on your day at peace, expectant, ready to receive the invitations God addresses to you, ready to receive the other into your life for His sake. Somone rings your bell, someone is knocking at your door. Please pass me the hammer. Mrs. Jones, are you at home? Mr. Smith, may I have a word with you, please? A book, the newspaper, the TV, a billboard, or a smile—a moment of silence, a cutting word, a lowered head. It is the Lord—these are invitations to make contact.

We must awake to the needs of those around us, seek strength from Christ, and go forth unashamed to win them to the Christian way of life.

Let us teach our people that Christianity is more than being a member of a church and attending its services when the spirit moves us. **Let us have as the motive of all our actions the winning of others to Christ!**

When we become concerned about the salvation of those who are lost, there will be no danger of our Brethren Church "having the form of religion without the power." "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

The Apostle Paul's last word to Timothy was: "Do the work of an evangelist." The Church must raise her sights; the Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes. You hold the life of your church in your hand!

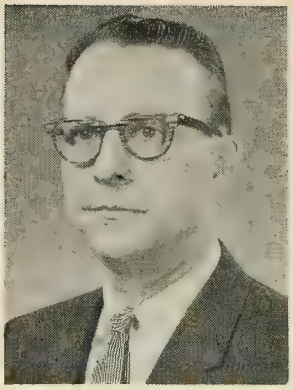
The Brethren Church has been mightily blessed in the past years—attested to by the witness of our new congregations scattered throughout the brotherhood. A building program is not only a blessing to the new congregation, but to all the denomination. Our new program has enabled many of us to also have a personal part and place in the program. Some have asked, if and, when the expansion in growth will stop. The answer is that it cannot, and dare not stop. We have assets that must be utilized, and cannot be stored for another day or future use. Let's take an inventory:

—a will, to do God's will;
—a changeless Gospel;
—an increased evangelism and personal witness emphasis;
—an enriched ministerial training program;
—a constantly improving and growing camping and Christian Education curriculum;
—an advancing knowledge of Christian Stewardship;
—an ever growing missionary vision;
—more than three hundred Life Work Recruits;
—more than twenty-five assigned missionaries;
—a host of national pastors, evangelists and active lay workers.

This is just a partial list of the assets The Brethren Church has received at the hand of an almighty God.

BRETHREN CHURCH EXTENSION in a CHANGING WORLD

by JOHN W. PORTE



Economists, sociologists and statisticians continually remind us that we are living in a revolutionary and changing world. The Brethren Church must accept the fact that we can, and must face these changing times in the United States, and our own Church Extension program. Perhaps it is natural to resist change, but we must learn to adjust and accept change where it must be met.

A great change that must affect The Brethren Church, whose ministry has traditionally been in the rural areas, is the trend to move to the urban and metropolitan communities. Following World War I, the 1920's found three out of every ten people living in the rural and farming communities. In 1960, we find less than one person in every ten living in these same rural areas. Farms are becoming larger and requiring less personnel while the smaller rural communities are becoming even smaller. In these communities, The Brethren Church will follow two courses of action: intensify and strengthen their program and prepare to follow the moving population.

The problems of the underprivileged peoples have always, and ever will be with the church. Our changing and shifting population of races, colors and creeds will constantly be before us. The Brethren Church, nor any other Christian church, can no longer maintain its traditional family type congregation of one blood, one mind, and rather selfish purpose. Peter once also thought that the Christ-given Gospel was his personal, family and racial property only. Peter was quickly rebuked and just as quickly "perceived that God is no respecter of persons." The Gospel must be shared, and God will bless all who accept His Son. Anything or anyone—so blessed of God cannot be called "unclean,"—cannot be so treated.

The past twenty-five years have seen the rise of fifty new nations, most of whom have skins of another color. Twenty million United States citizens are negroes, and this number does not include those citizens or residents who also are "colored." There soon will be no place to run or hide. God has, and will, bless these people as He has us. We cannot long continue to relocate nor can we create new works only where "our" people are living. This has been a criteria all too long; locate a new work only if we have "our" people living in the new area.

Racial problems and economic problems make news and headlines and are easily recognized. They are problems facing the church. Under cover there is the revolution taking place in the moral and sense-of-values system under which we live. There is an obvious assault on our traditional forms of behavior and action which had their birth in the early Protestant Church. This assault has its greatest ally in our lack of concern, wanting and seeking without first giving, belonging without commitment, lack of purpose or direction. The early church, through its individual members, carried a personal concern for all within the area of its ministry. The Brethren Church must regain this concern and its original sense of values.

Many of our churches are strong and their witness felt because they have made their witness the center of the social and family life of their community. Christ is first and all other activities follow in their natural sequence.

A restless and mobile people like to be a part of a vital and moving society. Therefore, they are attracted to the church so involved.

An endless building program just to be building more churches is not our purpose. An endless program just to become big is a waste of the Lord's means. But ours is a world in need, and we feel that The Brethren Church has a place in the Kingdom of God. His Son must be glorified and the message of salvation is needed now more than ever before. The role of the pastor and the church is in change. Carrying the Gospel message has become a person-to-person type of ministry. Church extension to meet the people where they are found, and when they are receptive, is a must in this time. Wherever there are people, there are souls, and where there are souls there is a need for the message of The Brethren Church.

PROGRESS REPORT

Chandon Brethren Church

by REV. RICHARD KUNS

PERHAPS THE ONE QUALITY of a new mission church which makes it most interesting and exciting is its vitality in Jesus Christ! This has been seen time after time in our work here in Herndon. As this last year passed it became more and more evident that we **must** increase our Sunday Bible School program, but the big question was space. We had classes in every room of the house already, but we needed to add classes in both our primary and youth departments in order to keep the gains we had made and continue on the upgrade. But God is gracious and provided for our every need! One Saturday evening the telephone rang and I answered it to find one of the ladies of our church calling me. She said that she and her husband had been thinking for several weeks about offering the use of their house for Sunday Bible School classes. She went on to say that they had a large recreation room which would be a fine room for a large class. The real marvel of this



offer to me as pastor was in the fact that it was made freely without any prompting from me. In fact, no announcement or any other suggestion was ever made that an offer of this nature would be appreciated. It came because people saw a need and responded to meet it. God answered in the specific way that we needed Him to and as of October 3, 1965, our Sunday Bible School added four new classes and we expect God to give the increase to these new divisions.

We were overjoyed to find that our worship attendance during the summer months was on the average twice as large as 1964. Attendances in the 40's are common occurrences for us now with new potential always near at hand. For our worship services God has blessed us with exceptionally fine musical talent. We have a mixed quartet, duets, trios and instrumentals. Again we thank God that He has been so gracious to us in our attempt to proclaim the Gospel in this community.

Our youth work is also expanding this fall. Last year our Junior B.Y.C. was very lively and interested in the work. This year we are getting a Senior B.Y.C. group organized. There is a great need in our community for a vital youth program and we trust that God will give us the vision and the needed leadership to fill this need.

An assistance to our spiritual growth comes through a study of God's Word in our Bible Study and Prayer Fellowship Night. Many of our people have said that the



Where this marker stood now rises the new CHANDON BRETHREN CHURCH

Word of God is now beginning to come to life for them and we praise God for this is our mission. Also, we get an opportunity to use our talents and witness for the Lord by having a regular night at the Central Union Mission in downtown Washington, D. C. Here we have the joy of giving our testimony for Christ and watching God use it to bring others to Jesus Christ.

Of course, some of the big news here is the start of our church building. The foundations are poured and the brick masons began work October 8th. If materials come in as they should, we should be able to move into our new building by March 1966. Pray that this may be so for the progress of the work so depends on adequate space to teach God's Word.

from the Woman's Outlook

A Letter from - - -

MISS MARGARET LOWERY
Missionary to Kentucky

Dear Friends,

I am thrilled you are emphasizing Home Missions this year. It should be most rewarding to study the problems of the Southern Appalachians. My contacts with many of you have revealed many wrong concepts concerning the people and their problems. I hope you seek to better understand the plight of these folks and endeavor to appreciate their fine qualities, too.

October 6, I completed twelve years of service in the hills of Eastern Kentucky. These have been the happiest years of my life. There have been many heartaches as well as rewards. I know definitely that God wanted and needed me to serve Him in this area. The challenges of service far outnumber the disappointments encountered. He is ever present to ease the burdens and give encouragement to continue the work here.

Some of you may question your reading material for this year. All have not been written from the Christian point of view. These books portray customs, social problems, etc., that you may not get from other sources. They have been written by natives who know the cultural patterns much better than an outsider. Read these books with open minds so that you can better understand the functioning of present day society in this area.

"Mountain Path" by Harriette Simpson Arnow is one of the books you may question. This is an authentic picture of the mountain people in the nineteen twenties. It poignantly tells of the hope and heartache of these folks at that time. The Council of Southern Mountain consider it a valuable work to be preserved. It rates high as an "Appalachian Heritage" book.

I would recommend that considerable time be spent in studying the introduction to the book. Here you will glean information that will help you to develop a greater appreciation of the life the author presents for you. Someone has said, "Mountains speak to the soul of man, not as a gale but as a whisper. To hear it one must stop, be very still, and wait to hear . . . then, having heard, be doomed to hear it forever."

What kind of climate does the mission worker face in this area today? Let's look at some hard cold facts! "Over 6,000,000 people live in an area encompassing 257 mountain counties in nine states of the Appalachian South. A staggering number of these people live with problems of unemployment, undernourishment, inadequate clothing, health deficiencies, sub-standard housing conditions, and an attendant loss of morale" (Mountain Life and Work Council of Southern Mountains).

There can be a real life for the people. They need the helpful guidance of mission workers, government agencies, etc. The folks themselves have an important part to play in any development of their region. They must be ready to accept new and better ideas, to plan, build, and labor for the future, to treasure all their resources and develop them not only for their own but for succeeding generations. A long term program for the mountain folks is not just making the best of a difficult situation; it is developing a life that has genuine and substantial values of its own, that has more to offer most of the mountain people than any other life they are likely to find, and that has contributions of great value to make to the life of America.

Ladies, take your reading seriously and learn much about an interesting group of people. Remember—"This is a land of old, rich values, of painful transition—dignified in its suffering; patient in its need; questioning in its direction—but hopeful that those who try to help will learn as much as those they hope to reach" (Council of Southern Mountains).

In Christian love,
Margaret Lowery

SISTERHOOD

A Letter from the National S. M. M. Board . . .

Dear Girls,

By now each of you is undoubtedly wrapped up in school work and extracurricular activities. But we also hope that each one is plugging full steam ahead with her Sisterhood society.

We want to encourage you to read **The Brethren Evangelist** each week. Here you will find meditations, ideas for your programs and parties, news about other societies, letters from your national officers, and any necessary information concerning Sisterhood that you must know. So please pay particular attention to the Sisterhood pages; they are for YOU!!

We not only want you to **read** but we want you to **write** as well. Share your ideas with us and make suggestions; for the other societies may be able to use them also. If you have any questions, please write to any of your national officers and we will help in any way we can. The addresses of these officers may be found below. Please make special note of these for this is the only time they will be appearing in **The Brethren Evangelist.**

Earlier this month your society received a letter from Nancy DeWalt, SMM president, giving you the name of your Kentucky pen pal. We wish that each of you will help to make this goal a success. This is just one way that we can show our interest in our mission work.

Let's make the most of this Sisterhood year in service to the Lord.

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HOW HIGH THE SOUL?

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

IS THERE A NORM, a standard degree, or average level in the spiritual life? Is there a state or condition of attainment that may be reckoned satisfactory as a biblical prerequisite? Paul seems to give a standard to the Church at Ephesus. He pointed to a ministry provided, **For the perfecting of the saints . . . till we all attain unto the unity of the faith . . . into a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ** . . . Unto the measure of Christ, is the ultimate. It is the goal of perfection. Paul, himself, said, **I have not already attained but I press on** . . . There certainly is no norm short of, **the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.** Then every believer is a rule unto himself as he, **a living stone is built up into a spiritual house** (I Pet. 2:5).

That no two people among the millions are exactly alike is worthy of consideration here. It is the genius of humanity—all in the image of God, yet, no two identical. Here lies the mystery of personality. Here is the reason for Jesus' **Whosoever**; and, **Him that cometh**; and, **He that believeth.**

The spiritual life of each believer is his individual concern. It is his own vineyard to be kept. The admonition of Peter to **Grow in grace** is personal. And Paul says to, **grow up in all things; into him.** GROW UP! From where? To where?

"Up" is a word of such wide usage. Up physically, is away from gravitational pull. Up personally, is toward a more advanced state, or greater intensity. Spiritual upness is Godward, away from the sensuous, and always higher than self. Then if one is **growing up,** or is **being built up,** he is advancing from a lower to a higher plane of godliness in Christ.

If there is no normalcy of spiritual attainment among believers short of perfection in Christ, is there a measure for individual growth and development? One surely ought not to seek to measure personal growth in Christ to boast, or compare oneself with others. Paul warned the Corinthians (II Cor. 10:12) of this very thing. He pointed to **Certain of them that commend themselves but they themselves, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, are without understanding.** The question is, not how do I stand in this life of faith by comparison with other believers, but how do I progress, **By the grace given according to the measure of the gift of Christ** (Eph. 4:7).

There is no normal spiritual level for believers but there is set before them a goal for achievement. This is the high calling of every saint for which Paul says there is a prize (Phil. 3:14). The prize can be none other than the approbation of the Lord Himself.

Hitch your wagon to a star, may seem poetically inspiring but the believer's moorage is of far greater celestial reality. The stars may be shaken in their courses but the Rock of Ages is eternally secure. We reach up to **The spiritual rock, and the rock is Christ** (I Cor. 10:4).

CHRISTIAN MORALITY

versus

NATURAL MORALITY

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SECULARISTS, when contending against the use of the Bible in the public schools, sometimes gravely tell us that they are not opposed to all moral teaching, but only to the Christian theory of morals; they favor the teaching of natural morality. Among the "Nine Demands of Liberalism" there is one to the effect that all laws favoring Christian morality shall be abrogated, and that all our laws shall be conformed to the requirements of natural morality. In order that we may rightly judge as to the relative merits of the two codes, let us institute a comparison—or rather a contrast—between them. This will aid us in making the choice intelligently.

Christian morality is that pure, wholesome, and benevolent system of ethics taught in the Christian Scriptures; natural morality is that loose, intangible, and licentious code of morals afforded by the light of nature. Which shall we enforce and practice? Let us take a few specimens from each.

The Ten Commandments, interpreted in the light of the Sermon on the Mount and the life and example of Christ, form a brief but comprehensive epitome of Scriptural morality. Rightly considered, they condemn every vice and enjoin every virtue. They are still more briefly summarized by the Savior in the command, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself** (Luke 10:27). Jesus laid down the Golden Rule, . . . **whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them** . . . (Matt. 7:12). James says, **Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world** (James 1:27). Paul says, **Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good** (Rom. 12:9b). He emphatically denounces such crimes as **Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like;** and he plainly declares that **they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom**

God (Gal. 5:19-21). The whole tenor of the Bible is to teach us that **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world** (Titus 2:12). These are specimens of the pure and perfect morality taught in the Christian Scriptures.

We next inquire as to that vague, doubtful, nondescript something termed "natural morality." In order to fully understand it we must notice the lives and teachings of its prominent votaries. Let us notice the kind of morality taught and practiced by some leading champions of unbelief who rejected the morality of the Bible, and were guided only by the light of nature.

Hume maintained that pleasure or profit is the test of morals; that "suicide is lawful and commendable," and that the Seventh Commandment is not binding on either sex. Bolingbroke taught that "the chief end of man is to gratify the appetites of his animal nature." Rousseau, according to his own confession, was a habitual liar, thief, libertine, and debauche. Voltaire, we are told, "contended for the unlimited gratification of the sexual appetites, and was a sensualist of the lowest type," Lord Herbert apologized for lewdness, and argued that the "indulgence of lust and anger is no more to be blamed than thirst or drowsiness." Helvetius moralized on this wise: "It is not agreeable to policy to regard adultery as a vice, in a moral sense. If men will call it a vice, they must confess that there are vices which are useful in certain countries and ages."

Thus we see that while Christian morality enjoins truth, honesty, virtue, chastity, temperance, benevolence, the love of man, and the fear of God; natural morality allows falsehood, dishonesty, sensuality, vulgarity, obscenity, profanity, and wickedness of every kind. I now call attention to the following points of contrast between Christian morality and natural morality.

1. Christian morality is derived from the unerring Word of God; natural morality is deduced from the fallible maxims of men.

2. Christian morality exhibits the principles of vice and virtue in clear and unmistakable terms; natural morality leaves them in obscurity and uncertainty.

3. Christian morality regards both the outward conduct and the motives of the heart; natural morality considers only the overt act.

4. Christian morality has its fundamental support in religious truth: natural morality has no support other than mere expediency, utility, or self-interest.

5. Christian morality prescribes our duty to both God and man; natural morality has reference only to our duty to man.

6. Christian morality teaches men to practice virtue because it is right; natural morality requires virtuous conduct only as a matter of policy.

7. Christian morality encourages men to be good by the rewards promised to the righteous; natural morality offers no such encouragements.

8. Christian morality restrains men from vice by the punishments threatened to the wicked; natural morality affords no such restraints.

9. Christian morality impels men to righteousness by a sense of their obligation to God; natural morality offers no such incentives.

10. Christian morality finds a solid foundation for virtuous character in the renovation of the heart; natural morality affords no such basis for virtuous character.

Other points might be enumerated, but these will suffice. In view of these considerations, it would seem that the effort to substitute natural morality for Christian morality is a deliberate blow against social purity and order.

RESEARCH REPORT

by Rev. Albert T. Ronk

SEVERAL PEOPLE, upon meeting the writer after General Conference, said, "Where have you been and what are you doing?" Those are good questions. We had intended to come again to Ashland by mid-September to continue the work of Historical Research laid aside in June. The severe attack of Virus we both had the last of May so debilitated us that June and July rest was required to regain our strength. After Conference we decided to go to California for further rest and visitation with the clans of relationship. Upon returning to our home in Cedar Falls the last week of September I had a throat soreness that the doctor feared might be strep. He gave me a shot of penicillin and I reacted most disagreeably. Now I am shedding my skin like a denizen of the reptilian world.

We came to Ashland October first and the research program was again set in motion. I have worked every day in spite of the misery. Maybe work is a good way to divert one's mind from personal discomfort.

Many things are coming to light in this historical study. One that merits mention now regards our District Conferences and their minutes. Our study has often led us to search for action of the Districts to determine when and where certain drifts of thinking started. We have written to the present secretaries of some Districts asking them to search their post record books for information. Almost invariably reports have come back that the early district conference records cannot be found. While in California this fall, I had placed in my hands the district secretarial records. I sought information relative to important data of the California Conference in the 1890's. I could find no minute book earlier than 1919. Other Districts are similar. It appears that with all of us, the things of the present are so well known they need not be recorded. What will be the difficulties of researchers of seventy-five years hence, if the Lord tarries, because we have been careless of our recording.

I have a suggestion for all District Conferences from the present, that, each District empower its secretary to print the minutes each year and file at least one copy in the Ashland Theological Library and one in the Archive Vault. Any one interested in future years, will be able to read the records there.

The smaller Districts might consider it too expensive for its budget to have the minutes printed. Then, they can authorize the secretary to have two typewritten copies made and bound in suitable covers for library shelves.

In the future of our Church, the Lord tarrying, other research will be required. The more data the continuing brethren can file in our Archives, the better can be the work of research.

I gave all . . .



What hast thou given for me?

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. . . in your prayer life

. . . in your witnessing for Christ

. . . in your concern for the lost

. . . in your support of all our efforts

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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE BRETHREN EVANGELIST AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS—



IT ISN'T too early to begin thinking about Christmas gifts, of course, therefore we would again like to encourage you to consider **The Brethren Evangelist** as a possible gift to your friends or loved ones.

Shown here is a facsimile of the Christmas card that will be sent to the recipient of such a gift subscription.

The message on the inside cover will read: "A Year's subscription to **The Brethren Evangelist** is being sent to you as a Christmas Gift from . . ." (Your name will be inserted here.)

You will find on the back page of next week's issue of the magazine an order blank for the purpose of sending the publication as a gift to whomever you wish. If you sent such a gift last year, you will be receiving very shortly a notice from our office notifying you that it is time for you to renew the subscription. The letter will include an order blank.

The Brethren Evangelist is a family magazine and will be appreciated by all members of the family. The response to this suggestion was very good last year and we hope it will be better for this year. Why not seriously consider sending several subscriptions as gifts this Christmas?

CENTRAL DISTRICT MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

YOU WILL FIND on page 15 the Central District Moderator's Address which was delivered by Moderator Arthur H. Tinkel at the Central District Conference. This conference was held at Waterloo, Iowa, September 24-26 of this year.

This address is especially timely at this time of the year since our emphasis is Home Missions. The title of the address is: "Meeting Our Opportunity for Church Expansion." Be sure to read it!



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Home Missions

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER in the Brethren Church has long since been Home Missions month! It is during this time of the year that we emphasize the importance of our work here at home. To those of us who have been in the Brethren Church for many years our thoughts automatically turn to Home Missions at this time of the year. I'm afraid, however, that we do not really appreciate this phase of the work of our Missionary Board.

Many times when "home missions" are mentioned we think only in terms of Lost Creek and Krypton, Kentucky, when in reality our thoughts should reflect upon all our work here at home. According to our Master we are first of all to witness here at home, then to the surrounding areas, then to the foreign field.

Home missions, then, means my neighborhood!

Home missions, then, means my community!

Home missions, then, means the town in which I live!

Now, the easy part of home missions, and especially in November in the Brethren Church, is that of giving of our possessions to this cause. And, many of us feel that when we have done this, the obligation is paid, nothing to do for another year! That's it!

But our responsibilities do not end here!

Your Editor, who also is part-time pastor of the Mansfield Brethren, was in a building committee meeting recently, listening to the consultant as he made recommendations to the committee. Among other things he pointed out to us that we had failed in our mission in that particular locality in that we had not ministered as we could have to the neighborhood for very few of our neighbors attended our services. Of course our excuse was that our neighbors are not interested in us because we are not of the same color! Ah, what man's mind won't think of when "excuse time" comes around! In considering what this consultant had to say, your Editor had to admit that he was right, we had failed in that community!

Many of us are failing in our home communities! And to cover up our failures we go all out to support mission points in America and foreign missions.

This is not what our Master wants us to do!

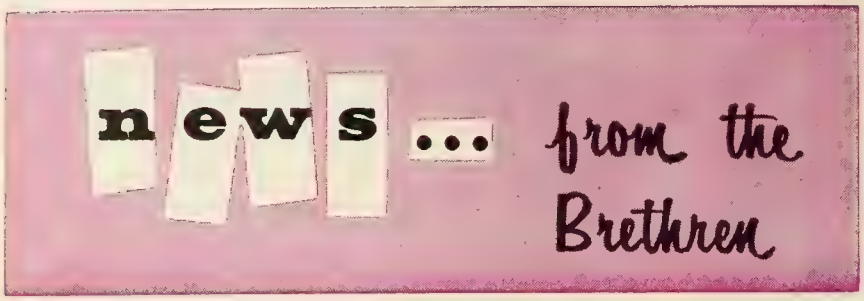
He wants us to begin at **home** with our witnessing!

There is a reason for this. When we have a burden for our neighbors, for those near to us, and when we witness to them our vision become greater, we are then in a position to want to reach out to new communities and to the world. Our Master knew this, therefore he urged us to begin at home.

Our Missionary Board has taken great strides in Home Missions within the past several years. Greater support is being given to local churches, help is being given to establish new churches, to help those churches who wish to relocate in order that they might serve more people, much assistance has been given to the Kentucky missions, and much more could be said. With an organization such as the Missionary Board to guide us, it is much easier to discharge our duties in this realm of evangelism.

We therefore urge each local church to support our home missions program as outlined by this Board and at the same time remembering our personal responsibilities in our own neighborhoods! S.G.





Mt. Olive, Va. Rev. John F. Locke reports that the Mt. Olive Brethren Church has called Donald Schrader of Eastern Mennonite College to serve as assistant pastor. Bro. Schrader is a pre-seminary student from Illinois.

Levittown, Pa. Cornerstone laying for the new educational unit will be conducted on Sunday, November 14, according to Rev. Robert Keplinger, pastor.

Also, the readers of this magazine are to be reminded of the fact that Rev. Keplinger will enter the hospital on Sunday, November 28, to undergo open heart surgery. Remember to pray for him during this time.

Akron, Ohio. Rev. Glen Traver reports through his newsletter that three persons were received into membership of the church during the month of October. Two were by transfer of letter and one by baptism.

Gretna, Ohio. Mrs. Bessie King, wife of Rev. L. V. King, is slowly improving at her home from a back injury suffered while doing some lifting in the church. Remember her in your prayers.

Louisville, Ohio. During the month of October three new members were received into the fellowship of the church, according to Rev. George W. Solomon, pastor.

Milledgeville, Ill. Rev. Arthur H. Tinkel reports that one person was recently received into membership of the church. He also reports that the Sunday school has adopted the following slogan for the remainder of the year: "265 in '65."

Tempe, Ariz. Rev. Duane Dickson reports in his newsletter that a couple was recently ordained to the board of deacons and that Rev. Clarence Stogsdill of Tucson assisted in this service.

New Paris, Ind. Rev. Waldo Gaby reports that nine persons were recently baptized and received into membership of the church.

PASTOR NEEDED

The College Corner Brethren Church, Route 2, Wabash, Indiana, is in need of a minister. Anyone interested please contact:

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Wabash, Indiana 46992

Memorials

SHOEMAKER. Fayette Shoemaker, a faithful member of the Denver Brethren Church, Denver, Indiana, passed away on Saturday, October 2, 1965, after a short illness. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. George Hapner and Rev. Austin Gable. Interment in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, Ind.

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SCHROFF. Mr. Frank Schroff passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 1965, following an illness of several months. He was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church in Mansfield, Ohio.

His funeral services were conducted by the undersigned, his pastor, on Friday, October 1, at the J. H. Finefrock & Sons Funeral Home. Interment was in the Mansfield Memorial Park.

Rev. Spencer Gentle

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EAGLE. Mrs. Mildred Eagle of Farmersville, Ohio, passed away on October 22, 1965, at the age of 73. She had attended the First Brethren Church of West Alexandria, Ohio, for many years but had just recently united with the church.

Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned, her pastor, at Germantown, Ohio, with interment at Spring Valley, Ohio.

Rev. Herbert Johnson

GILBERT. Mrs. Arie Gilbert of West Alexandria, Ohio, passed away at her home on September 25, 1965, at the age of 88. She was a member of the First Brethren Church since 1905. Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned, her pastor, on September 28 with interment in Sugar Grove Cemetery.

Rev. Herbert Johnson

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EBY. Mrs. Ethel Eby of West Alexandria, Ohio, passed away on October 18, 1965, at the age of 75. She was a member of the First Brethren Church since 1947. Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned, her pastor, on October 21 with interment in the Fairview Cemetery.

Rev. Herbert Johnson

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DETWILER. Mrs. Joella A. Detwiler, a member of the First Brethren Church, Goshen, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Friday, October 8, 1965. Funeral services were conducted at the church by her pastor, the undersigned, and interment was in Violett Cemetery.

Rev. Richard E. Allison

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STUMP. Herman W. Stump, age 91, passed away on Sunday, October 24, 1965. He was a longtime member of the First Brethren Church, Falls City, Nebraska. His funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robert Holsinger on Tuesday, October 26.

Mrs. F. P. Schroedl

Weddings

DELCAMP-WEDDINGTON. Miss Nancy Anne Delcamp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Delcamp, became the bride of William Paul Weddington, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Weddington of New Carlisle, Ohio, on Saturday, October 30, at the First Brethren Church, Pleasant Hill, Ohio. The ceremony was read by the undersigned, the bride's pastor.

Rev. Cecil Bolton

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EBEL-DODDS. Miss Carol Ebel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ebel, and Mr. Ronald Dodds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dodds, were united in marriage on Sunday, October 17, 1965, at the First Brethren Church in Falls City, Nebraska. Rev. Robert G. Holsinger officiated.

Mrs. F. P. Schroedl

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Readings from the Old Testament

Memory Scripture — Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

November 21-27

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 1

Gary Refuses

Gary was sweeping the snow from the front walk.

"Hi," said Paul.

"Hi," answered Gary. "I missed you in Sunday school his morning."

"Aw, I didn't feel like going," replied Paul. "I want o talk with you about that arithmetic test tomorrow. t's going to be a hard one."

"Oh, I don't think so," Gary said. "Miss Everett told is it would be over the things we've studied the last wo weeks. That shouldn't be too bad."

"I don't know them," said Paul. "Since you sit in ront of me I'll give you a quarter if you'll sit so I can ee your paper."

"That's cheating!" exclaimed Gary. "Of course I von't."

"Will you for fifty cents?" asked Paul.

"No," answered Gary. "Not even for fifty dollars."

Then he turned to go into the house. "Blessed is the nan that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, ıor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the eat of the scornful," he thought as he went up the steps.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the Bible verses I've learned. Help me to remember them and to obey them. Help me o want to learn more of Your Word. In the name of esus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 8:3-9

Betsy Wonders

"Jesus loves me, this I know," sang Betsy. Suddenly he stopped singing. "Daddy, does Jesus really love me?"

"Yes," smiled Daddy. "Why do you ask?"

"See pretty sun," said Betsy pointing out the window. See big trees. I'm not like them."

"No," agreed Daddy, "you aren't. But you are a sweet ittle girl whom Jesus loves. The Bible tells us God made verything else in the world for us to see and enjoy. The sun and trees are for you because He loves you."

"I'm glad," laughed Betsy. "Jesus loves me, this I now," she sang loudly.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for loving me. Thank You for the vonderful world You have given me to live in. In the ame of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 9:1, 2

When to Give Thanks

"Thanksgiving Day is coming," sang Linda as she came into the house.

"Right you are," smiled Mom as she looked up from the pie dough she was mixing.

"May I roll out the pie crusts?" asked Linda.

"Yes," answered Mom. "Then I can start supper."

"I'm glad we have Thanksgiving Day," said Linda as she worked.

"It is a happy time," agreed Mom, "but everyday should be a day of thanksgiving."

"I know," nodded Linda. "We should not tell God thank You for all the things He has given us just one day a year. We should praise Him everyday. What shall I do with the pie crusts?"

"Cover them with waxed paper, please," said Mom. "Then set them in the refrigerator. I'll fill them in the morning."

Prayer:

I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart. I will show forth all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice. I will sing praises in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 18:1-3

Praise Him

"Tomorrow Thanksgiving?" asked Betsy.

"Yes," answered Mommy as she put the pumpkin pies in the oven. "Tomorrow is Thanksgiving and we will go to Grandpa's."

"Eat turkey," said Betsy. "Eat turkey leg."

"Yes," laughed Mommy. "Grandma will have a turkey leg for you. There will be lots of other good things to eat, too."

"Yum-yum," said Betsy. "I like Thanksgiving Day."

"Thanksgiving isn't just a time to eat good food," said Mommy. "It's a time to remember God and all the good things He has given us. It's a time to praise Him."

"Praise Him! Praise Him! All ye little children," sang Betsy.

Prayer:

Dear God, as we plan for Thanksgiving help me to remember it is not just a day for good food and a good time. Help me to remember it is a time to praise You Who is worthy of all praise. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 67

Thanksgiving Day

"We're here!" shouted Gary as he ran into the farm house.

"Well, well," said Grandpa, "we're glad you're here."

"Yes, indeed," smiled Grandma as she hurried in from the kitchen to see the family.

"I beat you here," laughed Uncle Ted.

"We had to help Mom put the pumpkin pies and cranberry salad in the car," explained Linda.

"You men take the children to the barn to see the animals," suggested Grandma. "Alice and I will finish dinner."

Later as they all sat down to dinner, Gary said, "I wish Aunt Doris and Uncle Jim were here."

"Yes," agreed Grandma. "It would be good to have them at the table with us. But I'm glad they are in Nigeria. That's where God wants them to be."

"Before we eat," said Grandpa, "let's each tell God thank You for some of the things He has given us."

And so the family bowed their heads to give thanks to God.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for loving people and happy times. Thank You for my home and school and church. Thank You for my food and clothes and all good things. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 19:7-14

Words

"John Blake is a cheat," declared Gary as he came in from play.

"Why, Gary," said Mom, "what an unkind thing to say!"

"He kept score for our game," explained Gary. "He added wrong and his side won. He wouldn't admit the score was wrong."

"Cheat! Cheat! Cheat!" sang Betsy. She thought the new word was fun to say.

Gary looked at her in surpries. "Oh, Betsy, that's not a nice thing to call anyone."

"You say it," replied Betsy. "Cheat! Cheat! Cheat!"

"You see why it's important to be careful of what you say?" asked Mom. "Not only it is unkind to the one you are talking about, but others listening to you, begin to talk that way, too."

"I'm sorry, Mom," said Gary. "I'll try to be more careful about the things I think and the words I say."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight. Amen.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 23

Loving Care

"Come, Queenie," called Gary. "Here's your supper."

The little dog came running. She eagerly ate the food from the dish Gary placed on the floor.

"Meow!" begged Mittens.

"Yes," laughed Linda, "your supper is ready, too."

She placed the kitten's dish on the floor near Queenie's.

"Here's fresh water for both of you," said Gary.

"You take good care of your pets," said Mom. "That's one reason they like you so well."

"One reason we love God," added Dad, "is because He takes good care of us."

"That's what David meant when he sang, 'The Lord is my Shepherd,' " said Linda.

"Yes," replied Dad. "He took care of sheep and knew how important it is to provide the things they need. He knew God supplied his needs and thought of God as a good Shepherd."

Prayer:

Dear God, I'm glad You love me and care for me. I'm glad I can trust You to supply all my needs. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

DARKNESS THAT COMES FROM GOD

When darkness falls upon us, and our feet
Are groping for the path,
We are so prone to think God must have turned
His face away in wrath.

Or has forgotten us, for darkness seems
A dire and dreadful thing—
Belov'd there is a darkness come from God,
The shadow of His wing.

He uses darkness as a robe to cloke
His power and majesty,
His moving finger. How could God allow
The eye of man to see

Him work out His eternal purposes
With great and certain hand?
His Spirit moved when darkness was upon
The formless deep and land;

And "while it was yet dark," on Easter morn,
The Son of God arose.
Oh, child of God, fret not when darkness falls;
Your Heavenly Father knows.

His glory shines undimmed behind the veil.
Wait while He works. Some day
In His good time our God will shed His light
Again upon your way!

—Martha Snell Nicholson

JOB was not a man of sinless perfection but of mora integrity (Job 1:1). For Job made confessions of si (40:4; 42:6). Although Job kept well his tongue befor men (Jas. 3:2), yet he had to lay his hand upon hi mouth before God (Job 42:3). When great suffering an



deprivation became Job's lot he could not see any justification for it, and furthermore, God was silent to his plea to bring his case to examination (19:7). Suffering may be the lot of God's people who in the main are "living right" (II Cor. 11:23-33). Job's sufferings God meant unto good as in the case of Joseph and his brothers (Gen. 50:20). God was to be glorified, not only in a Job who would keep faith through such severe trials, but in a Job who would be humbled, mellowed, and matured by these trials (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-6). Even today the principalities and powers in heavenly places are learning the manifold wisdom of God through His dealings with us who comprise the church (Eph. 3:10).

Job came to feel that God was acting as an adversary (19:8). In verses 8 to 10 Job lists six things that he feels that God is doing against him. He used more than 40 personal pronouns in pitying himself before his friends (19:7-22). Then he had a rebound of faith (vv. 21-29). The enemy may oppress, but God will rescue His tried one (Mic. 7:8). As Job held fast to God's faithfulness so must we also no matter what befalls (Job 13:15).

Job in his distress sought that he might find God (23:3). He would plead his case, and believed God would answer (vv. 4, 5). God's appraisal of Job (1:8) is not that of a self-righteous man. Job did not claim a righteousness acceptable to God (9:13, 14, 20, 21), but maintained his integrity and sincerity. He is not an example of self-righteousness, but of patience in affliction (Jas. 5:11; Job 23:10).

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

REDISCOVERING A LOST ART

"A continuing visitation program carried on by the Sunday school to enlist new pupils, follow-up visitors, and encourage absentees to return.

"Promote a definite system of visitation to secure new members and prospects" (**Standard of Excellence** goal I, 2, b.).

One of the "Seven Laws of Sunday School Growth" states that "enrollment and attendance increase in proportion to visitation." It is this law of growth which is in mind in the above stated goal of the **Standard of Excellence for Brethren Sunday Schools.** The importance of this goal is indicated, then, by the fact that it **is** based on one of only seven laws of Sunday school growth. In spite of this goal's importance, however, a tallying of this year's **Standard of Excellence** reports shows that of the 59 Sunday schools reporting, only 20 (considerably less than half) indicated that they did not have "a definite system of visitation to secure new members and prospects." Another 10 schools indicated that they had partly met the goal.

George A. Buttrick, a noted churchman, has said, "There is no substitute for consecrated shoe leather." And yet, in many Sunday schools calling has almost become a lost art. Many a dead or dying Sunday school could be revitalized, however, if only this "lost art" would be rediscovered. The goal before us provides for such a rediscovery.

This goal indicates that there should be a "definite system of visitation." This means that "there will be a card file with a card for every person who is a prospect, and every call on him will be recorded on his card."* (Suitable Prospect Cards are available from the **Brethern Publishing Company**.) Names of Sunday school prospects can be secured from various sources. Local visitors to the Sunday school provide one of the most obvious of these sources. Names of unchurched relatives and friends of present members provided a second source *particularly parents and older brothers and sisters of children in the Sunday school). New families moving into the community present prospects as well—so train your people to keep an eye out for the moving van or the "U-Haul." And one of the most valuable sources of prospects is the community religious census. Such a survey was recently conducted in Ashland, and the present writer was amazed at the number of unchurched people he discovered in the 30-plus homes that he surveyed. Among these was an unchurched family of seven—five children ranging from 15 years to 2 months old. Similar results would be found in most areas.

Once the Sunday school has a list of prospects, the next step is the system of visitation. "This type of visitation is not the responsibility of the pastor or the Sunday school teachers alone, but it should be done by others who do not have to spend time preparing during the week to 'produce' on Sunday."* "Growing Sunday schools with reputations for attracting new pupils estimate that they have 10% of their members active in their visitation program."*

Numerous tools are available as aids to those who do not feel that they know how to visit. There are numerous "how to do it" books and pamphlets available. In addition, the Sunday school office now has a set of two filmstrips on the subject of visitation. One of these gives detailed, step-by-step, instructions for conducting an evangelistic visit. And finally, most pastors would be willing to teach a class in the techniques of visitation.

The importance of visitation in the growth of a Sunday school has been amply demonstrated. It is up to us to rediscover this lost art of visiting.

*Quotations so indicated are from **Interpretation of the Standard of Excellence for Brethren Sunday Schools** by Rev. Jerry Flora, page 6.

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TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

The Brethren Layman

Searching the Psalms

PSALM 84

Worship by the Heartful

by HARLAN E. HOLLEWELL

TALK ABOUT ONE'S CHURCH is still a popular topic of conversation. The Psalmist chose to discuss with God his impressions of church. By the tone of the conversation it is evident that a worshipper whose heart is in tune with the Father holds the house of worship in high regard. It would seem that this kind of a testimonial would be a real encouragement for the pastor as well as an irresistible invitation to anyone desiring to worship.

If you have not read this brief chapter recently, take time to do it now. It will help you, regardless of your stage of Christian maturity.

The occasional questioning of God's wisdom in using David's life as a Biblical example can be satisfied completely when we use references such as the eighty-fourth psalm. This chapter is typical of so many scriptural passages which offer spiritual inspiration to various differing individual needs. May you find the particular blessing it has for you as you read it again.

The spotlight of attention is focused on the Psalmists insatiable desire for personal communion with God as he remembers it within the tabernacle. This was his church. Let us look at it for a moment. From Scripture we can determine it was an old obsolete prefabricated skin covered worship house. We can imagine it to have been poorly ventilated, unsound accoustically, difficult to heat, odorous, and after 400 or 500 years of portable usage, in need of repair. Hardly the place wherein a nobleman could maintain his dignity much less show to his royal friends, and yet, this was the sanctuary for which the worshipping soul of the Psalmist longed and fainted. How revealing this is of the pure undistracted motive of worship that the Psalmist had. Admittedly, the Lord God was the source of his strength and it was to worship God that he went to the tabernacle. Neither inconveniences nor personal pride mattered as long as the Lord was there. For then, the refreshing well is visible even through the tears of the valley. The times of trial or trouble here are really very precious if they bring us to a state of spiritual thirst so that today's "things" can no longer dominate, and instead our pools begin to fill with eternal things (II Cor. 4:17, 18). Each day then is a thousand times better than before.

Man away from God is completely unqualified to evaluate what is best. The apparent security of the tents becomes obviously deceitful when viewed by eyes that can see. Oh, what a blessed joy fills the heart of those acquainted ones whose faith is strong enough to also give the yearning desire.

Yes, the tabernacle has changed, but the need for a dependable doorkeeper is no less important (I Cor. 3: 16, 17). Great treasure is at stake. Genuine grace and glory cannot be replaced (verse 11).

May our tabernacle conversation be an honor to God and an encouragement to any in the valley.

Recently an acquaintance remarked that all troubles in the world today could be solved if people could only learn to communicate. By worldly standards man's communication system has never been better, but if referring to the standard set in the eighty-fourth psalm between the writer and God, my friend could be right!

Father in heaven, we thank You for this example of a heart filled with the spirit of worship. Amen.

1965 - 66 Theme — II Timothy 4:8

"LOVING HIS APPEARING"

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by JOHN W. PORTE

Fellow Laymen:

The year 1965-1966 should be well under way in your congregation. The congregational elections and assignments will have been made in a great majority of our churches. I sincerely hope and pray that many of you have accepted the call and are a part of those enlisted for this year in the work of the Lord. We are greatly concerned with this phase of the work of The National Laymen's Organization; our men becoming totally committed. The man of 1965 has been described as lonely, anxious, fearful, fragmented, and totally uncertain of himself. This is from an outside observation. Inside, and this seems to fit better, he is seeking fulfillment and spiritual satisfaction without involving himself, identification with his congregation without any commitment, he wants meaning, but no purpose that will require of him. We pray that each day will find fewer of our men listed in any of these categories.

Your President has long wanted a goal within our group that will commit and involve our men with the youth of the church. I have been involved with camp work in three of our districts. Like many of you, I am amazed at the wealth that is ours. I have met several hundred of the nicest young Christians you will find anywhere. Their adult advisors and teachers are some of the greatest evangelists and missionaries you will ever meet. Theirs is a mission and they are evangelists.

In most camps, every night is a night of decision. Generally speaking, the last evening service of camp is the night of decision. Each week of each camp sees young people accepting Christ for the first time or making some new decision for Him. Whatever their intention might have been, it was made in a sincere desire to place themselves in the will of their Creator. Three hundred young Christians are listed with the National Brethren Youth office as Life Work Recruits. This list does not include the hundreds of others that have made some decision for Christ in our camps. But, with a song and a prayer in their hearts, these young Christians return to their homes with the decision locked deep and forever within their hearts—they'll never forget that night. Weeks later, the official lists will be mailed every pastor and occasionally some additional recognition given.

Now, of what concern is this of the local, district, or National Laymen's Organization?

Every man should know the name and family of every young Christian making a decision for Christ;

Every man should have a fraternal and paternal concern and personal interest in every Life Recruit;

Every man is obligated to live his personal and spiritual life in such a way that he is not a stumbling block to any of these young Christians;

The need within the Christian church, and The Brethren Church, is great. We have the young people and they must be encouraged in the faith.

The National Laymen's Organization has assumed a long-range project which creates natural concern for the Seminary, the entire ministerial recruitment and training program. We need more young men and young women that will become involved in this program that the borders of the Kingdom might be extended.

Who are the laymen? We have used repeatedly, "every man" for a reason. Recently we sent a questionnaire to the churches asking for "The President of the Laymen, or, a responsible layman." Several answered "we have no laymen." Any male member of the congregation, associate member, or friend and attendant is a layman of the church.

My dictionary says "one without knowledge"—I'm going to buy a new dictionary. Whether you or yours belongs to an organized group or not matters little. The obligation is still yours. Unless you and I assume the obligation of nurturing our young people in the faith, we will not preserve them for even lay activities, much less ministerial training.

I feel that every official board and every organized group should have regular reports concerning the youth activities of the church. A Boys' Brotherhood, and preferably a Boys' Brotherhood program should be a must and any two boys will constitute a group. They must know that we are honestly concerned.

Sometime ago, one of our pastors did not wait for any word or list from any organization. After a conference with several of his young men and their parents, he requested that his congregation set these young people aside as candidates, for full-time Christian service or for whatever the Lord might call them. We have letters from young Christians, dated within the past months since the General Conference, asking that something be done in this matter. These young people are saying that they receive absolutely no encouragement or council from their pastors, elder Christians or parents.

We should look well into this situation and take definite action, and we dare not wait until next Conference for creation of some legislation. The retreats conducted in Indiana and Ohio during the past few weeks have been an indication of a change. Many of our younger Christians were included in the programs and plans have been laid in the Indiana District for a continuation. We trust that this is only the beginning.

Missionary candidates and ministerial recruits are within our grasp. I cannot help but know that our Lord has placed them with us to be used of Him. Just how you and I will respond to this challenge remains to be seen.

We are without excuse when we have but one or two young men starting an academic year in training for full-time Christian service.

Brethren Youth Crusaders

SAMPLE QUIZ

The 1965-66 B.Y. Bible Quiz is now under way over the book of Genesis. We encourage each church and each district to take up this challenge of systematic Bible study and participate in the Bible Quiz.

Some sample questions over chapters 6-10 of Genesis are offered here:

Chapter 6

1. How large were men before the flood? 6:4
2. Who found grace in the eyes of the Lord? 6:8
3. What were the dimensions of the ark? 6:15
4. How many stories high was the ark? 6:16
5. What was Noah to put in the ark besides his family? 6:19-21

Chapter 7

1. How many of each clean beast was Noah told to take into the ark? 7:2
2. How many of each fowl did Noah take in the ark? 7:2
3. How high did the waters go in the Flood? 7:20
4. What happened to all life on earth during the Food? 7:22
5. How long did the waters prevail upon the earth? 7:24

Chapter 8

1. What did God send over the flooded earth to dry up the waters? 8:1
2. What kind of bird did Noah first release from the ark? 8:7
3. What meaning did the olive leaf in the dove's mouth have for Noah? 8:11
4. When Noah left the ark, what did he do first? 8:20
5. What did God promise concerning every living thing after the Flood? 8:21

Chapter 9

1. What did God forbid Noah and his sons to eat? 9:4
2. What was God's token of the covenant He made with Noah? 9:13
3. Who is the father of Canaan? 9:18
4. Why did Noah curse Ham? 9:22, 24
5. How old was Noah when he died? 9:29

Chapter 10

1. What was Nimrod's occupation? 10:9
2. Who began the kingdom of Babel? 10:9, 10
3. Who built Nineveh? 10:9, 11

MEYERSDALE JUNIORS

In September the officers of the Main Street Brethren Jr. BYC were elected. They are:

President—Robert Hoffman
Vice President—Susan Shuck
Secretary—Thomas Hoffman
Treasurer—Ginger Folk

The advisors for the group are Miss Sydney Lenhart and Mrs. Robert Hoffman.

The leader each week makes a poster announcing his program. He shows the poster to the Juniors in Sunday School. Then during the closing part of Sunday School the leader presents the poster again to remind the parents that the group meets on Monday after school.

—Thomas Hoffman

New TEN DOLLAR CLUB call is for the MANSFIELD, OHIO, CHURCH'S RELOCATION

Send your contribution NOW!

THANKSGIVING MEDITATION . . .

O Lord of Heaven and earth and sea,
To Thee all praise and glory be;
How shall we show our love to Thee,
Who givest all?

Take time now to consider how you might show your love to our Lord who gave His all by . . .

. . . wanting to be with Him—in His Word and in prayer

. . . loving others—caring for their spiritual and physical needs

. . . serving Him—at home, at work, at church

. . . giving Him a rightful portion—time, possessions, ability

. . . returning to Him your life—in full time service

. . . what other ways?

The golden sunshine, vernal air,
Sweet flowers and fruit, Thy love declare;
Where harvests ripen, Thou art there
Who givest all.

We should thank Him for giving us abundantly of the harvest of the land. It is always harvest time somewhere in the world so we should be continually thanking God.

But there is a greater harvest—that of souls. Jesus said

. . . the field was the world

. . . the seed was the Word

. . . the sower is the one who spreads the Word

God has given all—His Son and even the Word which He has entrusted to us to sow in the world. Let us give thanks!

For peaceful homes and healthful days,
For all the blessings earth displays,
We owe Thee thankfulness and praise
Who givest all.

Do we often thank God for our homes when so many in the world are homeless?

Do we thank God for the measure of health that is ours?

Do we thank God for earth's blessings before us continually?

OR

Do we always want a better home?

Do we complain over minor aches and pains?

Do we see the earth as only evil continually?

Let us give thanks!

O Thou from whom we all derive
Our life, our gifts, our power to give,
O may we ever with Thee live,
Who givest all.

Do we recognize God as the One who gives all? He gives us life, even life eternal if we accept it; He gives us gifts above all we need; He gives us power to give our lives, our love, our possessions, our time, our talents to Him and to others.

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

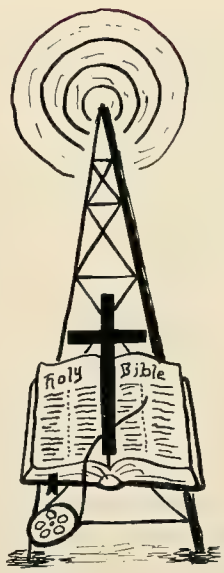
O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever."

Psalm 136:1-3

—Poetic words for this meditation taken from the hymn, "O Lord of Heaven, and Earth and Sea" and were written by Christopher Wordsworth.

"On the Air in Argentina"



1965-66

National B. Y. Project
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HOW MUCH WILL YOU GIVE?



from the Woman's Outlook

Special Study
Brethren Home Missions
in Review

HOW DO HOME MISSION CHURCHES GET THEIR START?

Part II

IN OUR DISCUSSION LAST MONTH five categories were enumerated which describe the method for beginning new home mission churches. This month we want to further explore this subject.

In the growth and development of the Brethren Church in the past few years, we have witnessed the establishment of new congregations in the Mid-West, Indiana, Southeastern, Ohio, Pennsylvania districts and in Arizona and Florida.

Perhaps you will recall that the first method the Holy Spirit uses in establishing new churches (as we listed them last month) was through a single individual or family. A fine example of this method is the Fairless Hills-Levittown, Pennsylvania, church which was begun by one Brethren man who wished to see a Brethren church in his city. By advertising in the newspaper, he attracted other people of similar beliefs, and thus a flourishing congregation was established. This fine church has an active membership of well over 100. They worship in a lovely sanctuary and are in the process of building an educational unit. The Holy Spirit can work mightily in the life of a single individual interested in church outreach.

The churches located in Papago Park and Tucson, Arizona, and in Sarasota, Florida, are notable examples of ones which sprung from a group of Brethren people who had been worshipping in churches of other denominations but wished for a church of their own beliefs and practices. Since there were no district organizations to assist in the establishment of the church, the National Missionary Board assumed the responsibility. Many people have been won to the Lord through the vision of these dedicated Christians.

Several large, well established churches have seen the need for beginning new churches in another section of the cities in which they are located. We are aware that the Garber Brethren Church in Ashland began as a mission church sponsored by the Park Street church. It is now a self-supporting congregation ministering to the people of the Sherman Avenue area. A more recent example of this method is the new Winding Waters church in Elkhart, Indiana.

Districts have played an important role in the establishment of new churches. Several district mission boards have chosen areas where Brethren people are located and using these people as a nucleus have organized a home mission church. We could cite several examples including the Derby (Mid-West district), Wabash (Indiana), and Massillon (Ohio) churches. One district has seen the possibility of starting a Brethren church in an area where no Brethren families are located. The Chandon church at Herndon, Virginia, is the example of this new type of missionary program. The Southeastern district saw a vision and fine progress has been made in this area. Soon a Brethren Church building will provide a worship place for the people in this vast and rapidly growing city.

Another area of home mission work is the re-location of established congregations. The Brethren Church at Stockton, California, has already made that move and the Mansfield, Ohio, congregation is moving to a new location on the outskirts of the city. These churches will not only care for their present congregations but will also reach into new communities with their witness.

It is impossible to list all of the home mission churches of the present and recent past as space does not permit. These few examples will show how the Lord has used individuals, groups of people, district organizations and the National Missionary Board to establish home mission churches. Next month we will conclude this phase of our study by answering the questions: What is the role of the Missionary Board concerning home missions? and What can we do to help?

Bible Study for December

THE PRODIGAL AND HIS BROTHER

THE FIFTEENTH CHAPTER of Luke's gospel contains three parables of our Lord. One of these, that of the lost son usually referred to as the parable of the prodigal, has made a greater impression on human consciousness than any parable Jesus ever uttered. This might be called the pearl and crown of all the parables of Scripture. If we were to take a poll of all Christians concerning their favorite parable, this one would undoubtedly receive a majority of votes, with the Good Samaritan running a close second.

This precious and matchless parable seems naturally to belong to Luke. Erdman says, "Its literary charm, its tender beauty, its deep human interest, its breadth of sympathy, its perfect picture of the grace and love of God, all are in peculiar accord with the purpose and genius of this Gospel."

The parable is linked with two others, the lost sheep and the lost coin, the teachings of which it includes and completes. It would not be wise in considering the parable of the prodigal and his brother to overlook these two briefer stories, therefore, we will include them in this study.

Background

The three parables of the "Lost Things" were spoken towards the close of a memorable Sabbath day. In the previous chapter Luke records the parable of the great supper which Jesus uttered as He sat at the table of one of the chief Pharisees. As usual, the Pharisees and lawyers watched Him closely to see just what He would do, and we find Jesus told this parable following the healing of a man with dropsy. This miracle attracted a great multitude of followers and Jesus taught them the severity of being His disciples. He closed this teaching with the words, **He that hath ears to hear, let him hear** (Luke 14:35b).

Going straight on with the narrative Luke says, **Now drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him** (15:1). This was an outstanding feature of Christ's ministry, that those hated and sinful people were the ones most willing to hear Him and to follow His teachings. The publicans were accounted as traitors to the Jewish people who for the sake of filthy lucre had sided with the Romans and collected tribute for a heathen treasury. By the word "sinners" is meant all those who were notorious transgressors until awakened by the Lord to repentance. Jesus said He "came to seek and to save that which was lost" and He never failed to receive these publicans and sinners graciously. At this, the Scribes and Pharisees—as always—took offence. Luke tells us they murmured saying, **This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them** (Luke 15:2). Their murmurings were the occasion of the three parables which follow.

The Parables

The first two parables set forth mainly the **seeking** love of God, while the third describes to us the rise and growth of repentance responsive to that love.

In the first parable Jesus described a shepherd who had one hundred sheep, one of which, no reason being given, had wandered away and was lost. He declared that the true shepherd, if he had lost one sheep, would leave the ninety and nine and go into the wilderness and find it. Jesus employed the figure of a shepherd many times before, even referring to Himself as being the true shepherd. This was a parable they all understood.

The second was as easily recognized because Jesus spoke of a woman who had ten coins and lost one of them. Some authors feel that Jesus was referring to a "semedi" which was a frontlet made up of coins which was worn by some women upon their brow. Some say it was a frontlet that revealed betrothal while others say it revealed marriage. Whether it was of little monetary value or not, it was of priceless value to the woman who wore it. This is evidenced by the fact that she sought it diligently, lighting a candle and sweeping her house until she found it. Then she called in her neighbors to rejoice with her.

The third picture Jesus painted is familiar and beautiful, that of a father who lost his son. This young man was upright and loyal by all outward appearances, but his heart yearned for the things of the world. He went to his father, therefore, and asked that he be given the portion of his inheritance which would eventually be his. And the father, perhaps against his better judgment, gave the young man his share of the inheritance. It would profit the son little to remain at home so he took his money and went into another land where he soon spent it in riotous living. The young son had thought he would be free from authority, but he soon found himself in a position of great need and he joined himself to a citizen of that country hoping to regain his broken fortunes by his help. Instead, the new master dismissed him from his sight and sent him to the vilest employment, to feed swine. The young man was so much in need that he ate the husks which the swine ate because no man gave him anything more satisfying.

In this squalid setting, the young man began to dream of that wonderful place called home. He remembered that his father cared for even the lowliest of the servants. They were never hungry or in want. The Bible tells us that "he came to himself," resolved to return to his father, confess his sins and beg to be taken back as a servant. Having reached this decision he hastened to his home.

The next picture is a beautiful reminder of the forgiving love of our Heavenly Father. We are told that while the young man was still some distance from his home,

his father saw him coming and hastened out to meet him. We can imagine the father must have scanned the horizon many times each day as he waited and prayed for his son's return. The first sight of the prodigal filled his heart with compassion and he "ran and fell on his neck and kissed him." The prodigal confessed his sins, but his father scarcely heard him for he commanded the servants to bring the best robe, a ring and sandals for his returned son. He also commanded that the fatted calf be killed and a feast be prepared.

There is also another young man in the picture, the elder son. When he learned that his brother had been welcomed to the home he was filled with anger. He refused to enter the house and when his father came out to entreat him, he accused his father of partiality and unkindness. The father reminded him that he will someday receive all that the father now possesses, that all the blessings will be his. But there is also a gentle rebuke that the elder son has never fully appreciated the privileges he has always enjoyed.

Possibly the most artistic touch in the parable is its abrupt close. We do not know whether the elder son yielded to the entreaty of his father or not. Although this was directed to the Pharisees, it has a message for us.

Application

There are several lessons which we can draw from the pictures Jesus painted on that occasion.

As we consider the parable of the Lost Sheep we recognize that the Lord was referring specifically to the Jewish people. Jesus was the shepherd of that people having "come to seek and to save that which was lost," and He sought His own until it was found. Having found his sheep, the shepherd does not punish it nor does he harshly drive it back to the fold, but lays it upon his shoulders and carefully carries it home.

This parable indicates that sin is due in part to **ignorance** and **folly.** We are like sheep, wandering about in all directions until the Good Shepherd finds us and carries us gently home. Jesus says there is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance. This statement may seem strange to us but consider for a moment—we feel more joy upon the recovery of a sick friend, than when he walked sound and strong. Is there joy in our hearts, as in heaven, when a wandering lost sinner is found?

The Lost Coin shows us that sin may be occasioned by **misfortune** or **accident**. The woman in the story probably lost the coin through carelessness. The coin certainly was not responsible for being lost. Mark this well, too. It was lost **at home**, but lost. There are multitudes in our churches and communities today who are lost at home through the carelessness of others. They are still somewhere about, but of no value and are making no contribution that is worth while to a great cause.

It is up to us to search for these lost souls, to light the candle which is the Word of God and literally "sweep the floor" of our churches and communities until they are found. Then we, too, will be able to call in our friends to rejoice with us.

Where as the parable of the Lost Sheep indicates that sin is sometimes the result of ignorance and the Lost Coin shows sin results by accident, the Prodigal Son teaches that sin is usually due to willful choice and a desire for self-indulgence. Just as the young man did not have to take his inheritance and squander it in riotous living, so we do not have to indulge our every whim. But too often, like the prodigal, the evils of the world look more inviting and exciting than the solid comforts of a good life. In other words, the grass always looks greener on the other side of the fence!

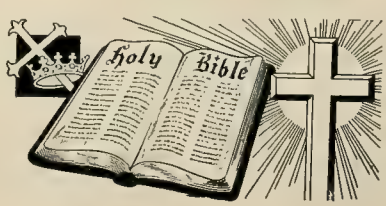
The results of self-indulgence are disillusionment, suffering, slavery, and despair. As a picture of the inevitable consequences of sin, no touch could be added to the scene of the prodigal in the far country when he had spent all. And so it is with all who sin willfully!

The Master painted a beautiful picture of repentance when He described the prodigal as "he came to himself." True repentance is not only sorrow for sin; it is an acknowledgement that the offence has been committed against a Holy God. This parable also is a description of the matchless love shown by God to every repentant soul. It is a picture not only of pardon but of complete restoration. It assures the sinner that as he turns to God he will be received into the closest fellowship of a son and heir and that his return will give joy to the heart of God who will regard him as one that "was dead, and is alive again," as one who "was lost, and is found."

The description of the elder son was unquestionably intended to describe the loveless Pharisees who envied the joy of the repentant publicans and sinners. It furthermore brings a message to all persons in every age to whom religion is merely a matter of unwilling obedience and of loveless faithfulness to the laws of God. It depicts souls out of fellowship with God, feeling no real joy in His service and sharing none of His gladness in the salvation of lost souls.

We Christians are, all too often, like the elder brother. We become self-righteous in our "goodness" and our Christianity brings us no satisfaction, no gladness, to our hearts. Worst of all, we criticize those who repent of their sins and turn to the Lord. I am reminded of a young minister and his wife who, when a person accepted Christ in their church, failed to rejoice but spent their time trying to determine if the person was sincere in his acceptance of the Lord. Their thought was never of the joy in heaven but whether the person was really "saved or not." Let us beware of the sins of the elder brother!

These three parables have given us much food for thought. When we realize that sin in another might be the results of our negligence, let us get busy, and armed with the Word of the Lord, let us win that one back to the Lord. As we realize, too, that many sinners wander about in the wilderness of life, we must point them to the way of the Good Shepherd who is seeking them and will care for their every need. Most of all, we need to realize that most of our sin is a result of willful self-indulgence. The Lord awaits our return to Him, our repentance, and He will restore us to His household as a daughter. As faithful daughters, let us pray for His appearing, and as we await it, may we be busy seeking the lost.



MEETING OUR OPPORTUNITY FOR CHURCH EXPANSION

Moderator's Address at Central District Conference

REV. ARTHUR H. TINKEL

MY BRETHREN, the Church of Jesus Christ is meeting with greater and more persistent opposition, day by day. There can be little doubt about this age being what is spoken of as the last days. Nevertheless, the Great Commission of Jesus Christ is just as poignant, just as insistent, today as ever.

It is true, times and methods of accomplishing ends have changed but human nature and man's fundamental needs remain the same.

There are a few points I feel led to stress in this Moderator's Address.

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The need of the Brethren Church:

Is the Brethren Church needed yet, today, as we believed it was a century, or fifty years ago? After sixty years of fair acquaintance with both, the Church of the Brethren and our own, The Brethren Church, this speaker believes that The Brethren Church is just as much needed today as ever.

With our modern day media of communication, for example, television, radio, newspapers and magazines, man is receiving information that was denied him in his entire lifetime a few decades ago.

This is a day when man is seeking to reach the object sought after in "no time flat." Hence, there is being experienced much misunderstanding and lack of appreciation in many avenues of life, especially in the spiritual.

Man thinks he hasn't time to prepare for Eternity. He is so busy with tangents that as a result the very essence of life is neglected. We need as never before to insist on and to teach and preach, "Ye must be born again (from above)." We need to make crystal clear the value and place of the "signposts" of Christianity, for example, triune immersion, laying on of hands and the threefold observance of Holy Communion. Let us remember that the washing of the saints' feet was instituted and taught by Jesus Christ, himself. Also, that the day by day Christian life as such is to be lived in the world by men who are **not of** the world and yet **are in** the world, but are a **definite part of the Kingdom of God.**

Your Moderator believes that the Brethren Church is a very important medium for these teachings of Jesus Christ.

Far too little emphasis is being placed on the utter need of Spirit-filled followers of Jesus Christ, not merely in word but in word and practice.

Brethren, today, are failing to practice the admonition to be a separate people. We still need the words of the Lord, "Thou shalt not," and "Thou shalt." Christian "conduct" seems to be forgotten by far too many professing Christians. How can the so-called sinner feel conviction when he fails to see a genuine difference between the professor and the non-professor?

Consequently, today, we find a tremendous increase in moral problems, loose, unwise and unChristian teachings are reaping their full results in this modern age not only among young people but, also, with the elders. Brethren, this should not be. "Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; . . . put on thy beautiful garments . . . Shake thyself from the dust; arise . . . loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive" (Isa. 51:9; 52:1, 2).

If the Brethren Church is to grow in the deeper sense of the term, these admonitions must be taken seriously.

II

How can the Brethren Church grow?

When a housewife receives a gadget that really is useful, she tells others, because she has found a useful help and desires to share it. If a business man, a farmer, or someone of another occupation has discovered some means by which a profit is received, he eagerly shares his experience with his neighbors and friends.

Just so, when an individual truly forsakes all known sin, accepts Jesus Christ as his Savior and his only hope, he finds peace and joy in his soul. He **cannot keep silent,** but begins to witness by word and deed.

The Brethren Church will grow more rapidly as more men, women and young people find the deeper longings of their souls in Jesus Christ. They cannot be satisfied then to remain quiet. **It is Spirit-filled "home missionaries" that make the church grow and are used of God to get other churches started.**

More home-mission congregations are needed. If we have **the message** and a **burning desire** to share it with others, we will found new works **all around us.**

Lots of energy is partly wasted when we attempt to start new churches too far away from our base churches. In some of our not too large cities we find several different congregations of the same denomination. Muncie with at least seven Nazarene Churches. How many in Waterloo? Decatur, etc. **Brethren, a burning fervent fire will spread all around its source.**

Again, if we are to grow as we should, **we must not compromise** with the teachings of the Word of God. We need not apologize for distinctive beliefs and practices. Many "isms" are growing rapidly. Enthusiasm, earnestness and zeal are "catching." The true church should have more than the "isms" have. Does the Brethren Church have more than they do?

III

There are dangers to be overcome or to avoid.

The modern-day church in many cases is highly organized. This may be good, but can lead to a **mere social**

organization lacking the spiritual vigor by which the early Apostolic Church grew.

The Word of God must be studied, taught and witnessed to. There is a vital need for Christians to meet together and exchange Christian experiences. The Word needs to be discussed together. Believers miss a golden opportunity when they fail to pray together. These practices constituted the basis for the beginning of the great Wesley Revival and the founding of the Methodist denomination.

One of the greatest truths Christians today need to learn, whether ministers or laymen, mothers or factory laborers, Sunday school teachers or youth workers is that **there will be no spiritual growth and no consistent Christian victory if there is no regular quiet time in one's personal life.** Quiet meditation during which one talks to God and God talks to man in an absolutely important principle of the Christian life.

Your Moderator believes we need to better understand other groups, organizations, and denominations. We should cooperate where and when feasible, but the trend of the modern day ecumenical movement has some great dangers. **There is a difference in our beliefs!** The saying, "It doesn't matter so much what we believe. We are all working for the same place" is only partly true. Will you answer the question, "What is the Brethren Church"? **(May we hasten to add** that the Brethren Church **will not and can not** save one single soul), but when she functions as a true channel for the Spirit of the Lord to work through, then we are presenting a truism of a high caliber.

Brethren, this Moderator feels like he needs to admonish himself. Let us face some more facts. You and I live in a world of turmoil. This is a day of drastic upheaval and unparalled change. Those nearly sixty years that have passed since this speaker was a beginner in a country one-room school on the same grounds where our College Corner Church sits in Indiana, have been years of a tremendous revolutionary nature in man's history. The technical advance in man's ingenuity has brought the most remote nations to our doorsteps when only a few years ago they seemed as far away as the moon. The speeding up of travel and communications has telescoped centuries into decades, years into months, and days into hours. People travel all over the earth in only a few hours and in great ease.

Dark Africa ceases to be dark. The sleeping giant of China is awake. The nations of the world have the power to quickly destroy most of the people of the earth. The Gospel of Jesus Christ must be presented to those nations by **men who** live as well as speak about Christ. It is either give the Gospel or perish. The time is imperative when the Church of Jesus Christ must expand.

The population of the United States of America has doubled in the last fifty years or thereabouts. Today, there are approximately 3.3 billion inhabitants on the earth and the rate of increase is fantastic. Four-fifths of the world's population are women and children. A majority of those living are children and youths.

There are **more people unevangelized today than ever before.** Putting all Protestant Christians together, we represent only 8% of the world's total population.

It is a sad fact that even the Brethren Church is failing to lead her own children to Christ. Today, more people hear of Marx, of Stalin, of Khrushchev, of Mao and of Castro than hear of Jesus Christ! There are four times as many people embracing the God denying materialistic religion of Communism, than there are Protestant Christians. There are seven Muslims for every Protestant Christian in Africa. In the years since World War II, more than one billion souls have passed into eternity and more than half of these went to the torment of hell fire without even hearing of Jesus Christ, who He was, or why He died on the cross of Calvary.

During three recent years, more than one billion dollars was spent each year for new church buildings while Protestant missionary giving has averaged only about 150 million a year. Some one says, "But we can't afford to do more." Why not? In the September 11 issue of **The Brethren Evangelist,** you will find the statement that in 1964, $11 billion was spent in America, alone, for alcoholic drinks and $8 billion for tobacco! A total of $19 billions in one year for that which destroys the body and in far too many cases the souls. But, Christians don't spend any of this. What? Would to God that that was true.

IV

Meeting these challenges:

In closing, this speaker wants to call to our minds what he thinks is the greatest problem facing the Brethren Church, today, concerning the opportunity for church expansion. May we ask a personal question? **"How many of us are leading unsaved souls to Christ in our own church communities?"** Until we awake and become filled with the Holy Spirit of wisdom, zeal, energy, and vision and then go out into the highways and byways, bringing in unsaved men, women, young people and boys and girls, we'll never succeed in building new churches. We may build a few buildings but what about churches—converted men and women? We must make people feel that they are wanted in our churches.

Also, when we do awake from our Spiritual lethargy and begin to bring the unsaved to Jesus Christ for salvation, then, all the powers of hell cannot keep us from founding new churches all about us in every community near us and then farther away.

This speaker, living and laboring in this district, believes it is unprofitable to list a long line of recommendations. But he does entreat you and himself to "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 6:10, 11).

Brethren, let us confess and forsake our deep sins of carelessness, unconcern, and lethargy and begin in earnestness to obey the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19, 20).

We should not try to go to North Dakota, California, New York, Africa, India and China, **until** we have obeyed the risen Lord when He in Acts 1:4, 8, told the apostles and disciples "not" to "depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father" and "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem (home church), and in all Judea (surrounding communities), and in Samaria (distant home locations), and unto the uttermost part of the earth (world missions)."

May no one get the idea that this Moderator is not for our so-called home and world mission work. Let us seek for the answer to the sad fact that not one new church has been founded in the Central District by the Brethren Church in many, many years if at all.

We cannot do this great task **but God can** through **repentant, yielded, consecrated, Spirit-filled** and **enlightened** men and women.

We wish to quote Rev. Alan Redpath, who either is or was pastor of the Moody Church in Chicago, from an article, entitled, **The Answer is at Home.** "Jerusalem came first, and when things are wrong in Jerusalem (home church), they are wrong everywhere. Merely to raise funds and personnel for missions in a desperate all-out effort to turn the tide could be **only to spread to the uttermost parts of the earth the spiritual disease which exists in Jerusalem** (home church). Is that not the trouble in so much of our modern missionary enterprise? The frustration, the casualties, the breakdowns, the tragedies on the field, are no more than the outcome of the projection of the standard of spiritual life at home to the mission field. **One man living in total obedience to the dictatorship of the Holy Spirit is worth one thousand streamlined, educated, slick, talented fundamentalists without power.** Is that not the principle upon which God spoke to Gideon and reduced his army from 32,000 to 300.

"There is a Jerusalem for every one of us today that **demands immediate action,** and I ask you to consider with me the parallel between the Jerusalem of Jeremiah's time and your Jerusalem, the home church composed of ordinary people like you and me, of which we are part. This message may lose me some friends," Alan Redpath continues to say, "but my chief concern is to be sure that I have the smile of God, and I believe that I will carry with me in the message those of you who share the deep burden that is upon my heart."

In no way should we despise the **fruitful efforts and results** of our Brethren Church Missionary program in its many phases. **We are on the move—now it is the burden of this Central District** to find the will of the Lord and press forward under His leadership. To that end let us take a careful "look" at our home field. Let us seek prayer warriors and make an agreement with them to pray unitedly concerning definite unsaved persons. Plan a visitation movement and continue it in fair weather and foul. Let us study our Bible and find out how to lead unsaved persons to Christ for salvation. **It is the "sheep," Brethren, that bring in the "lambs" to the fold, not the "shepherd."** Then after this plan is worked, we will not be compelled to look far away for a new location for another center for a new church organization. New Brethren Church groups will spring up all around us. Thank God, very definite efforts are being made and will soon yield good results.

To be sure, there are **other avenues** to be studied and considered, but as this Moderator meditates upon them, the above need of "Meeting Our Opportunities for Church Expansion," **far surpasses** them all.

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood Meditations - - -

"I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

Tell me, I pray,
What is the way,
To heaven's hallowed place,
Beyond the realms of space?
For I would go apace,
Where reigns eternal day.

Give ear, I pray,
Christ is the way
To heaven's light
Beyond the stars of night;
Trust in His pow'r and might
Make Him thy stay.

Christ said, "I am **THE** way," not a way. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the only way from earth to heaven. He said, "No man cometh to the Father, but by Me." He also said, "By me if any man enter in he shall be saved."

He who would try to climb up some other way, the same is "a thief and a robber."

We remember Jacob's ladder that spanned the way from earth to heaven. Upon that ladder the angels of God were "ascending and descending."

To Nathaniel, Jesus, referring to Jacob's dream, said: "Hereafter, ye shall see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." This Scripture settles one thing: Jesus is the ladder from earth to heaven.

Have you ever heard the story
Of the Lord who is the Way?
How He left His home in glory,
Have you ever heard the story?
How He came from ages hoary,
'Tis a blessed, wondrous story,
Of the Lord who is the Way.

Has an heavenly attraction
Pulled your heartstrings otherwhere?
Has an heavenly attraction
Set thy head and heart in action
With a wondrous satisfaction?
'Twas a marvelous attraction
To the home that's over there.

Neighbour, D.D.

MISSIONARY NEWS

. . . NEW LEADERSHIP IN A FLEDGLING NATION

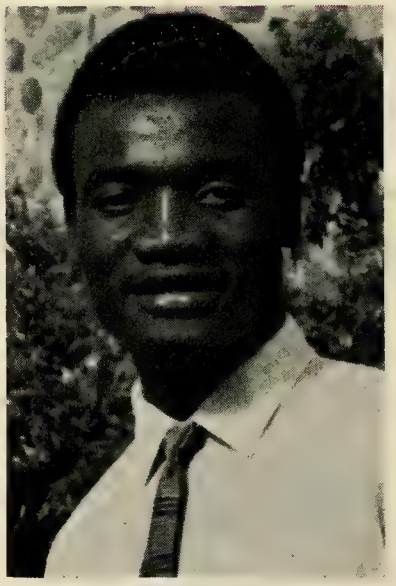
by ZIRA KWAHA

I CANNOT IMAGINE what my life would have been like if I had not been approached one day in 1953 when I was a small boy and persuaded to attend a Christian religious instruction class in my village. I was a son of pagan parents in the Higi tribe of the mountains of northeastern Nigeria. Our village of Michika lay across the river Yedseram, twelve miles from the Church of the Brethren mission at Lassa. I stayed with my parents but was permitted to attend religious classes taught by a converted Nigerian. Success on a school entrance exam made it possible for me to go to Lassa and attend the mission primary school. I spent five years there among the Margi people. Baptism in 1955 was for me a highlight of my life there. For me and my fellows, life seemed full of joys, unknown to our friends who remained at home. We learned of faraway places and things never dreamed of by our parents. We were taught not only book knowledge, but the knowledge of how to lead healthy lives.

I grew tall and strong and sought for glory on the sports field as well as in the classroom. In 1961 I passed an entrance exam for Waka Teacher Training College, and this seemed at the time the crowning achievement of my life.

And now in 1965 I am a member of the first class to graduate from Waka's new five-year training program for teachers. Soon I, too, shall be a teacher and go back to the society from which I was drawn to do my part in spreading the blessings revealed by literacy. Many have climbed the ladder before me and among them have emerged both outstanding political and religious leaders of our people.

The courses of study at Waka are designed to make us well-rounded citizens, for it is the intention of the mission that we teachers shall not only teach in the primary classrooms, but spread knowledge of farming methods, provide Christian leadership, and be of any service we can to our communities. Is it no wonder that the teaching profession is honored by our people?



Waka's top student, Zira Kwaha

Our rigorous school day at Waka would scandalize any American college student. At six o'clock sharp we are wrenched from sleep by the ringing of the church bell, and by six twenty we are in our uniforms and on our way to classes. From 6:30 a. m. to 5:40 p. m. we pursue our studies in English, history, geography, math, hygiene, general science, agriculture, and principles of teaching. When not actually in class we crowd in a few hours of studying usually in the classroom or library. From seven to nine in the evening, we are back in our classrooms for study for next day's classes.

Throughout each week there are times for athletics and clubs. Being a typical student I indulge in both these

extracurricular activities. On the sports team I throw the discus and am a highjump man. Debating is one of my favorite pastimes; so I am a member of the debate club, and since I enjoy English and literature I am also in the Journalism club and serve as editor of the "Waka Chimes," our school newspaper.

Religious life is scarcely neglected in the round of weekly activity. Each morning at nine o'clock the entire school attends chapel in the church where students and staff join in worship and prayer together. Upper classmen take turns with the staff in leading these services. On Sunday we attend morning and evening services and take full part in leadership. Although the student body is integrated with Waka village people in the church, students fill many roles in the structure of the congregation. Moreover, many of us do our own missionary bit by going to outlying villages early on Sunday to hold services among the neighboring pagans and Moslems.

All our activities then are designed to achieve an ultimate end—to provide leadership for communities and also the nation, bringing our young country up to the level of other civilized countries in the world. It is probably difficult for you to imagine the tremendous influence we students exercise in our home villages. Of course, there is deadwood among us, but when we go home during school vacations, the practices and character of most of us are instrumental in aiding in the creation of models of Christian communities.

We share with our people in church services, and we hope we inspire reverence for the Christian religion we have studied under our Bible teachers at Waka. Some of the more conscientious students even undertake to teach their parents how to read and write, as well as helping younger brothers and sisters. I am convinced that as the work at Waka prospers we can hope for eradication of illiteracy in the three provinces where the mission works, and thus open the door to a better life for our people.

But our influence is not limited to our communities only. The climax of our work and service is that which we will render to our whole nation. Using myself as an example, I shall be going out next year as a teacher in some Nigerian community, helping to teach young boys and girls the useful knowledge they need for advancing themselves in life. More important to me, I will serve as an instrument of Christ to spread the message of love and peace to His people. What but these are the greatest needs of our young nation at the present time? That Waka has much to provide for these needs is quite obvious, but whether her approach in educating young Nigerians is fully appreciated in Nigeria is quite another matter.

Try as they may, the American who founded and have perpetuated Waka cannot escape imparting their own perspective on life to their students. Inevitably, Waka students are influenced in both good and bad ways by their teachers. One recent problem created by this situation is illustrated by criticism from a high level aimed at Waka for encouraging disrespect. Of course, we have long since learned that our breezy American friends do not demand many outward gestures of respect. Informality rules most situations, especially among American missionaries. But here in Northern Nigeria, respect for authority and superiors has traditionally been a thing of great importance.

Thus, we Waka students are blamed for being strong-headed, undisciplined citizens who will not fit well into Nigerian society. And we students agreed that experience has shown that we Christian mission-educated Nigerians are not as readily accepted into the inner circles of the political and social life of our country as those who are trained in government colleges and institutes.

Needless to say, we students are happy to see our college employing more Nigerian teachers. It is only recently that qualified Nigerians have become available, and we are proud now to have Nigerian professors on the staff with credentials from the best Nigerian and British schools. Although we honor our American founders, we are not sad at seeing our school become "Nigerianized," for through this we can most satisfactorily blend together our Christian religion and training with our Nigerian heritage and environment.

But a serious question that troubles me as I see Waka becoming "Nigerianized" and as I go out to take up my profession as a teacher and leader is what I term the question of the "crumbling church." We all know that the day of the early successes of evangelism are ended. We are past the day when the pith-helmeted missionary gathered his little brood of believers together under the baobab tree.

The Christian group is no longer made up of a hard core of dedicated workers. As it has expanded, it has taken in more and more halfhearted Christians whose faith is not as that of the forerunners. Also, the children of the early Christians accept Christianity but without the zeal of their fathers who felt its first impact. Corruption, immorality, and a declining faith disturb me greatly. Is the Church of the Brethren mission a builder which is followed by some invisible devil who comes along to tear down the walls as they are erected? Why is this so, we younger Christians want to know?

At the base of this problem, we feel, is the fact that too many ill-qualified people are having to serve as church leaders while the church body as a whole is growing more sophisticated. Sincere leaders are not prepared to cope with the problems of their congregations. When they preach they can say nothing that their congregation does not already know. It is easy to see that people naturally begin to feel that maybe **this**



Zira is the hero of the children back home where his influence is felt

church is less than the Roman Catholic Church or Islam, where only the qualified few can preach. Our churches need the inspiration and leadership that only highly trained ministers and evangelists can provide.

Not only the illiterate farmer in the bush needs such leadership. Who can reasonably expect ambitious young students, when they go home to sit reverently, fresh from Waka's Bible classes, as the local deacons mount the pulpit and expound their meager stores of learning? The mission seems slow in keeping up with its own good work. On the one hand, it is busy turning out hundreds of educated youngsters from the primary schools, the secondary school, and the college, and, on the other hand, these potential Christians and community builders are finding themselves stranded in life without the religious leadership needed to guide them.

One cannot be overly critical and not mention the good work being done by Kulp Bible School, where lay leadership is trained, or the Theological College of Northern Nigeria, where a few leaders have gotten instruction. But still the dearth of leadership is crippling the advance of Christianity and weakening the already established community of believers.

So a tremendous challenge awaits each Waka-trained teacher as he goes out to serve his community and nation. We pray that God will help us to play our part in revitalizing and strengthening our church, and we also pray that God will walk with us so that we can help expand that service which the mission has resolved to render our fledgling nation—to fight illiteracy, to spread the gospel of Christianity, and to provide leadership so that Nigerian may take their place in the world of today.

MESSENGER—Church of the Brethren

SPIRITUAL COMMUNICATION

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

HOW LITTLE we understand one another and how little we understand God! The inquiring mind cries, **why?** Is it not the lack of communication and/or faulty communication?

Just what is communication? There is no better definition than biblical word usage in original tongues. Examine three Greek words as New Testament instruction. **"Laleo"** is a word of intimate speech—to babble, to chatter—a gossipy sort of word—a teller of secrets. **"Dialaleo"** is to talk through a matter—to digest it—to exhaust it. This is the communication of collusion—conspiracy. **And they** (Scribes and Pharisees) **were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus** (Luke 6:11). **"Homileo"** is a cozy word. It suggests intimate friendliness. It literally means close together, pals, comrades. The **two on the way to Emmaus, Communed with each other of all these things which had happened** (Luke 24:14, 15).

"Koinoneo" is the word that expresses the special communication envisioned in this article. It is to be a partaker, to share, to have in common. Paul admonished the Galatians to **Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things** (Gal. 6:6).

Bill Rogers once said, "I never met a man I didn't like." Rogers had great power of communication. He liked folks because he could communicate with them.

How much do we love God? Does it not depend upon our knowledge of communication with Him? What constitutes our prayers to God? Aren't they made up largely of "Gi' me, Gi' me"? That kind of prayer is not communication. It is petition only. The best kind of prayer is filled with gratitude—**"thank you's"**—to God for all His benefits. Likewise, the best part of prayer is just being quiet before Him to listen. The Psalmist expressed the truth, **I commune with my own heart: and my spirit made diligent search** (Psalm 77:6). Do we talk so much to God that we can't hear Him?

Spiritual communication is necessary between both others and God. It is fellowship in the Spirit. But what is Spiritual Communication? It is communication between spirit and spirit or communication between spirit and Spirit. **God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth** (John 4:24). Several Greek words are translated worship. This one **"proskuneo"** means to kiss the hand to. It is the familiarity of throwing a kiss. Is our communion with God so close that we kiss the hand to Him in adoration?

What is the language of communication? We speak with others by voice, expression, gesture, writing. These are the obvious, but we communicate also by emotions, and intuition. Mind goes out to mind to determine what we mean by what we say. This is extrapolation. A step further takes us into the field of extrasensory perception. Extrasensory communication between two individuals is largely undeveloped but all communication between man and God must be extrasensory. Prayer is an activity beyond the five senses. It is the ultimate of spiritual communication.



Progress Reports from Brethren Churches

CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND

DURING THE WEEK of September 12-17, we had a special Revival service with Rev. St. Clair Benshoff of Hagerstown, Maryland, as the evangelist. There were no conversions, however we had a wonderful time in the Lord.

For our Homecoming service we had Rev. Ralph Mills as our guest speaker. Also, Rev. Carl Phillips was present for a short message. Various choirs were present for the service and several vocal numbers were presented.

Miss JoAnne Beery

A Week of SPIRITUAL FEASTING at the PARK STREET BRETHREN CHURCH Ashland, Ohio

BEGINNING SUNDAY MORNING, October 10, and ending Sunday evening, October 17, the Park Street Brethren Church in Ashland savored as delectable a feast as one could order. Actually, this week was scheduled as a preaching mission, with Reverend Jerry Flora, of Washington, D. C., as the messenger each evening. It was this and much more!

The meetings were designated "Host and Guest services," with the expectation of numerous visitors to be brought by members. This plan was carried out, with a gratifying number of college students in attendance at each service.

Reverend Flora's messages—all taken from the book of Philippians, with background material from Acts and I Corinthians—were masterpieces of scholarship and spiritual insight, delivered with a simplicity and clarity. They proved to be strengthening and invigorating to those hearing them. The book of Philippians took on a new dimension.

Rather coincidentally, at the closing service of the week, when six were about to be baptized, a young college student from the speaker's own district reconsecrated his life to Christian service.

In addition to the studies described each evening, additional messages for the children, geared to their needs and understanding, were presented by Reverend Flora and Pastor Lersch on alternate evenings. These compact sermons, enthusiastically received, made an unmistakable impression on the eager, vibrant little dynamos.

Music for each service, with Joan Ronk or Jean Lersch at the organ, together with congregational singing, led by Brad Weidenhamer, Leo Jones, and Dorman Ronk provided worshipful atmosphere. The church choir, led by Leo Jones, and various solos and duets were added features throughout the week.

For thirty minutes prior to each night's service, the church parlor was prepared as a prayer room with a candlelit worship center, quiet music, and soft lighting. There early worshipers could devote a few moments to private prayer and meditation.

Following the program each evening, members and friends enjoyed a period of fellowship and refreshment in the church parlor, where coffee, tea, and cookies were served, with Nancy Pennepacker, Eleanor Porte, Gloria Albrecht, Lucille and Cathy Harding as hostesses. This social hour allowed members and friends to meet the pastor and Reverend Flora and to become better acquainted with one another.

Besides delivering daily messages at the church, Reverend Flora spoke at the Seminary chapel one day and at the College chapel another day. Numerous students and faculty members expressed appreciation for the excellent messages—their scholarly content and fine manner of delivery.

The impact of these services and studies will be felt by the people in Ashland for some time. It is truly gratifying to know that the Brethren Church has men of Jerry Flora's stature in its future.

Mrs. L. E. Lindower

DENVER, INDIANA

EVANGELISTIC meetings were held at the Brethren Church, Denver, Indiana, October 3-10. Rev. Donald Rowser from New Lebanon, Ohio, was the evangelist. He presented God's Word through his messages, chalk drawings and special stories for the children each evening.

There were eight first-time confessions and two uniting with the church by letter and several reconsecrations.

Homecoming Day was also observed Sunday the 10th with a carry-in dinner at noon and an afternoon program with Rev. Rowser as guest speaker.

Mrs. Marlin Roller

COLLEGE CORNER, INDIANA

ON SUNDAY, October 10, the College Corner Brethren Church celebrated their annual Homecoming. A very fine program was enjoyed in the afternoon with Rev. Arthur J. Tinkel of Peru, Indiana, as the guest speaker.

We enjoyed a revival service during the last two weeks of August. Rev. W. E. Thomas of Loree was the evangelist. Our minister at the time, Rev. Glenn Grumbling, led the song service with Mrs. Ruth Hullinger as the pianist and Mrs. Edith Trent as the organist.

There were several first-time confessions and many rededications. One of our deacons, Mr. Fred Snyder, gave himself as a lay pastor and is now preparing himself to serve in that field.

Following the meeting, nine were baptized and taken into the membership of the church. Two ladies received

baptism earlier in the summer and a mother and her daughter are awaiting baptism.

Rev. Grumbling, our minister for the past six years, left for Muncie on September 1. We miss him and his fine family very much.

At the present time, Rev. John Turley of Kokomo is serving the church as a part-time pastor. He is doing a fine work and our folks appreciate his help in our time of need.

All the organizations are working in a very fine manner. We have a good group of young people. The laymen and the W.M.S. meet each month.

Just now we are in the process of remodeling our parsonage. We have provided a nice double garage. The kitchen is being completely made over with all the built-in features so needed. The entire house is being newly redecorated and carpet is being laid in the living and dining area. We think it will be quite an improvement when completed.

Our church library is being added to as we find books and material suitable to our needs.

Our Fall Communion was conducted on October 31. We would appreciate your prayers in our behalf that we may do the Lord's will in all things.

Miriam Bowman
Corresponding Secretary

DUTCHTOWN, INDIANA

ON SUNDAY, October 3, Rev. George Pontius, pastor, conducted baptismal services for seven candidates at the First Brethren Church, Warsaw, Indiana. Following the service, the seven were received into membership of the church. One other was received by letter, making a total of eight new members.

Sunday, October 10, a wonderful Rally Day was held at the church. We had a record attendance of 143 for Sunday school, with many more for worship service. At the noon hour, a carry-in dinner was served in the dining room of our new annex to 166 people. This is the largest attendance we have ever had, and we are so happy! We feel that the Lord is truly working in our church.

The afternoon service was also well attended. Several special musical numbers were enjoyed, followed by a film from Ken Anderson, Inc., on missions.

Mrs. Robert Webster

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

BELOW you will see a photo of the children in the Nursery as they graduated to another department. The graduation occurred on Promotion Sunday, September 26, in the Sunday School with all departments participating.

Mrs. Roland Stoddard



COUNTY LINE, INDIANA
GROUNDBREAKING

ON SUNDAY, October 24, groundbreaking services were conducted for the new County Line church. A golden plow was used for this service. Those participating in this event were Mr. Arthur Ringer, deacon; Rev. Kent Bennett, pastor; Rev. Virgil Meyer of Ashland, Ohio; Mr. Richard Mangus, moderator; and Mrs. M. Richard, deaconess.

The rebuilding program will start at once and the dedication services are scheduled for Palm Sunday, the first anniversary of the Palm Sunday tornado that demolished the church.

World Religious News in Review

PROTESTANT GROUPS CONDEMN 'BOOK-BURNING' BY YOUTHS

Berlin (EP)—A public burning of "dirty" literature by a group of Christian Endeavor movement members in Duesseldorf produced several protests from Protestant organizations.

About 30 young people gathered on the banks of the Rhine River and made a bonfire of books and magazines they considered offensive.

Those objecting to the book-burning pointed out that not only were pin-up magazines and cheap novels thrown into the flames but such well-known, if controversial works, as Nabokov's "Lolita," "The Tin Drum" by Guenter Grass and books by Francois Sagan and Albert Camus also were destroyed.

Among the protests was a declaration by the public relations committee of the Evangelical Church in the Rhineland condemning the action and stating that the young people are incompetent to pass literary judg

ment on the works of contemporary authors.

STATE MOVES TO CLOSE ONE-ROOM AMISH SCHOOL

Lansing, Mich. (EP)—With all attempts at compromise apparently rejected, the Michigan State Board of Education voted reluctantly here to close the one-room Amish school in Hillsdale County for its failure to employ a certified teacher.

The Amish maintain their own schools in order to preserve their beliefs against outside secular influences. But their schools are taught by Amish teachers, most of whom have not gone beyond the eighth grade and do not satisfy state requirements for certification.

Employed as a teacher at the Hillsdale County school was an Amish girl, Ruth Gruber, graduate of the same school, who did not meet the state educational qualifications for accreditation.

Michigan state law prohibits non-certified teachers from teaching in elementary and secondary schools, and the state legislature has repeatedly refused to make special exceptions for the Amish.

In an effort to solve the impasse, the State Board of Education offered to permit Miss Gruber to teach religious subjects part of every day if a certified teacher gave instruction in reading, mathematics and other basic subjects. But the Amish leaders refused this compromise as contrary to their religion.

The board voted unanimously, but with obvious reluctance, to order the school closed. Before this can be done, however, a public hearing must be held to establish formally that the law is being violated. Then the Amish will be given 60 days to comply with the law before the school is actually closed.

AMISH FINED IN SCHOOL CASE, FACE LIENS ON PROPERTY

Hazleton, Iowa (EP) — Fourteen Amish fathers were found guilty here of violating Iowa school laws and each was fined $24. They held their religious beliefs barred modern education.

All refused to pay the fines and were given twenty days to post $40 appeal bonds for a district court hearing.

The justice of the peace court record will be transferred to district court where the unpaid fines eventually could become liens against farm property.

The Amish were specifically charged with failure to enroll their children in schools taught by accredited teachers. The thirty-nine children involved are in two private Amish schools taught by Amish teachers who have only eighth-grade educations.

Fining of the Amish fathers, rather than jailing them, came as somewhat of a surprise to the men themselves. They apparently came to the hearing prepared to go to jail.

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT WRITER LAUDS PLAYERS' CHRISTIAN WORK

Minneapolis (EP) — Four members of the Minnesota Twins, the American League champions, were credited with inspiring sports-minded Christians around the world by an evangelical Protestant writer here.

Mel Larson, editor of **The Evangelical Beacon,** said their work also had contributed mightily to the rise of the Twins from 6th place in 1964 to the league championship.

The players, he said, were Jim Kaat, pitcher; Al Worthington, relief pitcher; Jerry Kindall, second baseman; and Bernie Allen, utility infielder.

All four "profess Christ as Saviour" and have given testimonies concerning their faith in churches of the area, Mr. Larson, a former sports writer, wrote.

RULE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CANNOT RENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FIELDS IN NEW YORK

Albany, N. Y. (EP) — New York State's Department of Education has ruled that athletic fields and other facilities of public schools in the state may not be used by parochial schools.

The ruling resulted from an attempt by Catholic Mothers Clubs in Niagara Falls, N. Y., to negotiate a reduction in the $125 rental fee the Niagara Falls School District charged each time Bishop Duffy High School used a public school football field.

The Catholic school had been renting the field since 1963. When the Catholic Council of Mothers Clubs sought a lower rate this Fall, the school district reviewed the matter and decided the public school facility could not legally be rented to a church-related school.

CHURCH SPOKESMEN TESTIFY ON FILM CENSORSHIP BILL

Harrisburg, Pa. (EP)—A Protestant spokesman opposed a proposed movie censorship measure and a Roman Catholic representative endorsed the proposal in hearing before the Pennsylvania House Judiciary Committee.

Roderick J. Wagner, executive secretary of the social relations division of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, objected to the censorship measure on grounds that "the cure may be worse than the disease."

The spokesman for the State Catholic Conference, George T. Lenehan, urged enactment of the measure as a means of protecting children from "exhibitions of sex and immorality."

Under the proposal, a three-member board of censors would review movies and seek court injunctions against those it considers obscene. Courts would be required to take final action on the recommendations of the censors within five days.

GRAHAM SCHEDULES SECOND MAJOR CRUSADE IN LONDON

London, England (EP)—After an absence of twelve years, Evangelist Billy Graham has scheduled a major crusade here for June, 1966. His last crusade here was held in 1954 in Harringay Arena. Attendance during the twelve-week period was over two million.

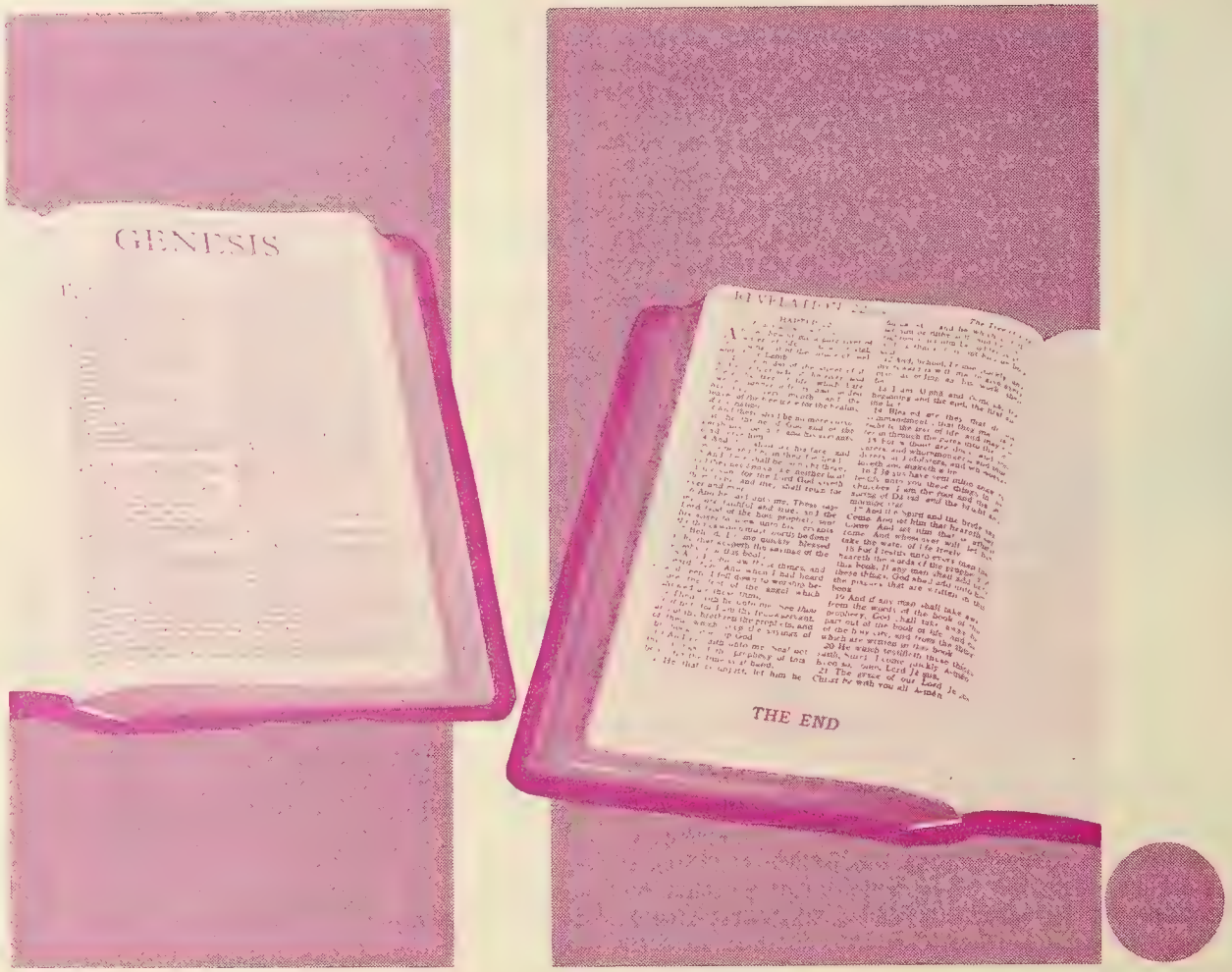
The 1966 crusade will be held in Earls Court Arena which will seat 20,000 more than twice the capacity of Harringay. The indoor meetings running from June 1 to July 1 will be climaxed by a closing meeting in Wembley Stadium.

'COFFEE HOUSE' MINISTRY GROWING, STUDY SHOWS

New York (EP)—A rapidly spreading coffee house movement across the country was described here in a study made for the National Council of Churches as possibly providing a "model for the kind of evangelism the churches must undertake to be effective today . . ."

The study, made by the Rev. John D. Perry, Jr., Protestant chaplain at the University of Vermont under a National Coffee Association grant, noted that approximately half of the 200 non-commercial coffee houses in 42 states are sponsored by churches or have some direct religious affiliation.

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SURGERY POSTPONEMENT

REV. ROBERT KEPLINGER informs the Editor that his open heart surgery has been postponed for one week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

According to present plans, Bro. Keplinger will enter the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, 34th and Spruce, Philadelphia, Pa., on Sunday, November 28, and will undergo surgery on Wednesday December 1.

Let us continue to remember him in our prayers and especially during the day of surgery.

THE COVER

IT'S A STORY we all know and love—the first Pilgrim Thanksgiving. The excitement in their little homes must have been pretty much as it is today—the tantalizing smells of roast turkey and pumpkin pie—the bustle and rush of eager children—it must have been a wonderful day!

But before the Pilgrims sat down to their feast they observed the true meaning of Thanksgiving. They all gathered together in their meetinghouse to give thanks for the good they had received, for survival through a long year of hardship, and to pray for the strength and courage to keep their faith in this strange, new land.

This Thanksgiving, why not take your family to your house of worship. A quiet hour of prayer and thanks will make your holiday so much more meaningful.

Wherever you are . . . take time to offer your words of thanks . . . just as the Pilgrims did more than 300 years ago.

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WE URGE you to consider a subscription to **The Brethren Evangelist** as a Christmas gift to a loved one or to a friend.

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You will find on the back of this issue of the magazine an order blank for such a gift. Please fill it in and mail it to us today.



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the editor's editorial

O give thanks unto the Lord!

IN THIS DAY of turmoil and grief within the individual heart, of unrest within the borders of our own nation and war in foreign places, we sometimes utter our thanksgiving with tongue-in-cheek being overwhelmed, many times, with the problems around us. The Psalmist had this to say:

Praise the Lord!
O give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good:
for his steadfast love endures
for ever!
Who can utter the mighty doings
of the Lord,
or show forth all his praise?
Blessed are they who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times!
O give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever!
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Too often we humans magnify the problems which we face and forget to even notice the blessings which come our way everyday. We forget that our God is the God of the universe and that He does watch over His own. We forget that His "steadfast love endures for ever!"

Remember what Paul of Tarsus said? "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For thy sake we are being killed all the
day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.'

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

With this assurance, why shouldn't we be thankful for God's love toward us?

All we need to do is take a long look at the "mighty doings" of our God and we will find ourselves rejoicing for His love.

We as Brethren have much for which to thank our God. Let's take a long look at the progress of Home Missions, Foreign Missions and the interest in our midst in establishing new churches throughout the States. The Lord has blessed us in this area.

We have to rejoice over the progressive program of the college and the Seminary. Because of Central Council our denomination is more firmly established and more progressive in all phases of her work. If we will take the time to reflect upon our blessings as the Brethren Church, instead of magnifying all the faults which are bound to come because of the human element involved, we will soon learn how great our God is!

Let us, this Thanksgiving devote much time in our "thanks to the Lord, for he is good!" S.G.



news ... from the Brethren

North Manchester, Ind. Rev. Woodrow Immel reports that a couple was received into membership of the church by transfer of letter on Sunday, October 31.

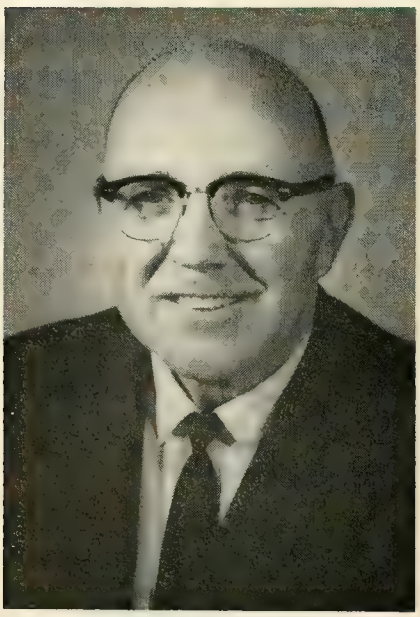
Roanoke, Ind. Rev. Amos Mast has just recently moved into the parsonage of the First Brethren Church in Roanoke to begin his pastorate there. He has just closed his pastorate at Udell, Iowa.

New Paris, Ind. On Sunday, November 7, Rev. Waldo Gaby reports that nine persons were received into membership of the church.

Washington, D. C. Rev. Jerry Flora reports the baptism and reception of two new members into the church recently.

Ashland (Garber), Ohio. The laymen of the church have recently completed the painting of the outside of the church according to Rev. H. H. Rowsey, pastor. Earlier in the year they painted all the rooms in the basement.

Ordination Service
CLARENCE KINDLEY
First Brethren Church
North Manchester, Indiana
October 17, 1965



Organ Prelude
Call to Worship and Invocation
Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story"
Vocal Solo "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
Frank Conrad
Action of the Church Calling for Ordination
Mrs. Tom Burch
Church Secretary
Action of the District Ministerial
Examining Board Rev. Wayne E. Swihart
Scripture Reading
Vocal Solo: "The Greatest of These"
Lavaughn Kindley Wells
Ordination Sermon Rev. Woodrow A. Immel
Vocal Trio: "So Send I You" Mrs. Donald Schutz
Mrs. Woodrow Immel, Miss Carol Carter
Scriptural Charge Rev. Herbert Gilmer
Questions to the Candidate Rev. William E. Thomas
Charge to the Candidate Rev. Smith F. Rose
Ordination Prayer with Laying on of Hands
Rev. Rose and Rev. Gilmer
Setting Apart as an Elder Rev. Swihart
Declaration of Authority as an Elder Rev. Immel
Charge to Serve as Wife of an Elder Rev. Thomas
Prayer with Laying on of Hands
Rev. Thomas and Rev. Immel
Vocal Solo: "The Lord's Prayer" Mrs. Schutz
Hymn: "A Charge to Keep I Have"
Benediction Rev. Clarence Kindley

Clarence Kindley was baptized and received into the Brethren Church in 1933, at Roann, when the Rev. George Pontius was pastor of that church. In 1934, he married Edna Swihart, and together they operated grocery stores at Roann and Mt. Etna. During this time, they were active workers in the church, and were ordained as deacon and deaconess by Rev. Smith Rose who was currently serving the Roann Church.

The Kindley family moved to North Manchester and transferred their membership in 1949, where they have since been actively serving the church in various capacities. Mr. Kindley has served as Vice Moderator of the church, Sunday School superintendent, teacher, youth leader and choir member. He has also served as President of the Indiana District Laymen's organization, as well as the Southern District Laymen's president. He is currently serving as treasurer of the Indiana District Mission Board. He served as a wholesale drug salesman for Huniston-Keeling & Co. for 18 years.

Brother Kindley was called to the ministry by the North Manchester congregation in 1964. He studied at Ashland Theological Seminary during the 1964-65 terms. They are now residing in the parsonage at Flora, Indiana, where Mr. Kindley has been called to serve as pastor.

The Kindleys have three daughters, and three grandchildren. The daughters—all Ashland College graduates—are Mrs. David (Lavaughn) Wells, Mrs. Thomas (Margaret) Hitchcock, and Miss Alice. All three reside and teach in Ohio.

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Readings from the Old Testament

Memory Scripture — Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

November 28 - December 4

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1965
Read Scripture: Psalm 25:1-5

Learning the Way

After Betsy's nap the Keller family had gone for a walk in the crisp winter air. Betsy waded happily in the snow piled at the side of the walks. Gary and Linda made snowballs and tossed them at the trees. Dad and Mom walked along with the children.

"There's our school," said Gary.

"Long way," said Betsy.

"It's not so far," replied Linda. "It just seems that way because you aren't used to walking it."

"Do you know the way home from here?" asked Gary.

Betsy shook her head.

"We will show you," her brother said. "We go down this way two blocks."

After they had walked the two blocks Gary said, "Now we turn left here. We go three and a half blocks this way."

Soon Betsy laughed. "There's our house. Gary showed me the way home."

Our parents and teachers, our older brothers and sisters teach us many things we need to know. It is even more important to learn the things God wants us to know. Do you read His Word every day? Do you talk with Him in prayer?

Prayer:

Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truths for You are the God of my salvation. Amen.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1965
Read Scripture: Psalm 34:11-18

Do Good

"Mike has been absent from school three days," said Miss Everett. "He would like his books to do some of the work at home. Who will take them to him?"

Gary raised his hand. "I'll do it, Miss Everett. I know where he lives and I'll be glad to take the books to him."

After school Gary waited until Miss Everett had Mike's books ready and a note written explaining to him what he should do.

As Gary hurried along, Steve called, "Come play football with us."

"Not now," answered Gary. "I have a job to do."

Mike's mother opened the door for Gary. "How glad Mike will be to see you!" she said. "You may visit with him for awhile if you like."

Gary told Mike of the things that had happened at school, of the plans the fellows were making, and asked him again to go to church with him.

"I can't go this Sunday," said Mike, "but just as soon as I'm well I want to go with you. I want to be the kind of a boy you are."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the things I have learned about You. Help me to obey Your teachings. May I always try to do good and to help others to learn of You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1965
Read Scripture: Psalm 37:23-29

Grandpa

"Grandpa's here! Grandpa's here!" shouted Betsy when Linda and Gary came home from school.

"Hi!" said Gary.

"Hi!" said Linda.

"Do you know anyone who would like to go for a sleigh ride Saturday?" asked Grandpa.

"We would!" answered both children at once.

"Do you have some friends who would like to go, too?" wondered Grandpa.

"Oh yes!" replied the children.

"Good! I can take six children in my sleigh. You may each invite two."

"Me go too!" declared Betsy.

"Alright," laughed Grandpa. "There will be room for you, too. Now I must get back to the farm. It will soon be milking time. I'll see you about one o'clock Saturday afternoon."

"I want to be like Grandpa when I get old," said Gary as he watched him drive away. "He's always planning something good for someone else."

"If you want to be like him," said Mom, "you have to start now. Since he was a boy Grandpa has loved God and tried to obey Him. God has always been very close to him and helped him."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the older people who love You and teach me of You. May I remember these teachings and trust You to lead me everyday. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1965
Read Scripture: Psalm 56:3, 4; 9-13

The Big Dog

Betsy was taking a walk with Daddy. Ahead of them was a large German shepherd dog.

"Take my hand," said Betsy as they neared the dog. "Hold it tight."

Daddy held tightly to the little girl's hand. After they were past the dog he asked, "Were you afraid of that dog?"

"No," laughed Betsy. "You were holding my hand. I knew the doggie wouldn't hurt me when you had me."

Betsy trusted Daddy to get her safely past the dog. She was not afraid. She knew Daddy was near.

In much the same way we should trust God. He is near. He will help us no matter what comes up.

Prayer:
Thank You, God, for always being near. Help me to trust You and not be afraid. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1965
Read Scripture: Psalm 86:9-13

Learning

"The ice skating pond is frozen," Gary told Mom. "May we go skating?"

Mom glanced at the clock. "Yes. Come home at five o'clock."

"Bill Lowe is home from college," said Linda. "He said he will teach us to skate."

"He can really skate!" added Gary. "I'm glad he's going to help us."

"Yes," said Mom. "He will be a good teacher. Dress warmly."

"We will," replied Linda.

Soon the children were ready and started for the pond. They talked happily as they walked along.

Linda and Gary needed someone to teach them to ice skate.

We all need to learn of God. Our parents can teach us many things. Our Sunday school teachers and minister can help us, too. The One Who can teach us most is God, himself. He will help us to learn of Him if we ask Him.

Prayer:
Teach me Your way, O God; I will walk in Your truth. I will praise You with all my heart. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1965
Read Scripture: Psalm 92:1-5

A Family Sing

Linda was playing the piano. "That's 'Jesus Loves Me,' " laughed Betsy. And she began to sing.

"Good!" said Daddy when they had finished. "What else can you play?"

Linda played, "Nearer My God To Thee" and "What a Friend We Have In Jesus." The family sang as she played.

"Now, Gary, you play for us," suggested Mom.

Gary played, "Trust And Obey" and "Take Time To Be Holy" and the family sang.

"You children play nicely," said Mom. "It's more fun to sing with someone playing."

"I'm glad we can play the piano and sing," said Linda.

"Yes," agreed Dad. "It's a good way to praise God."

Prayer:
Dear God, thank You for my voice. May I use it often to sing praises to You. Thank You for the musical instruments that can be used to praise You, too. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1965
Read Scripture: Psalm 95:1-7a

Sleigh Ride Day

Snow had fallen through the night. The trees and roofs and ground were covered. The sun shone brightly. The snow sparkled like diamonds.

"How lovely!" exclaimed Linda when she looked out the window.

"It's a perfect day for a sleigh ride," declared Gary.

"Sleigh ride! Sleigh ride! Me, too!" laughed Betsy.

"Let's hurry and get our work done," suggested Gary. "I'll do the breakfast dishes."

"I'll make the beds," said Linda.

"I want to help," said Betsy.

"You may help me make cookies," Mommy told her. "Then you can take some to Grandma this afternoon."

"Praise Him! Praise Him!" sang Gary as he rolled up his sleeves to wash the dishes. The others joined in the singing, too.

Truly, God who created such a lovely world and planned so many good things for us should be praised.

Prayer:
Dear God, I know You are very great and very wonderful. May I always sing Your praises and worship You as I should. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

GOD KNOWS THE HEART
Psalm 44:21

"The heart . . . deceitful above all,"
Its subtlety, its hope, its care—
Only the God who made the heart
Discerns that which is hidden there:
He knows its heights of bliss, its depths
of dark despair.

God knows the seeking of the heart,
A restlessness in every one;
He knew the deepest need of man
Was peace with God, and sent His Son.
He made a way from God to man
And only one.

The heart that cries—Forgive my sin!
Lord, break my chains and set me free!
Then "God so loved . . . he gave his . . . Son"
For such a one—for you and me.
God met the heart's first, deepest need
At Calvary.

—Rachel Stevens

THE SPIRITUAL HEART is the inner man of a person's soul and mind (Prov. 4:23). All have bad hearts according to the Bible (Jer. 17:9, 10). Jesus often spoke of sin as stemming from the human heart (Matt. 15:19, 20). The sins of murder and adultery not only stem from hatred and lust in the heart, but in the eyes of God the intent of the heart is equal to the actual deed (Matt. 5:21, 22, 27, 28). God does not look on the outward appearance but on the heart (I Sam. 16:7). He searches the heart to give to every man according to his ways and to the fruit of his doings (I Chron. 28:9; Jer. 17:10). Men may give lip service to God and appear righteous, but their hearts may be filled with corruption (Matt. 23:27, 28). One test of what a person is would be if there were no viewers, social pressures or police force to restrain his actions (Ex. 2:12).

The sins of the heart must be confessed and forsaken, or God must deal with them in judgment (Prov. 28:13). Man needs a broken heart for sin (Ps. 34:18; 51:17). Christ, the One who forgives and cleanses sins, had a broken heart (Isa. 53:3). He wept with tender compassion over Jerusalem because the city would not turn from sin to the Savior (Lu. 14:33-35). He watched with heavy heart as individuals turned away from Him (Mk. 10:21, 22). Christ suffered a broken heart in His death over sin (Jn. 19:34). The bloody sweat of Gethsemane was a prelude to this (Lu. 22:44). He paid the penalty for our sins in our stead (II Cor. 5:21). His righteousness is imputed or applied to our lives as we believe and rely on Him in our hearts (II Cor. 5:19). God can give us a burning heart (Lu. 24:32). The burning heart will result in witnessing (Jer. 20:9). We should seek a blameless heart (I Thess. 3:13). This means a pure and righteous standard in an evil world (Phil. 2: 15; Matt. 5:8).

THE LISTENING HEART
Psalm 46:10

He told the Lord his plans for coming days;
His haughty heart was set on mighty ways.
With every nerve and sinew—on he went;
But goals seemed far—and he was nearly spent.
Then after days of wand'ring to and fro,
He listened to the words, "Be still, and know."
And instantly he saw what had been dim,
Because he listened when God spoke to him.

—Flora E. Breck

Sunday School Suggestions
from the National S. S. Board
Dick Winfield

THE VISITING TEACHER

"Every Teacher visit the home of each pupil at least once during the year."

The above statement is goal number 2a under **I Evangelism** in the **Standard of Excellence for Brethren Sunday Schools.** This goal puts emphasis on the total task of the Sunday school teacher.

The above goal is one which most Brethren Sunday schools failed to meet last year, according to the reports received in the national Sunday School Board office. Only four Sunday schools indicated that they had met this goal. Another 20 schools reported having partially met the goal. The remaining 35 reporting Sunday schools gave no indication of having fulfilled this goal in whole or in part.

This **Standard of Excellence** goal emphasizes the fact that teachers teach pupils and not just lessons. To teach pupils the teacher must know his pupils; and one good way of learning to know them is by visiting their homes.

The teacher, of course, has various opportunities for learning to know his pupils. He will learn much about them in the class itself, and also in the minutes before and after class when he has opportunity to speak to various ones personally. Social activities also provide opportunities for the teacher to get to know his pupils better. But in addition to these, one of the most important opportunities the teacher has for learning to know his pupils is in the home visit.

The home plays a great part in determining the character and behavior of an individual. This being the case, the teacher needs to get into his pupils' homes in order that he may more fully understand these pupils. The teacher will often discover why Johnny is the way he is and behaves the way he does when he gets into Johnny's home and meets Johnny's family.

The home visit is also important from the pupil's standpoint. Understanding is a two-way street. Not only will the teacher know and understand the pupil better by visiting in his home, but the pupil will learn to know his teacher better through this personal visit. In addition, this visit will tell the pupil that his teacher is **interested** in him as an individual person.

There are various opportunities for home visits. Absentee follow-up presents one opportunity. In addition, a teacher will want to visit any pupils who are at home with prolonged illnesses. A third good opportunity occurs at the beginning of each new quarter. At this time the teacher may want to plan to distribute the new Sunday school quarterlies personally to his pupils during a visit to each of their homes. This procedure fulfills a double purpose. It enables the teacher to get into the home, and it also serves as an opportunity for the teacher to introduce the new quarter's Sunday school work and to impress upon the student the importance of studying the lessons.

Whenever the visit is made, it should be approached prayerfully and expectantly. It should be looked upon as a real opportunity for a meaningful encounter with the pupil. In visiting, the teacher should be friendly and courteous, and show a genuine interest in the pupil and his family. When possible, the visit should be concluded with a brief prayer by the teacher for the pupil and his family.

(**The Visiting Teacher**, a filmstrip which stresses the importance of home visits by the teacher, and which demonstrates how such visits should be handled, is available from the Sunday School Board filmstrip library.)

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Brethren Youth Crusaders

IDEA BOX



Musical Merry Christmas

DECORATE the room in which you have your Christmas party as attractively as possible. Evergreen, ornaments or lights are always easy to work with. If you like the idea, make everything represent a "White Christmas."

Small boutonniers made of evergreen or holly, real or artificial, centered with a small bell and holly berries or mistletoe, all tied together with a bright red ribbon, will decorate each guest. These can be made in advance or the materials may be placed in a fancy basket and each guest told to manufacture one as part of the activities.

If the committee in charge approves, each guest might bring a small gift to be placed in a nicely trimmed box, basket or other container or hung on a Christmas tree and later each guest takes one home. Or you might make these gifts for Kentucky, the Flora Home, a needy family, lonely or ill person in the church or community. Perhaps you would want to have a gift for one of these and for each other.

Now for the games:

MUSICAL MADNESS

Players in circle marching counter clockwise. All march in time to music. Music may be with record player or piano, but should be a good peppy march. The leader in middle blows a whistle at same time holding high in the air the appropriate number of fingers to indicate the number of blasts blown on the whistle. Players, **while marching,** group themselves into these numbers. Leader assures maximum fun and excitement by blowing odd number, 3-5-7-etc., or any number that is not easily moved into from previous sized groups.

There may be newcomers in the group, so take time out now to play:

MEMORY CIRCLE

All guests in a circle. If it is a large group (25 or more) form two circles. Leader says, "Good evening everyone! I'm ————" (introduces self). Next player says, "Good evening, (leader's name), I'm ————" (introduces self). The next player speaks to each of the earlier players, "Good evening, Mary Brown and John Jones, I'm ————" (introduces self). Game continues until each player has called all previous players by name before he introduces himself.

MY BONNIE

a song with motions!!

On words —	"My"	— Point to self
	"Bonnie"	— Describe outline of girl
	"lies"	— Fold hands under cheek
	"over"	— Point thumbs over shoulders
	"ocean"	— Make wavy motions with hands
	"sea"	— Make a letter "C" with hands
	"bring"	— Make calling motion with hands
	"back"	— Touch own back
	"to"	— Hold up two fingers
	"me"	— Point to self

This is louder and funnier with all players in a circle so each can "see" and be confused by the rest.

CHARADES TV STYLE

Subject: Song Titles

The trick is to get an idea across by pantomime only. Divide group into smaller groups, three or four in each group is best. Each group picks an "actor" and the title of a song. One actor at a time, with his group backing him, indicates to all the rest of the groups the number of words in the title. No words are spoken by the acting group. Actor indicates which word of the title (hold up number of fingers) he will act. This need not be the first word but the easiest. Players guess what the actor is trying to portray. Time may be kept, and the group who takes the least amount of time wins.

GIVE

Players arranged in teams and each team has a captain. The leader says, "Give me a bobby pin" (or a shoe, handkerchief, coin, bracelet, etc.). Player having object immediately runs to leader with it. First captain to arrive gets a point for his team. Be sure you get your teams as far apart as space permits, and the leader as far from all team, in order to be fair.

REFRESHMENTS

Serve big popcorn balls, apples and cokes and when it looks like the people have about finished eating, start the loveliest part of the party—the most beautiful music there is:

CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

Prepared by
Department of Youth Work



GOALS

GAB

At least one B.Y.C. delegate to National Conference and at least one representative to all state and district functions. (camps, rallies, retreats, conferences, etc.)— **10 points.**

This Goal number 2 was changed this year to encourage youth attendance at various youth functions on all levels. Delegates from all age divisions are urged to attend National Youth Conference in August.

Representatives, at least one, are needed for effective state and district gatherings such as those listed in the goal or others that might be conducted in the area.

Those areas such as Florida or Arizona where a district rally or conference perhaps is not held are automatically given credit since they have no way to meet this goal.

It was the feeling of the Goals Committee that this goal should be enlarged to include these various activities and thus seek greater participation from the churches.

We had more Banner and Honor Societies in 1964-65 than the previous year. Let us do our best to top that number in this new year!

THE AMERICAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION

What Is It?

SINCE ITS FOUNDING in 1817, the American Sunday-School Union has been engaged in the ministry of teaching the Bible. This teaching has been done primarily through the Sunday school. In those early pioneer days before the establishment of free public instruction, the teaching of children was a serious concern to frontier families. In many communities the Union Sunday school filled this need for formal training by giving instruction in reading and writing with the Bible as the principal textbook. It is interesting to note that in addition to the items normally used in Sunday schools, such as songbooks and tracts, in 1824 the Society distributed 10,000 spelling books plus 11,000 alphabetical cards.

Commissioned by the Lord Jesus to "Go . . . teach all nations," the missionaries of this Society have gathered rural children and adults into schoolhouses, barns, farmhouses and churches of every description to be taught in the Word of God. Through the last century and a half literally millions have been brought under the sound of the gospel in this way. Presently the staff of 150 missionaries is giving its full time to the work in 42 states, supervising more than 1,600 active Union Sunday schools with an enrollment of over 60,000 boys and girls, men and women!

The "all nations" referred to by Christ (Matthew 28:19) for this Society could mean anyone who has a spiritual need. To the American Sunday-School Union, it means those who are living within the boundaries of the continental United States.

RURAL OUTREACH

A recent innovations in the vacation Bible-school ministry has been a program called "Rural Outreach." Enlisting the youth and adults of evangelical churches as teacher, the program trains and sends them into distant rural communities to teach in vacation Bible schools. Rural Outreach thus recruits, trains, transports and supervises college-age youth in an on-the-job missionary training program through rural vacation Bible schools.

Changed lives are being noted among leaders as well as the vacation Bible-school students. Rural Outreach worker Bill Keyes of southern California, on his return from an assignment, said, "This has completely changed my life, and likewise has completely changed the life of our church."

Brethren Youth has entered the Rural Outreach program of the American Sunday-School Union and urges young people and adults to enter this short term service program.

1965 - 66 Theme

II Timothy 4:8

"LOVING HIS APPEARING"

MISSIONARY NEWS

SIXTH CHURCH ORGANIZED AMONG THE HIGI PEOPLE

by ROBERT P. BISCHOF

THE SIXTH CHURCH among the Higi people was organized on Sunday, June 13, 1965. It was organized at the village of Kwallia. The village of Kwallia is an unique village for you see it is a leprosy segregation village.

In 1965 the Nigerian government made plans for the building of a village among the Higi people where people who had infectious leprosy could live, have some land for farming, and at the same time receive treatment for their leprosy. At that time they asked the doctor of the Lassa Hospital to be responsible for the supervision of the village. The Mission thus supervised the village until 1964 when the supervision was turned over to the government as they now had trained men to do the supervising.

One of the first patients to go to this segregation village was Bulus Kwaji. He was a former patient at the Garkida Leprosarium and had been released from Garkida as an arrested case with instructions to have a yearly check up. On one of his yearly check-ups it was found that Bulus' leprosy had once again become active. Thus he was told he must go to the segregation village. Bulus went to Kwallia and immediately began to preach the Word of God, to witness in his daily living of the Christian Way of Life and began to teach the other patients the Bible and how to read and write.

Every Tuesday and Friday afternoon the dispenser would dispense medicine. Before he did so Bulus would preach. He would tell the people, "You have heard my words about Jesus the Son of God, who came into this world to show us the Way to God. If you want to learn more about this Jesus, stay after you have received your medicine and I shall teach you about Him." As many people moved into the village, and as many other people who had leprosy, but not the infectious type, came to get medicine the group who was hearing the Word of God grew. Many times there would be 400 or over 500 twice a week hearing the Word of God.



Thus, a number of them became interested in what Bulus preached. They stayed and he taught them about Jesus. Then he asked them if they wanted to be a Christian and if they wanted to be baptized. In 1958 there were twenty baptized; 1959, 12; 1960, 23; 1961, 13; 1962, 28; 1963, 12; 1964, 12; or a total of 120 baptized from 1958 through 1964.

Some of these people were released from Kwallia and returned to their home villages where they began to preach. Some even while coming to Kwallia for medicine and living in their home village would preach when they went home. So Kwallia itself not only grew in the number of Christians living there, but also sent out evangelists to other villages.

In 1961 or 1962 another young Higi man came to Kwallia by the name of Teri. He was a former leper who had worked at the Garkida leprosarium as a dispenser. So he returned to Kwallia and became the dispenser. He also had much zeal and together he and Bulus trained many other young men, taught many Bible classes and worked with the women so that Kwallia

became a strong center. It was then that they asked to be organized into a church.

June 13, 1965, they were organized. On this day they had an active membership of 86 people. Twenty-eight of the active members were men; forty-three, adult women.

They showed their zeal also in that they (1) tithed the things from their individual farms, (2) had a church farm, (3) gave offerings. Thus, in 1964 they had raised $110 to help with their work, sending out evangelists as well as supporting the district work.

I feel that the Kwallia Church will be a strong church because from the beginning it has stressed stewardship of money and possessions as well as stewardship of life through witnessing.

MEMORIAL GIFT

To the Revolving Fund of the Brethren Church

In loving memory of their son, **Billy Earl Lietsch,** Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Lietsch of Carleton, Nebraska, have extended a gift of $100 to the Revolving Fund.

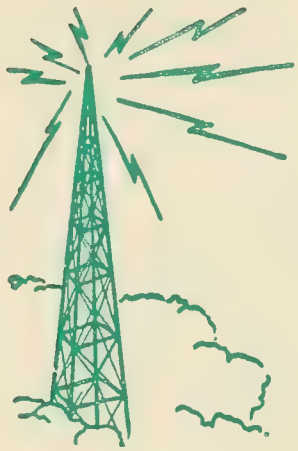
Billy Earl Lietsch gave his life in World War II on the sea at Okinawa, September 17, 1945.

I never cease to marvel at these people at Kwallia or at the Garkida Leprosarium and what they do for the Lord. Many of them are crippled, or disfigured, but they have found the Love of God to be a real thing to them. Perhaps it is because they are crippled or disfigured, or segregated, that they have come to love Christ so much. For they read of how Jesus had to suffer, how **He bore our sins** on the Cross, and that He did this because He loved us.

Bulus is in Bible School and will graduate this year and return to Kwallia. Teri, together with Yakubu (a young man trained by Bulus), continues the work at Kwallia. They are all looking forward for the return of Bulus so that he can once more become their leader and teacher and bring back with him from the Bible School more knowledge of the Bible.

Pray for the Kwallia Church, for its leaders, that they may go forward with renewed zeal and win many, many more souls to Christ.

C. A. V. E. A. Announces Renovations and Staff Additions . . .



The Evangelical Audio Visual Center of Argentina (CAVEA) announces renovations and improvements in their building and valuable additions to their staff.

In August, CAVEA inaugurated a new control room with modern equipment for radio and video tape.

Two new missionaries recently joined the staff, one a radio technician and the other a program producer. This makes a total of five specialized technicians. Mr. William Fasig, Jr., talented musician, is the new manager of the Program Department.

CAVEA has its programs on the air over 24 stations in Argentina and over 12 stations in other countries. An average of 2,500 letters arrive monthly from South, Central and North America and Spain.

Harold Stacey, CAVEA president, says, "When I look back 40 years (March 1924) when my father and I put the first evangelical program on the air in Spanish, I cannot but feel small in the presence of the Lord, and praise His name for the marvelous things He has done in this part of the world. With joy we look ahead to other marvelous things He will enable us to do in the future. The economic situation in this country is not encouraging and demands a great effort on the part of many churches that month after month maintain this work throughout Argentina."

—Difusianes Inter Americanas
BULLETIN BRIEFS

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SISTERHOOD

Devotional Program for December

PROGRAM

Call to Worship:

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11).

Carol Service: Sing together
"Joy to the World"
"The First Noel"
"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20
(This may be done as a choral reading or Bible drama.)

Special Music:

Have one girl present the story of Silent Night if this is available; then have this hymn of Christmas presented as a special number.

Bible Study: Seniors—Galatians 1:1-9
Juniors—"The Miracles of Christ"

Hymn: "O, Little Town of Bethlehem"

Sisterhood Benediction and sentence prayers.

Business

We suggest for this program that the junior and senior societies meet together with each group taking part. Write to us then and let us know the interesting ideas you have incorporated into the program for your group.

READ THE SISTERHOOD PAGE IN THE EVANGELIST EVERY WEEK!

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

Galatians 1:1-9

by MRS. MILDRED PETIT

DURING THIS YEAR, all of us have been saddened by the account of the collapse of the church building which our Nigerian brethren were constructing at Moda. As a result of this unhappy experience, however, a stronger and safer building will be constructed, and the continued zeal of the Nigerians, in spite of this testing, of their faith, has been inspiring.

Much more disappointing than the collapse of a building is to learn of Christians falling into wrong ways of thinking and acting. That is the occasion for this letter of Paul to the Galatians—they were in danger of losing hold of the gospel which Paul had preached to them. They were **turning to a different gospel—not that there is another gospel, but there are some who . . . want to pervert the gospel of Christ** (1:6, 7—RSV). Paul was astonished that this should be so, and so great was his concern that he wrote in this letter to the Galatians a powerful defense of the gospel, worthy of our careful study in the months ahead.

Galatia was originally an area in the northeastern part of Asia Minor which had been settled by the invading Gauls three centuries before Christ. Because of the reorganization of the territory under the Romans there is some uncertainty about the identity of the Gala-

tians to whom he was writing and, consequently, the year in which Paul wrote the letter, but in the letter, itself, the apostle Paul provides all that we need to know in order to understand it.

The greetings and conclusions of the New Testament epistles could be an interesting study in themselves. Often bits of information about places or people will be found in them that are never mentioned elsewhere. For example, in the conclusion to his letter to the Philippians Paul sends greetings from the saints in Caesar's household. What an unlikely place to find saints—but they were there.

Let us look carefully at the greeting contained in the first five verses of the epistle to the Galatians. In every word there is firmness. The first sentence affirms Paul's authority as an apostle "through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead . . ." Paul immediately brings into the open the false teaching that because he was not one of the original twelve his apostleship was of men rather than God. He then sets forth an important truth of our Christian faith—that our Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to **deliver** us from the present evil age.

Too often we forget our special standing in God's sight. The evils of this age can't really harm us in that innermost part of our being where Christ dwells if we believe in what He has done for us and if we trust Him. It is Christ who has delivered or rescued us; it is Christ who has atoned for our sins. Paul's emphasis upon these truths in the opening of this letter is readily understandable because those who were troubling the Galatians were representing salvation as partly man's achievement. They were Judaizers who wanted to convince Paul's converts that they would have to be circumcised and keep at least part of the Mosaic law if they were to be saved.

In verses 6 through 9 Paul expresses his astonishment that the Galatians had so soon deserted their calling by grace. That this should be so then, or now, is always hard to understand because in his grace lies the wonder of God's love for us. Then Paul speaks in very strong language against any who would preach a gospel other than the gospel of Christ which he had preached to them. Whoever it is, Paul says, whether it be Paul, himself, an angel from heaven or anyone else, "Let him be accursed." The translation in the New English Bible is "Let him be an outcast." The violence of the Apostle Paul's feelings shocks us into the realization of the enormity of the crime of those who do violence to the faith of believers. It also makes us reailze the extreme concern which we, too, should have for human souls.

Before our study next month let us each read Paul's self-defense in Galatians chapter 1:10-24 and 2:1-10. In these verses Paul is not boasting, but is setting forth the truth. As Christians, all of us need to uphold one another against those who "pervert" the gospel. Studying together this letter in which Paul deals with such a situation so forcefully can strengthen our understanding of the essentials of our Christian faith.

JUNIOR BIBLE STUDY

THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST

by MRS. EDWIN BOARDMAN

IN AN OLD HYMN are these words:

"He is the Lily of the Valley
The Bright and Morning Star
He is the fairest of ten-thousand to my soul."

The fragrance of lilies, the brightness of stars—all things beautiful by tens of thousands are used to portray the One Who left heaven to save us. He, so pure and sinless, stooped to heal the stain of our souls and the suffering of our bodies.

Reverently now, we again stand with those eyewitnesses in Galilee to behold further wonders of His love.

In The Home of a Friend

Matt. 8:14, 15; Mark 1:30, 31; Luke 4:38, 39

Each gospel writer uses only two verses to tell of this miracle. The story can be quickly read, but visiting in the home of a dear friend takes much longer. In Mark 1:21 we notice that this is the Sabbath day in Capernaum. Jesus had spoken with authority in the synagogue. He had cast out a demon.

Now it is time for rest and refreshment. Who are these walking toward the home of Peter and Andrew? One of them is Jesus, the Lord. Joined by James and John, He enters the door of His friends' home. Why this strange silence? Why no welcoming smiles—no evidence of food or drink? We see Peter's wife. In great anxiety she is leaning over her mother who lies ill in bed with one of those high fevers which leave the body weak and helpless.

What is Peter's wife saying to him? Her words come fast: "The magic! Quick! find a knife—a bush!" Then with tears, perhaps, "What is that verse from Exodus which we must chant over and over? I have forgotten!"

Peter silences her with a glance. Firmly he says that Jewish superstition has no place in this home since Jesus has come. "The Master is here. His healing power can save her."

They turn to Jesus now and He comes forward. With the kindliest look the world has ever seen, He gently takes the dear mother by the hand—then helps her to her feet. The cruel waves of fever subside at once. AT ONCE! It is like His Word to the winds and waves of Galilee, as if He had said "Peace, be still." No need to help His patient to a chair or to offer a warm drink. She is completely recovered—no weakness at all! The host and hostess, who were in distress only moments before, are smiliing with relief and gratitude. With a quick step the mother moves to provide hospitality. Through all ages **warmth** and **joy** prevail in every home where **Jesus is the Honored Guest.**

From this blessed scene we can remember that Peter's wife's mother

—was the first Deaconess,
—healed by Christ,
—serving Christ and
—those who were His.

The Miracle of Mass Healing

Matt. 8:16, 17; Mark 1:32-34; Luke 4:40, 41

Here again we have two verses, only, allotted by each writer to the miracles in question. We are still at Capernaum—in Peter's home—on the Sabbath day. We even know the time of day:

"When the even was come"—Matt. 8:16
"And at even when the sun did set"—Mark 1:32
"Now when the sun was setting"—Luke 4:40

For the Jews, at sunset of the Sabbath, it was the beginning of their work week, and we shall see in a moment many of the Jews taking advantage of their freedom to bear burdens, because the Sabbath is past. But what burdens! what strange sad burdens!

Within Peter's home the group had been refreshed and rested, but the peace and comfort of the hour are interrupted. A noise is heard outside growing ever louder and louder—and **nearer**! Open the door, Peter! Who are these folk crowding one another, some on beds, many with crutches or canes, others moaning with pain?

Why! the great city of Capernaum has brought **all** its ill and demon-possessed to the Master—**these** are the burdens they carry. There they lie at the door—a few hoping to enter—and **still** they come, their pallets laid far down the streets.

Jesus is healing the nearest—then moving to those outside. Here a young mother tearfully holds up her baby—there an elderly parent points to his crippled son. Demons start screaming—Jesus stops them! He **casts out** these evil spirits!

The Great Physician

Under the stars—on and on He moves; far into the night, the "sympathizing Jesus." He lays his hands on the sufferers one by one. There, in the ditch is a beggar, deathly sick, with matted hair, and foul of smell. In his heart he despairs, "The Holy One, He will not **see me**—He is touching others. I cannot breathe—now, come! But no! He is passing by—too late! too late!" he moans.

But Jesus turns back—"Here is no pile of rags; this is a child of God."

"I feel a touch," cries the beggar. "My head grows cool, an arm around, beneath me—it is He! I shall **live**! Blessed Lord, thou hast not left me comfortless; I am healed!"

So **many** there were, and Jesus—Jesus, the promised Savior, has healed them all! He **laid His hands** on **every one** of them!

If we look to the **East** at sunset we find enchantment. Trees, stones, walls and hillsides take on a golden glow. In the Sabbath works of Christ, "at even when the sun did set" we have such a touch of gold glowing across the centuries. For every age that **has been**, or **is to be**, He is our God—our Savior; healing the woes of the world's deepest sorrows.

The Cleansing of the Leper

Matt. 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16

Jesus sets out through Galilee,
"preaching in their synagogues,
casting out demons."

Many, many people were following Him when a terrible sight met their eyes—a man covered from head to foot with dreadful sores. Clothes torn and face blurred, he is mourning his own death. The people draw back in horror, **not** because they **fear contagion**, but because Jewish law makes anyone who touches **death** an outcast —and leprosy is living **death.**

"Stop him! Stop him!" they cry. "If he **touches** us the priest will forbid us fellowship with God's people!"

Of all afflictions, leprosy is the **worst,** for the whole body breaks down; the legs, the arms decay and fall off. To the Jews it was a sign of inward sin.

So the crowd draws back, but standing serene in the midst of cries and jeers and curses, there is **One** who does **not** flee. The leper falls on his face before the sinless Christ, reasoning to himself, "I know this Jesus has power to **heal**, but I am a **sinner** and an **outcast.**" Reverently, and aloud, he says to Jesus "If thou **wilt** thou **canst** make me clean."

Jesus did **first** what we would be the **last** to do. This loathesome flesh, He TOUCHED! saying, "I **will,** be thou clean." The law is that to be accepted by his neighbors, the leper must be pronounced "cleansed" by a priest. So Jesus says sternly "Go, show thyself to the priest." The man is not to stop **even** to talk. "Tell no man," says Jesus.

But alas! the man broadcasts the news everywhere. By his disobedience he hinders the Master's mission. From this time Jesus could not enter the cities but was compelled to preach in the deserts. Do we also hinder the work of the Kingdom by our thoughtless speech?

Sin is the leprosy of the soul. This leads to death forever, but Jesus **wills** to cleanse us white as snow when we give our lives to Him. **No sin is too vile for His forgiveness.**



Signal Lights for December

Prepared by Mrs. Alberta Holsinger

Bible Theme: "OBEYING GOD"

Project: OUTFIT THE BOLINGERS FOR NIGERIA

Call to Worship:

Baby Jesus, sweet and mild,
Came to earth as a tiny Child.
He came our Savior to be;
He came for you and me.

Sing:

"Away in a Manger"
"Silent Night"
"Joy to the World"

Bible Story:

Mary and Joseph

Mary was alone. She was thinking of God. She was thinking of the Savior He had promised to send. Suddenly, Mary was not alone. There stood the angel, Gabriel.

"God has chosen you to be the mother of His Son," the angel was saying.

"Me?" asked Mary in surprise.

"Yes," replied the angel. "You shall name the Baby, Jesus."

"Let God's will be done," said Mary softly.

Later the angel appeared to Joseph and said, "God is sending His Son to Mary and you. He is the promised Savior."

"We will love and care for the Child," said Joseph.

Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth. Their families had come from Bethlehem. When the king ordered everyone to go to his town to be counted, Mary and Joseph had to return to Bethlehem.

It was a long trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Mary rode their donkey. Joseph walked beside her. When they got to Bethlehem they found the town filled with people. They stopped many places asking for a room in which to spend the night. Nowhere was there an empty room.

At last a kind old innkeeper said, "I'm sorry, but my rooms are filled. There's a stable back of the inn. If you want to, you may spend the night there. You can make a bed of the hay."

"Thank you," replied Joseph. "We will go to the stable."

That night God sent the promised Savior. He sent Him as a tiny Baby to Mary and Joseph in the stable. They named Him Jesus.

Mary and Joseph obeyed God. They were glad He had chosen them to be the earthly parents of His Son. They found true happiness through obeying God's plan.

Based on portions of Matthew 1 and Luke 1 and 2

Sing:

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Dramatize the Christmas Story:

Today I want to read to you the Christmas story from the Bible. As I read it perhaps you would like to act it out.

(Choose the children who will represent Mary, Joseph, the angel, and the shepherds. If you wish to use all your group the others could be the angel choir. Perhaps some would like to be animals in the stable. A doll may be used for the Baby.

Decide where the stable will be and where the shepherds' field will be.)

Now, as I read the story you may act out the things you hear.

(Read Luke 2:4-20 pausing to give the children opportunity to pantomime the story. If there is time, go through it more than once having the children take different parts.

Dramatization is one of the most effective ways of learning. The world is presenting in many ways other ideas of Christmas. Be sure your Signal Lights know the true meaning and true importance of this day.)

Friendship Circle of Prayer:

Let us thank God for Jesus who came on the first Christmas to be our Savior. Let us thank Him for our parents and others who have told us of Jesus.

Let us ask Him to help boys and girls everywhere to learn of Him whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas Day.

Poems for the Signal Lights to read:

One Brilliant Star

One brilliant star in the heavens,
Pointing the place where He lies;
Mary, His mother, is praying
With reverence and love in her eyes.

Little Lord Jesus is sleeping,
Shepherds are watching the star;
Angels are singing His praises,
Wise Men have come from afar!

Shepherds awake on the hillside,
Watching their lambkins and sheep;
One brilliant star in the heavens,
One tiny Babe asleep!

Dear little, wee little Jesus,
Tender and holy and sweet,
Sleep while the wise ones adore You,
Sleep while we kneel at Your feet.

Nona Keen Duffy

A Christmas Thought

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise-man,
I would do my part—
Yet what can I give Him?
Give my heart.

Christina Rossetti

Little Important Things

A little candle burning bright
Can make a warm and friendly light.
A little bell so silvery
Can twinkle oh, so merrily.
A little child with heart sincere
Can Jesus serve all through the year.
A little message, "Christ is born,"
Brings joy to all on Christmas morn!

Irene Sekula

If I'd Been There

I wish I'd lived in Bethlehem
That night so long ago;
I wish I'd heard the angels' song,
And seen the starlight glow.

If I had found the stable
Beside the crowded inn,
And seen the Baby in the hay,
How happy I'd have been!

And maybe, if I had been there,
His mother would have smiled,
And gently laid within my arms
Her tiny, newborn Child.

Helen Mills Cook

Business:

1. Roll Call—tell what you did without this month.
2. Talk about our project—Outfitting the Bolingers for Nigeria.
3. Plan a way you can share Christmas with someone else. Perhaps you would like to go to the home of a shut-in and pantomime the Christmas story as you did at the meeting today. Or you could go caroling.
4. Did you mail the things from your Thanksgiving tree?
5. Let us try to send birthday cards to our missionary children this year. Those having birthdays in January are:
 January 1—Valerie Rowsey will be four years old.
 January 9—Margaret Solomon will be one year old.
 January 11—Rebecca Byler will be eight years old.
 January 20—Deborah Curtis will be six years old.

Handwork:

A Peep Scene

Before the meeting cut a hole about the size of a dime in the middle of one small end of enough shoe boxes for all your Signal Lights. You may also want to have Nativity pictures (Mary, Joseph, Baby, Shepherds, sheep, etc.) cut from old Christmas cards. Leave a tab to fold back at the bottom of each picture.

Give each child a piece of paper which will fit the other end of the box. Have them color the papers to represent the inside of a stable. Paste this picture on the inside of the box across from the little hole.

Arrange the cut out pictures in the box so they can be seen through the peep hole. Paste the tabs to the bottom of the box.

Cover the top of the box with tissue paper. Put a red or green ribbon around the edge of the tissue paper.

Suggest to the Signal Lights:

Give someone your box. Have him peep through the little hole. Tell him the story of your Christmas scene.

Signal Lights Benediction

The Need for SPIRITUAL COMMUNICATION

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

PHYSICAL MAN COMMUNICATES with physical man by physical signs and symbols. Spiritual man communicates with spiritual man in seasons of fraternal fellowship and communion. Here, each, reaching for the witness of, **His Spirit bearing witness with our spirits,** feels the warmness of fellowshipping love drawing him closer to kindred spirits. This ecstatic feeling may break forth in audible amens or other praise, yet perhaps more often in sighs of satisfaction and quiet beatitude. After seasons of such oneness in the Spirit, the hand clasp seems warmer and the glance of faith is softer than at any other time. This is **communion of the saints.**

The communications in the spiritual are not all silent. The spirit which each of us has, is, **The spirit which is from God** (I Cor. 2:12) and is in nowise dumb. We can and do speak of spiritual things, **Not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth; combining spiritual things with spiritual words** (I Cor. 2:13). Yet how difficult it is to receive the teaching of the Spirit so we can speak together the spiritual words that express our inner joys and satisfactions.

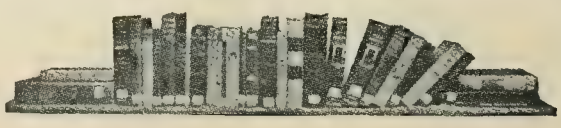
There are so many hindrances to full expression of our souls in spiritual communication. Perhaps the greatest is reticence due to the almost sacred feeling one has for his secret thoughts. And then, at times, one may fear his tender emotions be misunderstood; or criticized; or even maligned. It seems evident in some gatherings that the flow of spontaneity in one is restrained by the same inhibited spontaneity in all. Each acts as a brake on the other. Consequently, we each think our thoughts in silence and loose the nurture of expression and community of joy.

A very great hindrance to spiritual communication is the cultivated frown on fervency of any kind in some circles. Some have been schooled to the idea that there is dignity in silence about everything spiritual. A hearty amen would offend the sensibility of such an one.

On the other hand there is among some an opinion that if there is no outburst of expression, there is no depth of feeling. Certainly, there is just cause for both extremes due to over emphasis of both. The reference here is not only to responses in public worship. We are thinking also about the everyday attitudes as saint meets saint.

Is not the fact that we fail to cultivate the spiritual in our lives responsible for our inability to communicate in spirit? Does the materialistic age in which we live contribute? Isn't it the warring of the flesh against the spirit? **Because the mind of the flesh is enmity against God** (Rom. 8:7) and clouds the channels of communication with God. If there is no converse with God, there is little to communicate to our fellow saints.

Spiritual communication among the saints will create a language of communication aside from the oral. A beatific countenance in prayer can preach a two-hour sermon. Of Stephen it was said they, **Saw his face as it had been the face of an angel** (Acts 6:15). Our greater spiritual impact upon people is made by our bearing rather than by what we say.



THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN THE LIFE OF A CITIZEN

by CLARENCE BASS, Ph.D.
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GOVERNMENT is an activity which has penetrated deeply into the everyday existence of each of us. It is an ever-changing activity which is directed toward ever-changing ends.

To what end should government be directed. How should these ends be accomplished? How should they not? And how can this activity be related to the other activities within our lives?

There are two attitudes which are prevalent in our attitude towards government. The first of these is that the government is a necessary evil—that it is needed for our protection as insurance against injustices, but that we have to be perpetually on our guard against the interference of government in our private interests, against the erosions of our private rights.

This philosophy toward government grows out of a philosophy of individualism in which government is regarded as the enemy of liberty.

A second attitude toward government, probably the more prevailing one, holds that government can be justified on the grounds of an all-embracing state. The advocates of the first attitude speak of "government"; the advocates of the second speak of the "state." The state is regarded as an all-embracing entity which cannot interfere with private and individual rights because we do not have private and individual rights except in the unity of the state. If we *do* have individual rights, they are in conflict with those of the state and therefore must be forfeited.

This line of thought has developed from the French Philosopher Russeau, down through the German philosopher Hegel, and I shall leave unanswered the question as to which of our contemporaries reflects this philosophy.

Hegel advocated that the state was the final and complete form of all human society—that the state existed for service, and that this service was for perfect freedom, that individualism was without purpose, that man is only a part of the whole of liberty, and that freedom can be seen only in the state.

This philosophy developed because Hegel viewed the individual as selfish. He viewed every man as scheming for his own right and that, if left alone, would bring individual anarchy and chaos.

Hegel believed that man must enter into a union with his fellowmen in order to preserve the betterment of all men. He advocated that every man must surrender himself to the whole—must give up his natural rights to participate in the whole—must accept the will of the whole as his own.

Out of this kind of philosophy has grown what political science calls "government by social contract."

Government by social contract emphasizes the supremacy of the common in man—not the supremacy of the common man, mind you, but the supremacy of the common in man. The supremacy of the bilateral sameness of interests in man. It advocates that man achieves his individual will only as he achieves it within the welfare of the whole, hence the common in man is that he should strive for the common good.

Now there are many commendable aspects of this principle. When it is applied to government it seems to me there are some dangers because this principle claims to defeat the anarchy of individualism. It contends that it regulates the interests of the parts of society for the societal ends as a whole. It declares that it seeks the goal of all men through the goal of the whole.

There are dangers, first of all, because this philosophy of government confounds society with state. And we must make a distinction between these two emphases. Society is that which is created by the multilateral activity of men. It is the interpersonal relationship between men. It gives us a sense of union. It is a union that arises from the social needs of mankind. State, however, denotes the political order which grows out of the society. Society has countless uncentralized and unorganized relationships and the state attempts to channel these relationships into order, into proportion, into administration, and into function. If we do not distinguish between society in which men have their rights, and the state which attempts to regulate these rights, in relation to other rights, we create a government in which we ask the individual to surrender his rights to the societal rights. This may be what we are approaching in the American government.

But inevitably, this means that government will try to control the individual, rather than the individual controlling the government.

The second danger in this is that it not only confounds society with the state, but it confuses the unity of the society with the organic nature of the state. It is true that there is a relationship between individuals. But this relationship constitutes no organic relationship. The relationship exists only because two individuals are brought together. And when two individuals are brought together they quite naturally have a relationship. But there is nothing within the relationship which we can say has an organic entity in itself.

The myth of the society as an organism has had strong appeal, all the way from Plato down through Spengler. But it has one defect. The defect is that it leaves no place for the autonomy of the individual. It absolutizes the individuals into society as a whole. Society is a system of relationships. But social values are realized in the individual, not in the society itself.

There are, however, advocates of government who would assert that government is an entity within itself, and that as an entity it reflects—it insolves itself in the rights of men.

If we are to seek an intelligent view of government we must do two things: We must first of all understand the place of the individual citizen in the government and we must understand the role of the government within the perspectives of the rights of the individual.

There can be no situation where there are two human beings who do not constitute a society. Yet there is no one single group or form of organization which incorporates all of the values and wholly circumscribes the social life of man. Man lives within a matrix of society. Consequently, the individual is never, and can never be, absolved into his society. He can never be wholly responsive to it. He can never be wholly accountable to it. The individual is always self-enclosed. Hence, government must never attempt to achieve an absolute solidarity but it must always be the consensus of ends, of purposes and of ideals of the individuals who comprise the society.

The sense of the common within the group certainly overrides the differences but it never absolutizes them. It cannot do so because to do so would contradict the rights of individuals. It would surpress the expression of individual rights. The values that are pursued in common by people within society can only be realized within the individuals who compose that society and they can never be attributed to or abrogated by the state. Hence, government must seek a balance and an inter-adjustment of the many elements within its society.

Therefore, the role of government within society must always be that of coordination of principle. Government can never be regarded as that which exists of and within itself. It must always be the activity of men who are free to relate themselves, to seek common interests, to achieve their goals, but never to be surpressed—never to be bound under by the government which they have constructed.

If this is true it seems to me that there are several principles under which government must operate. First of all, wherever actions are of such a kind that the achievement of them by one group does not impede the achievement of another in a diverse or contradictory manner they should not therefore be the subject of the coordinating role of government.

Let me illustrate what I mean. There are certain labor-industry relationships. Industry must always have the privilege of regulating itself. Those who invest their funds in the structuring and administration of manufacturing must always be free to order their affairs, but only if it does not impede or interfere with the rights of others. Industry must be free to order its affairs only if in the ordering of its affairs it does not impede the rights of labor. Where there is a conflict of interests government exists for the purpose, whether it is federal government or state government, whether is it local government or even government within the group. Government must exist in order that there not be a conflict of interests.

But we must always maintain that wherever the common goals and interests of groups can take place without conflict then there is no role at all for government in the life of the citizen.

A second principle: Actions by government should be performed wherever possible by the smallest governmental department or, inversely, by the largest societal unit. And the largest societal unit is that which involves the smallest number of people.

The third principle: Government should act to coordinate the activities of the many societal units so that they neither lose their entity and function nor become amalgamated and absorbed into part of the state.

Another illustration: We have within American culture today the perplexing problem which we refer to as the "Farm Problem." The farm problem exists from two perspectives: One, that the farmers are not able to achieve through their productivity a standard of living which is achieved by other Americans. Secondly, the government is involved to see that they do. The precise question, however, is to what extent does government intervention in the farm problem to assure a living standard impede or deny the liberty and the freedom of the farmer? There is no better illustration of this than the recent wheat referendum in which the government held out to the wheat farmers of the Midwest the assurance of certain parity price on the grounds that they would give up the liberty and freedom which they had in the operation of their farms. The farmers overwhelmingly voted that there is no place for government in the life of the individual if the function of freedom of that individual loses its identity or is amalgamated or absorbed as a part of the state.



Our problem today is simply that we are involved in the social mechanism of the government. The complexities and the multiplicity of the associations which we have today in the American culture demand regulation. And so we must have government.

But every societal unit has two things in common. It has first of all shared interests; secondly it has an institutionalized system of regulating these shared interests. The great danger in government today is that it tends to mechanize the shared interests to the point that they no longer find their base in the individual; that it tends to remove the base of authority and power from the individual to this institutionalized form.

From our relatively simple life in colonial times we have now reached a culture which has new dimensions. In this complex American culture we have government which is constantly threatening to deny individual rights by the political apparati of institutionalism.

There are, it seems to me, some inherent dangers which we must face. We must face the danger of the control of hierarchy. We must face the danger of easily giving over to the government responsibilities which are still left to the individual.

We must face the danger that because governmental action assures for us security and ease that we will not forget the role of ourselves as individuals.

I suggest to you that there are four conditions by which we may be able to assure the continued relationship between necessary government and necessary individualism.

The first of these is the growth of the democratic spirit. That, it seems to me, is in danger today. As I have previously implied, with our giving over to the government the security which we find in the government we are also giving over the democratic spirit of individualism upon which our nation was founded. We must maintain the growth of the democratic spirit.

Secondly, we must maintain the responsibility of the individual within the government. The responsibility of the individual to be a part of the governing action, as well as a part of the governed.

The individual must take his place for "if good men are not involved in government, evil men will be."

It seems to me that this is precisely the task that is upon us as evangelical Christians. If we are not involved in the responsibility of political life, and in the responsibility of government, then we by force forfeit that governing unit of our society to those men who will become involved, and it is the nature of government that men become involved for selfish ends.

Thirdly, we must continue to make government serviceable and responsible to emergency needs of society by viewing it in other than its political relationships. We must not think of government and politics as being synonymous. We must not think of involvement in government, whether it is local or national, as "getting into politics." We must disassociate the role of the individual within the government as something which he does to achieve selfish ends. We must accept the fact that it is the responsibility of every citizen to be involved in some level of government.

Lastly, it seems to me that the condition for assuring the role of the individual in the government is the recognition by the government of the nature and the requirement of the individual. We must not become statistics. We must not become digital matters for computer machines. Those who are involved in government must still see that the primary focus of the activity of government is that it must meet the needs of the individual.

In summary I should like to add that men related together thus form human society. Human society has to be regulated and governed. The philosophy by which we regulate ourselves must always be that this governmental relationship must always keep the individual in focus. It must always center upon the individual. This it can do only as individuals who see individual responsibility and obligation are involved as a part of the government. The institutionalizing of societal ends can be achieved only if those who view individualism forfeit their responsibility in government or, in becoming a part of government, lose their perspective of individualism.



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Program for December

Topic:

James E. Norris

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST AND WHY CHRISTMAS?

Scripture reading: Luke 2:1-18; 24-35; 46-52

Introduction:

To select a topic for the Christmas lesson your writer decided to search out all the titles given to Jesus Christ our Savior, recorded in the Bible, but found it impossible because space would not permit. Some of them are: The Arm of God, Author and Finisher of our faith, Beginning and the End, Beginning of creation of God, Begotten of the Father, Beloved, Beloved of God, Beloved Son, Blessed and only Potentate, Branch of the Root of Jesse, Bread of Life and the Bridegroom, Brother Builder and Captain, The King, Christ Jesus our Lord, Consolation of Israel and the Corner Stone, Emmanuel, First born among many Brethren. These are but a few of the titles given to Jesus. Christmas is the annual festival held by the Christian church in the memory of the birth of Christ.

Topics for Discussion:

1. The Babe—Luke 2:12-16

Beginning with the eighth verse we find **there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.** But the angel of the Lord said **Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord** (vs. 8-11). That is the WHY OF CHRISTMAS.

2. Beginning and End—Rev. 1:8-11

He is the Beginning and the End; the First and the Last. He was present at the creation; He did create. He will come in the clouds, and they that pierced Him shall wail because of Him (Rev. 1:7).

3. The Bread of Life; Bread of Heaven—John 6:48-51

Bread is food. Discuss.

4. He is God; He is Eternal Life—I John 5:20

5. Friend of Sinners—Matt. 11:19

He was criticized for eating with publicans and sinners.

6. He is God of the Whole Earth—Isaiah 54:5

7. He is the Husbandman—Luke 20:9

8. He is King over all the Earth—Zechariah 14:9

9. The Lamb of God—John 1:29-36

10. The Resurrection and the Life—John 11:25

Summary:

The passages we used tonight are only a few of the "whys" of Christmas.

A Prayer:

I pray to God that I may live—
A better life today than I have lived in all the years
That now are put away.
If only from this very dawn,
Until the time is night, and until the silver stars
Have disappeared from sight.
These four and twenty hours brief—
That God has given me.
With ears to hear, a tongue to speak:
And eyes with which to see.

I pray that I may keep the faith, And do the best I can . . .
To help my loved ones and to serve . . .
My every fellowman . . .
To comfort the afflicted and . . .
Their every fear dispel . . .
To bear my crosses patiently . . .
And do my duty well.

James J. Metcalfe

Boys' Brotherhood Study Article —

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
(Temperance)

Text: Galatians 5:22, 23

by REV. THOMAS A. SCHULTZ

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

CONSIDER THE FRUIT or fruits which are manifest in a life that is under the Spirit's control.

A prominent churchman said to me not long ago that he wished it were possible to remove all rules and regulations governing conduct of the church members and bend all energies to the development of Christians of deep spiritual life and devotion. One wonders just what kind of a church would result if rules and regulations were abolished, and everyone "did what was right in his own eyes." The patterns of conduct would doubtless be quite diverse. But if all Christians were "led of the Spirit" as Paul admonishes, conduct on the part of all would surely be above reproach. And there would be a unity of purpose and practice that would eliminate factions and the strife which they promote. If "led by the Spirit" each would be concerned with the well-being of his neighbor, from both spiritual and temporal standpoints. And would we not be able to talk with much more optimism of church mergers and denominational unification?

"But the fruit of the Spirit" both flesh—the sinful dispositions of the human heart and spirit—the changed or purified state of the soul, by the grace and Spirit of God, are represented by the Apostle as trees, one yielding good and the other bad fruits; the productions of each according to the nature of the tree, as the tree is according to the nature of the seed from which it sprung.

Love is an intense desire to please God and to do good to mankind; the very soul and spirit of all true religion; the fulfilling of the law, and what gives energy to faith, itself.

Joy is the exultation that arises from a sense of God's mercy communicated to the soul in the pardon of its iniquities, and the prospect of that eternal glory of which it has the foretaste in the pardon of sin.

Peace is the calm, quiet, and order which takes place in the justified soul, instead of the doubts, fears, alarms, and dreadful forebodings which every true penitent more or less feels, and must feel till the assurance of pardon brings peace satisfaction to the mind.

Long-suffering is long-mindness, bearing with the frailties and provocations of others, from the consideration that God has borne long with ours. Bearing up also through all the troubles and difficulties of life without murmuring.

Gentleness is benignity, affability; a very rare grace, often wanting in many who have a considerable share of Christian excellence.

Goodness is the perpetual desire and sincere study, not only to abstain from every appearance of evil, but to do good to the bodies and souls of men to the utmost of our ability.

Faith is the punctuality in performing promises, conscientious carefulness in preserving what is committed to our trust, in restoring it to its proper owner, in transacting the business confided to us, neither betraying the secret of our friend, nor disappointing the confidence of our employer.

Meekness is mildness, indulgence toward the weak and erring, patient suffering of injuries without feeling a spirit of revenge, an even balance of all tempers and passions, the entire opposite to anger.

Temperance is a self-government, or moderation, principally with regard to sensual or animal appetites.

Against such there is no law—Those, whose lives are adorned by the above virtues, cannot be condemned by any law, for the whole purpose and design of the moral law of God is fulfilled in those who have the Spirit of God, producing in their hearts and lives the fruits of the Spirit.

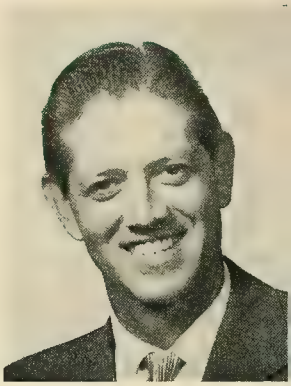
Surely if all professing Christians bore the fruit of the Spirit—"love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance"—denominational lines would largely disappear in the pursuit of the common objective of winning others to a personal Savior. What unity and harmony would prevail in all Christian circles, not only in the individual churches but also among denominations as well! Differences in creed and ritual would be greatly minimized. Christianity could then present a united front to the world. For if all Christians met the standard the millennium would surely be ushered in.



PASTOR PROFILE

Rev. W. Clayton Berkshire

ASHLAND CENTER OF RELIGIOUS LIFE



The following article appeared in the **Dayton Daily News** dated Sunday, October 31, 1965. We felt that the readers of **The Brethren Evangelist** would be interested in the "profile" of Rev. Berkshire. Our thanks to Rev. Cecil Bolton of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, for sending the article to us. S.G.

THROUGH THE YEARS, Ashland, O., has been a center of religious and educational life for the Rev. W. Clayton Berkshire and his family.

Mr. Berkshire has been pastor of Hillcrest Brethren Church, 2905 N. Main St., (Dayton, Ohio), since 1963. Headquarters for the denomination is in Ashland.

A native of Masontown, Pa., Mr. Berkshire graduated from Ashland College in 1938 and received a bachelor of divinity degree from Ashland Theological school in 1941.

Three of Mr. and Mrs. Berkshire's four children are currently students at Ashland College. Phyllis is a senior, Jim a junior, and Geneva a freshman. Daughter Sharon graduated from there last year. She's now Mrs. James Fields, a first grade teacher and wife of a seminary student at Ashland.

After graduating from the Seminary, Mr. Berkshire served as pastor of the New Lebanon Brethren Church for 10 years.

"Then I went to work with the missionary board of the Brethren Church in Ashland," he said. "I was there 12 years, 11 years as general secretary of the board."

During that time, Mr. Berkshire took administrative visits to his denomination's mission work in Nigeria, Africa, and in South America, particularly Argentina.

Hillcrest Brethren Church has approximately 400 members. The Brethren Church (Ashland, O.) totals about 20,000 members, with the greatest concentration in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana.

"I think the extension of the gospel today is one of the important ministries of the church," Mr. Berkshire reflected. "I think that the important aspect of our ministry is in the area of service to the Lord and to our fellow man, and where we can provide the vital needs of man, physical and spiritual.

"We need to do this to fulfill our role as a body of Christan people. Where we find a need in the lives of people that has to do with their physical or spiritual health, we find these as opportunities to show our love and to express the love of God for humanity.

"We (at Hillcrest Brethren) have a great deal of emphasis on world missions and the work of church extension here in the homeland. And even though we're a small denomination, we're attempting to fulfill the responsibility that we feel God has given to us in important areas of Christian work."

World Religious News in Review

GROUP PROMOTES 'PROPER USE' OF BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fort Wayne, Ind. (EP)—Religious Instruction Association, Inc., a nonprofit organization, has been formed here by laymen to promote the "proper use of the Bible and religion" in public schools.

A statement explained that the association's function is to publish and distribute "pertinent materials relative to school Bible study," including courses of study, workbooks, textbooks, study guides and the like. It also has available "a complete list of schools teaching a Bible course, or a Bible unit within a course."

The eleven-man board of directors of the organization is composed of business and professional men, including a high school principal. Its executive secretary is James V. Panoch, a former school teacher who last year taught a course on Biblical literature in a public high school here.

'SEVERAL HUNDRED' CHAPLAINS NEEDED BY ARMED FORCES

Washington, D. C. (EP) — Major General Charles E. Brown, Jr., the Army chief of chaplains, has issued an appeal to Churches and their agencies for "several hundred" additional chaplains to meet the needs of the increasing number of servicemen called up by the war in South Viet Nam.

While Pentagon officials would not give specific figures how many chaplains will be needed, the Methodist Commission on Chaplains here said it is being asked for "more than double the need normally anticipated for 1965-66." The Methodists are seeking 50 ministers for qualification as chaplains by June. Ordinarily, the number needed would be about 20.

ECUMENICAL JOURNAL DEBUTS IN BRITAIN

London (EP) — A new religious journal, the **New Christian**, appeared on newsstands throughout Britain with the avowed aim of presenting a creative theology appropriate to present times and breaking down ecumenical barriers through "interpretation."

New Christian will appear every two weeks. It is not only ecumenical in outlook but ecumenical in management, for its editorial board includes representatives of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist and Congregational Churches, the Church of Scotland, and the Quaker Society of Friends.

'BELIEF IN GOD' REQUIREMENT FOR JURORS UPSET BY MARYLAND COURT

Baltimore (EP)—Maryland's court system has been thrown into turmoil by a decision of the State Court of Appeals voiding a provision of the state constitution that requires prospective jury members to swear a belief in God and in an afterlife with rewards and punishments.

As many as 1,500 defendants now awaiting trial in the state may have to be reindicted by grand juries drawn from new panels in which no religious test is imposed, state officials estimate.

The decision resulted from an appeal by a Buddhist, Lidge Schugurow, who had been convicted of murdering his wife. The Appeals court overturned the conviction since the juries which indicted and convicted him had excluded non-believers. The court held this was unconstitutional under the Bill of Rights.

DR. HENRY CITES EVANGELICAL ROLE IN 'SOCIAL STRUGGLE'

Washington, D. C. (EP)—A conservative editor said here that liberal Protestant churchmen and their evangelical counterparts are poles apart on the proper methodology in accomplishing social goals, and often, in just what goals are desirable of accomplishment. But it is wrong for evangelicals to deplore the actions of social activists, he added, if they in turn do not act upon the basis of an acceptable methodology themselves.

This was one of the major contentions of Dr. Carl F. Henry, editor of **Christianity Today**, conservative Protestant fortnightly published here. His article marked a major attempt by a conservative theologian and churchman to outline the evangelical outlook and delineate between it and the liberal outlook on the social revolution.

Christianity Today in September came under sharp criticism from **Christian Century**, a Protestant ecumenical weekly reflecting a more liberal view. A **Century** editorial rapped the evangelical stands on social involvement and ecumenism.

KENNEDY FILM CONFUSES CONGOLESE ON 'RESURRECTION'

Minneapolis, Minn. (EP) — Some new Christians in the Congo who have seen the U. S. Information Service film, "Years of Lightning—Day of Drums," believe the late President John F. Kennedy has risen from the dead, younger and more vital than ever.

A Presbyterian missionary in Lulaborg told a Minneapolis Tribune correspondent visiting the Congo that this is the impression the film leaves.

"The editing alternate scenes from the late President's life with portions of the funeral procession and service," the missionary explained to writer George Grim, a Presbyterian elder.

"Here was the Resurrection, as we had taught the Congolese from the Bible," he said. "We didn't show the film again. We're still trying to explain it."

SERIES OUTLINES EVENTS LEADING TO CHRIST'S RETURN

Philadelphia, Pa. (EP) — "The changing patterns in alignment of nations, wars and rumors of wars, the return of Israel to Palestine, earthquakes and pestilences all point to the soon return of Christ," writes J. M. Davies, a Plymouth Brethren missionary and Bible teacher, in a new series of articles which began in **The Sunday School Times** on October 16, 1965.

The series of seven articles to appear in **The Times** is entitled "Primer on Prophecy." It covers such subjects as: The Bible's view of prophecy, God's love for Israel's history foretold, Christ's return and signs of His coming. The author, J. M. Davies, writes out of a lifetime of Bible study and teaching in India, Africa, the Near East, Canada, British Isles and the United States.

HAILE SELASSIE CITES MISSIONERS AS 'INSTRUMENTS FOR FREEDOM'

Addis Ababba, Ethiopia (EP) — Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia paid high tribute here to Christian missionaries, declaring they have been "a guiding factor and instrument for the freedom and independence now enjoyed by many Africans throughout this continent."

Addressing the third All-Africa Lutheran Conference, the Emperor noted that not only have many African leaders received their educations in church schools but also they are men who have been "inspired by the teachings of the Gospel on human freedom . . ."

The Ethiopian leader also called on Churches to work for world peace, emphasizing that peace today is "more necessary to mankind than ever before."

VATICAN II VOTES DECLARATION ON JEWS

Vatican City (EP)—History was made and long months of controversy brought to a resounding climax when the Second Vatican Council approved by a vote of 1,763 to 250 a schema on non-Christian religions which had sparked world attention because of its section on relations with the Jews. The over-all vote was taken at the Council's 150th general congregation the day after the Fathers, by a vote of 1,875 to 188, had approved a key paragraph absolving the Jews of collective responsibility for the death of Christ.

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CHRISTMAS SUBSCRIPTIONS



WE ARE HAPPY to report that the Christmas gift subscriptions for **The Brethren Evangelist** are beginning to come in.

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The recipient will receive a Christmas card with your name on it with the following message: "A year's subscription to **The Brethren Evangelist** is being sent to you as a Christmas gift from . . ." This card will be sent on about December 15 unless you wish to have it sent earlier.

Please use the order blank on the back of this magazine to order such gift subscriptions.

THE COVER

THE PICTURE on the cover of this issue of **The Brethren Evangelist** is the architect's drawing of the new addition to the existing church at Vinco, Pennsylvania. Rev. Henry Bates is the pastor.

You will find on page 15 of this magazine a more detailed account of the groundbreaking for this new addition.

Congratulations to this congregation!

A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

There is a treasure you can own
That's greater than a crown or throne;
That's richer than a diamond field,
Or all the pearls the oceans yield;
That's grander than the praise of men
That they might give by word or pen;
Yes, sweeter to the heart than song,
Though sung by some angelic throng.

This treasure is a conscience clear
That brings the sweetest peace and cheer;
A conscience free from guilt and stain,
That doesn't trouble, lash and pain;
A conscience that can rest in ease
When God beholds what no one sees;
A conscience good with which to live,
That only God Himself can give.

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.

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Letters to the Editor - - -

BEGINNING January 1, 1966, a new column will be added to **The Brethren Evangelist** as a service for the subscribers. This will be a **"Letter to the Editor"** column in which will be printed letters from the readers to the Editor commenting on any article which is printed in the magazine.

Of course, there has to be some "ground rules" for such a column, therefore your Editor is presenting the following rules which will be observed by both the writer and the Editor:

1. **All letters must pertain to the content of the magazine.** If you have an opinion, pro or con, on a particular article or report in the magazine, your opinion is invited.

2. **The name and address of the writer must be included in the letter and the name and address will be printed.** No anonymous letters will be printed!

3. **All letters become the property of the Brethren Publishing Company and will not be returned to the writer whether printed or not.**

4. **The Editor has the right to accept or refuse any letter for printing.** Most editors find that this is a popular column and that they do not have the space to print all letters therefore many letters cannot be printed for this reason.

5. **The Editor has the right to edit any letter used for printing.** Such editing can mean corrections in spelling, grammar, etc.

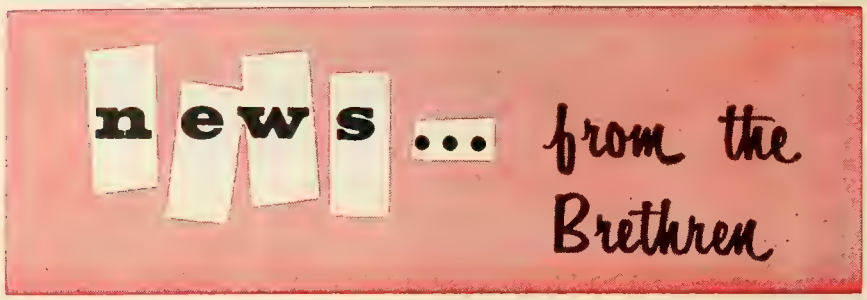
6. **The Editor has the right to delete any part of a letter; the letter does not have to be printed in its entirety.** Parts of a letter might not pertain to issue at hand, therefore it would be unnecessary to print all of it.

7. **The Editor will not allow The Brethren Evangelist to become a "battleground" for issues not related to the content of the magazine.** Many times such columns are abused in this way, therefore to avoid such abuse all letters must pertain to articles or reports printed in the magazine.

We trust that many of you will take advantage of this column and will write to your Editor who in turn will print as many letters as space will allow.

Let us keep in mind that each letter should be written in the spirit of Christian love and that a Christlike approach be made to every issue.

Your Editor is looking forward to this column and we trust that you are as well. S.G.



Hagerstown, Md. Rev. W. St. Clair Benshoff reports that the sanctuary of the church is being redecorated and that the regular church services are being held in the fellowship hall.

Dayton, Ohio. Rev. W. Clayton Berkshire reports that two young ladies were received into the membership of the church by baptism on Sunday, November 7, 1965. Confession of faith was made during camp this past summer by these two.

Mansfield, Ohio. At a special called business meeting on Sunday, November 21, the congregation voted to purchase two more acres adjoining the present site for the new church. This land adjoins to the west of the present property and will give the congregation a corner site. Preliminary drawings for the new building are now in the making.

Smithville, Ohio. Rev. Donald Rinehart reports that on Sunday, November 14, some 34 persons connected with the Junior High and Senior High Youth groups presented the major part of the program at the Wayne County Home. A half-hour program was presented to the women who could come to the assembly room, and then the Youth spent another half-hour singing in the hallways for those unable to get out of their beds. These young people are to be commended upon the giving of their time to present this program.

South Bend, Ind. The church again is using the "Church Christmas Card" plan this year. Through this means the individual who sends Christmas cards to other members of the church will bring the cards to the church to be picked up by the various recipients and the money that would have been spent for postage is given to the church for some worthy cause.

South Bend (Ardmore), Ind. Rev. William Cole reports that five persons were received into the fellowship of the church on Sunday, October 31.

Oakville, Ind. Rev. Ralph Offord reports that six new members were received into the church on Sunday, November 7, 1965, by baptism. Dr. Joseph Shultz conducted the baptismal services following a week of evangelistic services. He also conducted the communion service on Sunday evening, November 7.

Roanoke, Ind. The homecoming Sunday, November 7, 1965, was a most successful day both in attendance and in spirit. A warm spirit was felt throughout the day as those who formerly attended there "went home to worship."

The noon meal served in the recreation room by the ladies of the church had a twofold purpose; a fellowship dinner and a reception for the new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Amos Mast.

Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Dodds and family, a former parsonage family, were there from Wheaton, Ill. He had a part in the afternoon service.

Rev. Paul Tinkel of Warsaw, Ind., a former pastor, gave the afternoon message.

Mr. Richard Lewis of Tiosa, Ind., brought a carload of people from the church in Tiosa. "Dick" led the song service during the afternoon. Pastors and families from the community were in attendance for the services.

Weddings

KINNISON-WHITE. Wedding vows were exchanged by Nancy Kinnison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evert Kinnison, Pleasant Hill, Ohio, and Donald White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph White of Covington, Ohio, at a candlelight service in the First Brethren Church on Saturday, September 25, 1965. The marriage was performed by Rev. Samuel Adams, former pastor of the church. The couple will reside in Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

Rev. Cecil Bolton, pastor

Memorials

KERN. Mr. James C. Kern, 61, a member of the First Brethren Church of Oakville, Indiana, passed away on Friday, November 12, 1965, following a short illness. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Ralph Offord, and interment was at the Mt. Summit Cemetery.

Mrs. Oris Collins

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WAMPLER. Mrs. Ethel Wampler, 73, passed away on Saturday, October 9, 1965. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Oakville, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ralph Offord, and burial was at the Springport Cemetery.

Mrs. Oris Collins

CDL CONVENTION CALLS ON U. S. TO STEP UP ANTI-PORNOGRAPHY WAR

New York (EP)—Federal government "lag" in permitting regional U. S. attorneys to initiate actions against smut-peddlers was assailed here by Citizens for Decent Literature (CDL) at its fourth annual convention.

More than a thousand delegates from nearly every state, gave unanimous approval to a series of strong resolutions. Chief among them was a demand that U. S. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach start "vigorous enforcement" of existing federal obscenity laws in all jurisdictions."

An "alarming increase" in obscene materials, including those sent through the U. S. mails and interstate commerce, was noted by James J. Clancy, CDL's general counsel. Nevertheless, little action has been taken in the courts.

Mother is the name of God in the lips and hearts of little children.

Thackeray, quoted in WITH LOVE TO MOTHER (Fleming H. Revell Company)

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Readings from the Old Testament

Memory Scripture — Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 96:1-4

Tell Others

"Are Aunt Doris and Uncle Jim getting ready for church now, too?" wondered Gary.

"No," answered Mom. "It's afternoon in Nigeria. They have had their morning services."

"They may be getting ready to go to other villages for services," said Dad.

"It would be great to tell people about Jesus who had never heard of Him," said Gary. "I wish I could help Aunt Doris and Uncle Jim."

Mom smiled at Gary. "God asks us to tell all people of His wonders. There are many people right here who have never heard of Him."

"What can I do?" asked Gary.

"For one thing," said Dad, "you can go with me this afternoon. I'm going to the nursing home with Rev. Long."

"Those older people all know Jesus," said Gary.

Dad shook his head. "Some don't. You could play the piano or sing or read Scripture."

"I'll go!" declared Gary. "I want to help others to learn of Jesus."

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I'm glad I know You are my Savior. I want others to learn of You, too. Show me ways today to tell others of Your glory and wonders. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 100

A Way to Serve

"Our junior department is going to help a needy family this Christmas," Linda told Mom.

"Yes," added Gary. "Instead of a gift exchange we will get things for the family."

"That's a fine idea," said Mom.

"We think so, too," said Linda. "My class is going to buy things for the baby. She's just two months old. It will be fun shopping for a gift for her."

"My class is going to give gifts to the seven-year-old boy," said Gary. "That will be fun, too."

"This is a good way to serve the Lord," said Mom. "I'm glad you are doing it cheerfully."

Prayer:

Dear God, I know there are many ways each day in which I can serve You. Help me to do it gladly. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 104:31-35

Glory in the Sky

"Mom! Dad! Come see the pretty sunset," called Gary.

Gary, Linda, and Betsy had been playing outside in the snow. Mom and Dad put on their coats and went outside, too.

"Isn't it lovely?" asked Linda pointing to the sky.

"It's prettier than any picture ever painted," agreed Mom.

The sky was ablaze with color—red and pink and gold. The snowy treetops sparkled.

"Pretty snow. Pretty sky," said Betsy.

"The glory of the Lord shall endure forever," said Dad.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the lovely world. Help me every day to see Your glory in it. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 105:1-5

Tests

"We had tests all morning," said Gary when he came home for lunch.

"What kind of tests?" asked Mom.

"IQ," replied Gary.

"Were they hard?" wondered Mom.

"Parts of them were," Gary answered. "At first I was afraid I wouldn't do well on them. My stomach felt funny and my hands were cold. You know what I did?"

"What?" Mom wanted to know.

"I prayed," Gary said. "I remembered the Scripture we read this morning, 'Call upon His name. Seek the Lord and His strength.' That's what I did. He helped me to relax and to do my best on the tests."

Prayer:

Dear God, sometimes I forget that You want to help me in all things. I know if I will only call on You, You will guide me. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 119:9-16

Learning God's Word

Mommy was rocking Betsy. "What is your memory verse this week?" she asked the little girl.

"God is love," answered Betsy.

"Good," said Mommy. "What other one do you know?"

"Love one another," said Betsy. "Children, obey your parents."

"That's fine," Mommy told her.

"Why do you have us tell you our verses?" asked Gary.

"There are many times when knowing God's Word will help us," replied Mom. "While you are young is the best time to learn it. Then you will not forget it when you are older."

Prayer:

Thank You for the Bible, dear God. I want to take time now while I am young to learn much of it. May I not forget Your Word. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 119:33-40

Statutes

"S-t-a-t-u-t-e-s," spelled Linda. "What's that?"

"Statutes," answered Dad.

"Are they anything like statues?" asked Linda.

"No," laughed Dad. "Not at all. Statutes means laws."

"Oh," said Linda. "Now I understand. " 'Teach me thy statutes' means 'teach me your laws.' "

Dad nodded. "Right. We need to learn God's laws so we can obey them."

"Statutes," said Betsy. "Statutes. Statutes." She liked the sound of the new word.

"That means laws," Linda explained to her.

"Statutes, laws," echoed Betsy. "Learn God's laws. Statutes."

"Well, you've learned a new word," said Linda, "and you are learning God's laws, too."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the statutes You have given. I know if I obey them I'll be a happier person. Teach me Your laws and help me to keep them. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 119:41-48

Gary's Testimony

Gary was at the pond ice skating.

"Boy, this is fun," said Andy.

"Sure is," agreed Gary.

"I'm planning to come tomorrow morning. Not many people will be here then. Why don't you come, too?" invited Andy.

"I go to Sunday school and church in the morning," replied Gary. "Why don't you go with me? Then we can skate in the afternoon."

"The pond will be crowded then," said Andy. "Can't you skip church tomorrow?"

"I could," Gary told him, "but I don't want to."

"Don't want to!" said Andy in surprise. "You mean you like to go to church?"

"Yes," answered Gary. "I like to study God's Word and worship Him."

"Isn't it sissy stuff?" asked Andy.

"Come with me and find out," suggested Gary.

"Aw, I never thought I wanted to go to church," said Andy. "I'll see in the morning. I may go with you just once."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me never to be ashamed to tell others I love and follow You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

With His arm the Lord upholdeth,
Every moment lest we fall;
And His ear is ever open
To His children when they call.
By His own right hand He leadeth,
Going through the wilderness;
And with heavenly manna feedeth
In the midst of barrenness.
Springs He maketh in dry places,
Thirsty ones to satisfy,
And we drink of living water
From an infinite supply.
He protects and He delivers
When our enemies pursue;
When we come to the deep waters
On dry ground He takes us through.
This is our God forever,
And with grateful praise we raise
This our song of glad thanksgiving
For the love that crowns our days.

—Ida A. Guirey

CONTINUAL THANKSGIVING occupies the Christian, even in the worst circumstances (I Thess. 5:18; Jas. 1:1, 2). Let those who have nothing to be thankful for pray Hezekiah's prayer (Isa. 38:14); and the Psalmist's prayer in darkness and depression (Ps. 119:25). Then light will appear (119:130; 36:9). There is comfort for dark days (Isa. 35:10)—daily loaded benefits (Ps. 68:19).

Trials make the promise sweet,
Trials give new life to prayer;
Trials bring me to His feet,
Lay me low and keep me there.

—William Cowper

Among God's terrible indictments against sinner are the words: "neither were thankful" (Rom. 1:21). Against this so-called small sin "the wrath of God is revealed" (v. 18). Jesus was saddened by the thoughtlessness of the nine lepers (Lu. 17:16). Daniel could thank God when his life was in danger (Dan. 6:10). Habakkuk could rejoice in his salvation in the face of complete failure of crops and stock (Hab. 3:18). Prisoners heard Paul and Silas sing in jail (Acts 16:25).

Fellowship with other Christians is a real cause for thanksgiving (II Cor. 2:12, 13). The shipwrecked Paul rejoiced to see Christian brethren (Acts 28:15). He did not hesitate to speak his appreciation for his friends (Phil. 1:3; I Cor. 1:4; II Thess. 1:3). To cultivate a thankful spirit makes room for peace in the heart (Col. 3:14, 15).

Jesus was thankful (Matt. 11:25, 26). At the tomb of Lazarus He thanked God in advance for answered prayer (Jn. 11:41). In a supreme act of submission He instituted the Eucharist, thanking the Father for the bread and the cup (Matt. 26:27, 28).

Thanks be unto God for a given victory (I Cor. 15:37), for causing us to triumph in Christ (II Cor. 2:14), for God's unspeakable gift (II Cor. 9:15), for the praise of the redeemed in heaven (Rev. 7:10, 11). Thanks be unto God for supplying all our need (Phil. 4:19).

"His praise shall tune my voice:
For while in Him confiding,
I cannot but rejoice" (Ps. 115:1).

The Brethren Layman

BOYS' BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM

by Dick Jackson

BELIEVING IN GOD

BELIEVING in God is essential to every person's life. This month's lesson is the first in a series of articles which will help one witness for Christ. It presents several questions one might be asked at any time by someone seeking knowledge of God. The Scriptures which follow allow one to point out passages in the Bible that answer these questions.

I. How do I know there is a God?
John 1:18; 14:9-13; 20:29-31; Psalm 19:1; Isaiah 43:9, 10.

II. Can a man be a Christian without believing that Christ was the Son of God?
I John 5:9-13, 20; John 20:28-31; Matthew 16:13-18.

III. How may I know that the Spirit of God is speaking to me?
John 16:8-13; I Corinthians 12:3-8; Galatians 5: 22, 23, 25.

IV. Will God forgive me if I sin after I become a Christian?
Romans 14:21-23; I John 2:1, 2; Hebrews 4:14-16; James 5:15, 16; Matthew 18:21, 22.

V. What will be my greatest difficulty in the Christian life?
Philippians 2:3-5; Romans 12:3, 36; John 13:12-17.

The Parson's Corner

Rev. C. Wm. Cole

GREETINGS AT HARVEST and Thanksgiving time. The summer is past and it is time to celebrate the harvest.

Harvest is a time of joy. The first fruits are the Lord's. He gave to us all of this golden crop. As we sit around our tables laden with all the succulent good for our bodies, we dare not forget that we are a part of a harvest that is not all gathered.

As God prepares to gather His harvest of good people He must also gather the bad. Do some of you remember helping Dad with harvest back on the farm? There was excitement over the harvest. How much good would come from the grains, the hay, the corn, the potatoes, the apples and the pumpkins? Harvest time was a time of separation of the good and the bad. The bad grains, hay, corn, potatoes, apples and pumpkins were destroyed and we counted only the good. The good kept and the bad rotted. The good brought us joy and the bad—extra work for nothing.

How does God look at us now? The harvest time is near for us. We are either good or bad. We are either His or we are not His. We are like the fruits and vegetables—keeping or rotting. Jesus warns us that harvest time is coming. The reaper has already moved by for many. We are being severed and we will be severed from the vines and stalks of this world. Only the Lord Jesus Christ knows whether or not we can abide being cut off from our place of growth. The perishable fruits and vegetables bear some likeness to our bodily resurrection. Take for example the lowly potato. It is the good potato that can be taken out of the ground, stored all winter, be replanted in the spring time to send forth a new sprout and to grow into a new luscious plant. The bad potato may appear to have the life to abide the long winter months, but soon decay overcomes the potato and it dies. If we abide in Christ and He in us, we can be like the good potato that survives the winter.

Yes, we are thankful for the beautiful harvest this year, and we can be thankful that we are a part of God's great harvest. Is this all there is? Do we have the responsibility toward God's great harvest? We do. We are to show others Who can give life, and how they can share in that life. No Christian can have real joy very long without helping his Lord with His crops. How beautiful are the words of Psalm 126:5, 6, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Let us remember that the physical seasons have no bearing on God's harvest of good men. He is sowing, cultivating, watering, fertilizing and reaping all the time. Our question is, do you share in His daily work to help Him reap a great harvest? Can you have joy in your living unless you are, right now, out there helping your Lord to have a bountiful harvest? This is the fullness of Thanksgiving.

MISSIONARY NEWS

BOULDER HILL, The Singing Hostel

THE HILLCREST SCHOOL for the children of missionaries at Jos, Nigeria, is a campus of many buildings. Harold and Shirley Bowers are houseparents at a hostel called Boulder Hill. The accompanying picture shows their particular dwelling which has been lately called the "Singing Hostel." Some plantings and flowers have improved the homey look of the hostel since this picture was taken, we are told. Harold has a great love for music and has been directing a musical appreciation course for the high school students in their hostel. Being without a piano, Harold also accompanies them at evening devotions with his Melodica, a wind instrument, that sounds like an organ. They have a varied supply of records which have been a particular asset in teaching music appreciation and the name given them is indicative of their talents.

Their life is a very busy one at Jos and they have put their particular talents to use in many areas. Harold has found that his farm boy's knowledge has been a valuable asset in repairs and installations. His initiative in changing electrically-run utilities to gas installations to save money has already been of considerable help.

Harold's day begins with warming up the transmitter in the radio room to begin broadcasting from 6:30 extending to 7:00 each morning with a stand-by at 7:45 to 8:00 A. M. with six stations involved. Each evening the broadcasting is 5:30 to 5:45, with no broadcasting on Sunday. In that Jos is a rather central point and because of its availability to supply stores, airport and telegraph station, they receive many messages and requests.



Hillcrest School campus at Jos, Nigeria



The Singing Hostel

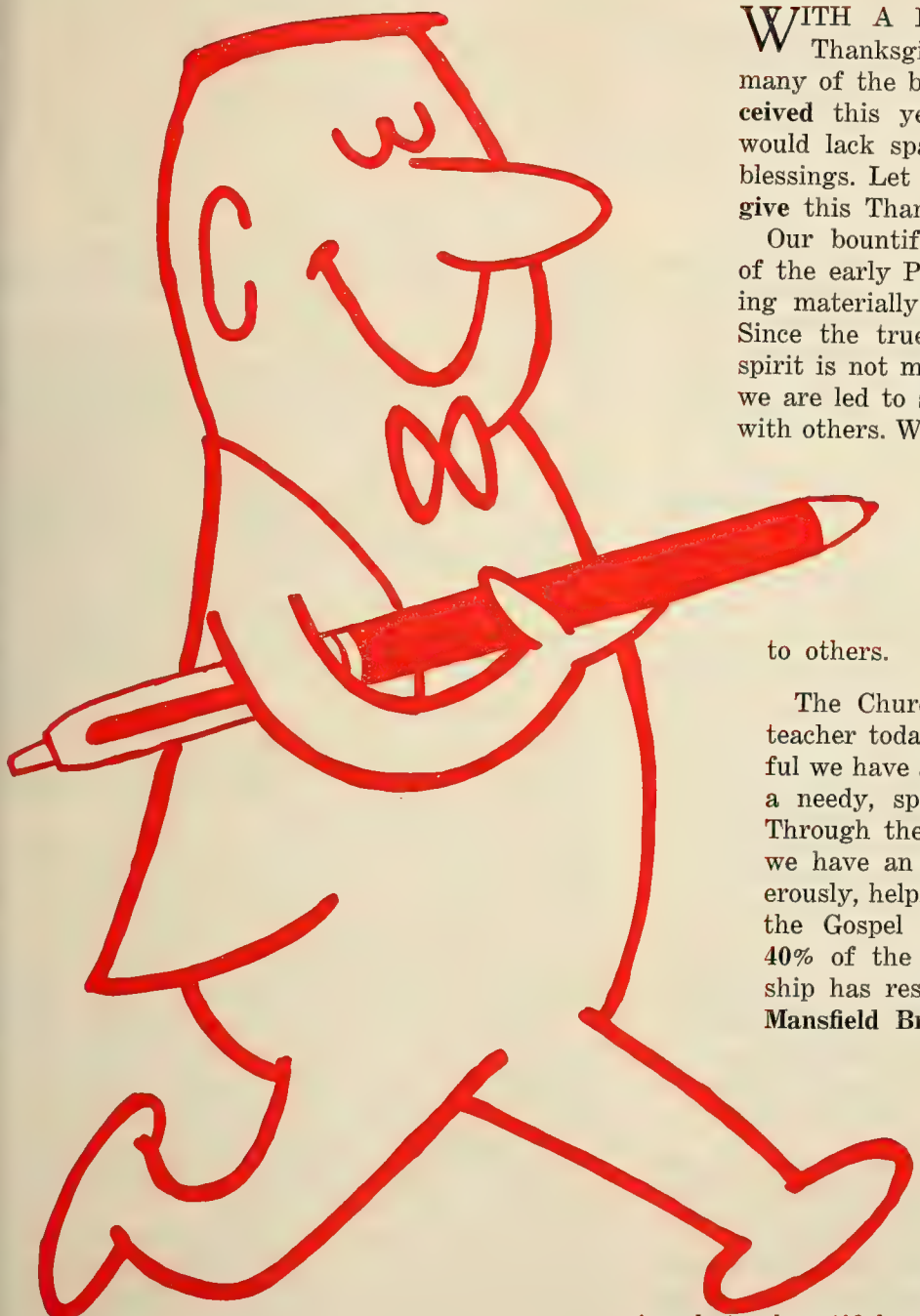
The Bowers family were know for their bicycle riding when they lived in Ashland, Ohio, having used this transportation in Bermuda. Now Harold has bought a bicycle for himself and is enjoying his transportation while he cuts back on mileage expenses.

Shirley is enjoying life at Jos and busily studying the Hausa language along with Jean Shank and a couple other missionary women. The Hausa language is the trade language in Nigeria and can be most helpful in their many contacts. Harold has wanted to study also, but his schedule up to this point does not allow time for him to join the classes.

The Bowers have a "zoo" at their house, courtesy of Terril Eikenberry, one of their boarders. He has acquired two monkeys, a hedge hog, a wild rabbit, a guinea pig and four pigeons and the Bowers have their own puppy for Marla to enjoy since she misses her playmates at Waka so much. Therefore, you know that life is never dull for them.

We would encourage you to write to the Bowers family, as well as all our missionaries in the field, keeping them informed. It is difficult for them to find time to keep up their correspondence, but they truly appreciate hearing news of all the churches and from all their friends at home.

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—also feed souls



WITH A PEN we could each, this Thanksgiving weekend, write down many of the blessings which we have **received** this year. In all probability we would lack space to list even the major blessings. Let us here think what we can **give** this Thanksgiving.

Our bountiful harvest, even like that of the early Pilgrims, suggests our sharing materially to express our gratitude. Since the true basis of a Thanksgiving spirit is not material at all, but spiritual, we are led to share our beliefs, our faith with others. With this day based on God's love and mercy and our joy in the Lord, what is more natural than to extend our brotherly Christian love and concern to others.

The Church is the world's greatest teacher today and we should be thankful we have ability to comfort and bless a needy, spiritually starving country. Through the **Ten Dollar Club** program we have an opportunity to share generously, helping to provide places where the Gospel might be preached. Only 40% of the **Ten Dollar Club** membership has responded to the call for the **Mansfield Brethren Church.** Have you made your contribution? Have you made a decision to join the **Ten Dollar Club** if you are not already a member?

Don't make Thanksgiving a **duty** of sharing, but a beautiful personal experience of sacrifice. Let us pick up our pens and offer our thanks through a liberal gift to the **Ten Dollar Club!**

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MISSIONS IN A CHANGING WORLD

by Eric S. Fife,
Missions Director
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MY SUBJECT IS "Missions in a Changing World." This subject is significant to us for several reasons. Generally speaking, editors of evangelical magazines should be more sensitive than most to the fact that we are in a changing world.

My purpose here is not to speak about these changes. These I presume you know. I would merely summarize them as follows.

I would say that one of the crucial issues we face is the sharp decline in the matter of missionary recruits.

A second crucial issue is that we are living in a period when we have seen the end of the age of church privilege. The Church is no longer gladly accepted; she is not even tolerated in many countries of the world after centuries where she has had a privileged position.

I would say a third factor is the unique importance and significance of the contribution of the Church in the United States. This is a changing issue. When I was born, the leadership in world missions came from the old world; today it comes from the new world.

Of course a further issue which we needn't do more than mention is the population explosion.

Yet another matter is the emerging significance of the big cities of our day.

Another factor is the issue of revolution. Particularly important this week was the situation in Dominican Republic. That could be said almost every week, for if it is not the Dominican Republic, it is South Viet Nam or somewhere else. We are living in an age of revolution. We have to understand that.

I would say that related to that is the issue of policy and privilege.

Yet another issue is that of nationalism. It is very hard to draw the line between nationalism and patriotism. A good rule of thumb is that if *he* has it, it is nationalism. If *I* have it, it is patriotism.

Yet another issue—and these are not in order of importance of course—is communism, which most of us have not really begun to understand. I am appalled at the number of Christian speakers and writers who are so active in writing and speaking about communism who never seem to have taken the trouble to have read anything that has been written *by a communist!* I think this is an appalling situation. How can you expect to understand the heartbeat of anything unless you read and listen to people who are committed to it?

The same thing, incidentally, is true of Roman Catholicism. It is appalling how many Christians—responsible Christians in leadership—place all of what they have to say upon books largely against Roman Catholicism.

Another issue with which you are very familiar is that of literacy. A hundred people a minute are learning to read. Literacy is increasing in Indonesia from five per cent to fifty per cent in ten years. Literacy that has been sparked by the Church but so powerfully exploited by the Communists.

Racial tension and the decline of the white man is yet another issue. Yet another one is the resurgence of great ethnic religions.

Yet another is the growth of secularism. You see it particularly among the young people and especially among students. We see not merely a loss of faith in Christianity, but in many religions—including Islam.

Yet another one is the issue of the Ecumenical Movement, both Protestant and Catholic.

Yet another one, the growth of education.

These and many more are the changes with which we are wrestling day by day.

Now I say the audience and the topic are significant. The world is a world of change, but we are evangelical. Now what does this mean? This means a very great deal.

I was reading a book on anthropology the other day and it made the statement—it didn't argue, but merely stated it—that religion is always adverse to change. Now the author was not writing about a Christian religion; he was writing about religion generally. And, theologically speaking, a culture may be used to stone knives and may progress to using steel knives. But there is a good chance that the witch doctor will still persist in using stone knives because it is the very nature of religion to support the *status quo* and to resist change.

Now we have described ourselves here not merely as religious people. We would preferentially describe ourselves as conservative religious people. This, of course, inevitably means that there is built within each of us a great resistance to change. This has great significance for us, for we may find ourselves laid open to some very great weaknesses that may not be generally characteristic of other people among whom we are called to live and witness. I would remind you of the phrase in Acts 14, verse 36: "David, after he had served the counsel of God in his own generation . . ." Now much depends upon which version you read "He served his generation in the will of God," or "He served the counsel of God in his gen-

eration." To me, unless a man is serving his generation he is not truly serving the will of God. He may be serving his church, he may be serving his organization, but he is not truly serving the counsel of God unless he is communicating to his generation. The main characteristic of the man of God is that he is not merely in touch with God but that he is in touch with his generation.

Now this is a tension in which it is extraordinarily difficult for us to serve helpfully, because of the very inbred resistance to change that we have.

Perhaps two years ago, I was invited by a certain prominent denomination to act as a consultant at a conference they were holding on world missions. After a week at the conference, where I had lived in very close proximity to the group of delegates on which committee I was serving, one of the delegates turned to me and said, "You know, you are the weirdest mixture I ever met." I said, "Well, I can certainly understand that. But now will you just tell me what particular part of the mixture is so weird?"

And she said, "Well you are so conservative, theologically. And yet you are so progressive in every other field."

And this to her, you see, represented an irreconcilable combination of qualities. She had never met anybody, evidently, whom she regarded as being a radical on some issues and yet conservative theologically.

Now, she has a point. Because let's admit that evangelicals have not merely been conservative theologically, but, generally speaking, we are being conservative in every area of our thinking.

And this is a tragedy. The world is poor because we cannot communicate effectively when we are so wholly resistant to change that we are out of sympathy with the world to whom Christ has called us to witness.

Now I would guess there are several classes of people who are more susceptable to change than others. A few weeks ago, at a certain Christian college and on the first day, strolling through the campus, I met the dean of men and one of the professors in the English department. They introduced themselves and I said, "Well, do I assume that the English department here is the hotbed of ferment and revolution on this campus?" They looked a little surprised and said, "How did you know?"

And I said, "Well, this is generally the situation."

In a liberal arts college, it is frequently the English department (or the English Lit department, if they have a separate department) that is distinctively related to the day in which we live and is susceptable to change and ferment.

So I would take it that you people here would likely be more radical in some of your thinking than would be some of the members of your readership for instance. Now I may be quite wrong in my judgment here. I am assuming that I am right. . .

A second group, of course, that would on the whole be more open to change are those who spend most of their time among students. The very nature of the milieu in which a student worker finds himself is that of questioning and of resisting authority. It is significant that, even spiritually speaking, many of the changes that come about in the church have come through student-oriented movements.

But I think that a third group who should, not necessarily always but who should be more open to change than others, would be those who are involved in evangelism and missions. It is very interesting to note that in the Vatican Council, for instance, you have a strong urge to modernize coming from the missionary diocese. People who are concerned with taking their faith and relating it to a world are always caught with the problem of making their faith more desirable to those to whom they are trying to sell it.

So I would take it that here this evening on the whole we would be, more than most, aware of the changes and of the need of adapting to those changes.

Now, it is a tragedy that both in foreign missions and in Christian magazines the willingness to be absolutely honest about the changes is often tempered by the pressure that is brought on by our circulation.

George Ford made an interesting comment about Ananias and Sapphira. Their problem was not that they kept something back that belonged to God. For, as Peter says, "As long as it was in your possession, you had a right to do what you liked with it." Their basic sin, for which they were so violently judged, was the sin of trying to give one impression while living out another situation. They wanted Peter to believe that they had given everything to Christ while in fact they were keeping something back. In other words they were people who were concerned with their public image.

And this hits everyone of us in this room—including me, of course. How much dare we say? How much can we get away with? Now of course we may wish that we could completely throw off this shackle. But I must remind you that we would be in a very dangerous position if we could shake it off. The fact that everyone of us is answerable to somebody is an absolute basic essential. We need to be subjected to the Christian discipline of others. But often this can pass from a legitimate pressure to an illegitimate pressure when it can be centered on not merely things that are fundamental but on things that are peripheral. And it can lead us to a completely phoney kind of presentation of the truth which God has told us to proclaim. Now in the realm of foreign missions, of course, I suppose there is no single area of the ministry of the Church where we are caught so violently in the grip of change as we are today. You may know that when the Second World War broke out—for some of us this was in 1939; for others it was a little later—General Montgomery said that the British army was superbly equipped and superbly led to fight a war, in 1918. In other words, it was a perfectly good army but it was just twenty-five years out of date. And we paid a tremendous price for that fighting. Now there is a distinct danger that such a situation will overtake us today. The world is moving so fast and changes are taking place so rapidly that unless we are able to keep pace with the changes we shall find that we are perfectly equipped to evangelize the world as it was twenty-five years ago . . . and completely false in the counsel of our generation.

Now there are certain things that are demanded by the changing world. There are certainly things that are demanded by our missions. I want to spend most of what time I have left in dealing with the

demands that are made upon us by the changing world situation.

It seems to me that the changing situation demands, first of all, self-criticism. Dit Fenton, whom many of you know, was the keynote speaker at Urbana, was speaking to a converted Roman Catholic priest. He had been a Christian, regenerate for six months. He said to him, "Tell me, what are your first impressions after six months in the evangelical world?"

And he said, "I am far too young a Christian to tell you yet."

Dit said, "No, no, I want your impressions now, while you are young, while things are fresh."

And then, after a good deal of pressure, the ex-priest commented: "There are two things that I miss that I found in the Roman Catholic Church. The first is reverence and the second is a spirit of self-criticism."

Now this of course is perfectly understandable. In the very nature of things, we are dealing with serious subjects and must take them seriously. The tragedy is that we usually take our subjects somewhat superficially and ourselves very seriously. Personally, I don't think that to be effective one has to have a sense of humor that means we are always cracking jokes. But I think that unless we can learn to laugh at ourselves, we shall never be able to practice the measure of self-criticism that is absolutely basic if we are to exist in a world that is continually changing. It would seem to me that the evangelical world has taken itself far too seriously in the past and the sense of the seriousness of our subject has made us almost immune to anything approaching self-criticism.

Now I must say this: I think that this is a situation in which I have seen a great deal of change in the last three or four years. I have been in this country for ten years and it may be that I am now mixing in different circles from those I mixed in when I first came over, but I don't think that it is entirely. I do believe that there is more spirit of inquiry, of self-criticism among us today than there was a few years ago, and I think that this is all to the good. Let me say that it is an influence that I think has come very largely because of the ministry of you men in this room, and of course this is merely one way in which the ministry of the press is so very important.

I think a second quality we need to cultivate is that of honesty. Three weeks ago I was asked to speak at a student conference in Wisconsin. Two of the Inter-Varsity workers responsible for the conference asked me to spend my first session of some fifty minutes or so in giving my testimony. I said I had never done it in a weekend conference and when I was given four lecture periods, I really would sooner spend all four on preaching. Secondly, there are some things I don't particularly enjoy sharing, although I do so from time to time. They said, "You do exactly what you feel God would have you to do, but we want you to know that we think that God would have you give your testimony!" So I gave my testimony. And I was, I think, rather frank and rather honest.

One of the things that absolutely staggered me, because it came back to me the whole weekend, was the comment: "How unusual to have an adult speak to us this honestly." How unusual to have an adult speak this honestly about himself.

One Inter-Varsity staff worker commented that he had never met a group of young people who were so honest among themselves, and he felt it was because an honesty had been set from the beginning—for which I claim no credit since I was resistant to the idea. But it brought home to me the fact that there is an awful lot of phoniness in our speaking, and I suspect in our writing. We are unwilling to reveal ourselves and to be honest. No wonder we aren't able to really touch our generation where they are and be atuned to the spirit of our day.

Of course if ever there has been an area where this has been true I think it is in the promotion of foreign missions. There has been, I think in many instances, a lack of honesty. Now this is partly related to the matter of finances. If we are really honest, what will it do to our income?

I was at a meeting of missionary leaders some time ago and was making a plea that we do an educational job among the churches. I was trying to educate them in terms of problems that we are having and how we must adapt to them. If we don't do it, how are we going to recruit missionaries who are able to go out and meet these problems? If our churches do not understand, how will the products of those churches understand? One missionary leader, whom I admire immensely, said, "Well now, I think we should get into the problem but I think we should do it in the classroom, not in the churches."

I said, "You mean keep them ignorant."

"Yes, that's right." And then he realized what he had said and was rather sorry.

How can we communicate with our generation if we are not willing to be honest with ourselves and with them?

Thirdly, of course, there must be certainly a large measure of objectivity. Objectivity about many things—a real attempt to free ourselves from prejudices.

The example, for instance, of our own country, because it would seem to me that objectivity is particularly hard to attain when it comes to the foreign policies of your own country.

It would seem to me that one basic requirement for living in another country is the ability to be objective about the policies of your own home government.

That is a very difficult thing to attain. And yet that is what the essentials will take. This is one reason why I feel it is encouraging when I hear a missionary being critical about his own country. His judgment

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may be wrong, but at least it shows to me an attempt to identify enough with the people to whom he has gone that he sees the policies of his own country through their eyes. Many of us, when we go abroad, have such a defensive attitude that we are incapable of being objective.

Let us try to cultivate the objectivity about capitalism because, frankly, the rest of the world doesn't share the American view of the importance and the divinity of capitalism. Now what you think about it doesn't concern them particularly. But I do think that you need to recognize this because you have certain preconceived ideas about capitalism. You are going to find an impossible situation developing when it comes to communicating the gospel to students in, for instance, Latin America. They have views that are not likely to coincide with yours.

I am not advocating here any particular view of private enterprise versus government control. I am merely certain that this is one of the tender areas where it is hard for us to be objective. I have lived long enough in Britain and long enough in America. But I have learned that there are questions to be asked about the subjects, and I find that most Christians don't even concede that point.

Fourthly, I think we have to develop a critical spirit. Now this, of course, taken out of context, could very easily be misunderstood. But being religious, being evangelicals, being conservative, in the very nature of things, we have concerned ourselves traditionally far more with giving answers than we have with asking questions. In fact I would observe this is one of the differences between Christian education and secular education. Generally speaking, Christian education is concerned more with answering questions; secular education is concerned more with asking questions. Now the tragedy is that the answers we give often seem totally inadequate when questions come up after the answers have been given, rather than in answer to the questions. There is a need here for individuality. Part of the problem of modern education is that it becomes more the assimilation of knowledge than the prompting of creativity; less emphasis upon the importance of stimulating original thoughts than upon merely absorbing somebody else's thoughts. And unless we can learn to examine issues with which we are faced, with the objectivity that I have already mentioned, much of what we say will be very hollow.

I think chiefly what is needed is application. Objectivity without application is in a kind of athenian triviality where we have people who give their time to do nothing except "to tell or to hear some new thing."

We are living in an explosion of ideas, an explosion of knowledge, but we remind ourselves that the Scripture makes it quite clear that man by wisdom knew not God. And all the honesty and all the computers in the world will not bring a man any nearer to God. We know that.

There is an impression abroad that what students desire is academic objectivity. It is very interesting to speak to student workers. Again and again, they have stressed to me that what students are looking for is something that will meet them in their mind and heart. They do not want mere objectivity, mere intellectual speculation, nor mere intellectual stimulation. They want something that applies itself to where they are. Now it seems to me one of the tragedies is that on the one hand we have had a kind of objective teaching that very rarely comes true to life or, on the other hand, we have a tremendous exhortation that is continually urging people to something. Very seldom do the two come together. As to where we get objective scriptural teaching, and then application to life as it now is, it seems to me that we have the New Testament standard set forth by the apostle Paul.

Sixthly, of course, we must have creativity. Now there are, it seems to me, very few creative missionary writings. And this is part of the problem that we made, is it not?

I heard an interesting discussion this afternoon about people who get a hundred articles a week and I was interested to know how many of these are creative articles on foreign missions. It would seem to me that it would be rather difficult to get a plenteous supply of creative thinking applied to the missionary situation. Part of our problem here, we would have to admit, is that the ecumenical circles will be much more successful in this than the non-ecumenical circles. I think one of the reasons for this is partly purely dollars and cents. How often I have longed to have a few months off to sit and write a book, instead of writing articles and chapters—doing it in airfield terminals etc. And yet the men who are doing the most creative work in missionary thinking are the men that are also encumbered with a tremendous amount of administration.

To me, this comes very much into focus in relationship to a session such as we had this afternoon. Because here the editors are saying "we need writers" and "we have to send their articles back and tell them to rewrite it." It seems to me that part of the tension which I find myself in is to have the time to rewrite. First of all, it is important to do it but secondly is the time it takes. It is a very time-consuming business, particularly for people who are merely amateurs as are some of us.

Here I think there is also another related problem —the shortage of creative writers, and that is something you mentioned this afternoon. There is a radically small overlap between Christian periodicals. One hundred and forty-nine periodicals are represented in the Evangelical Press Association. Well now, to find enough writers that are going to be able to produce articles to give you good creative missionary articles for 149 magazines is no small order.

I understand that there are very real problems about reprinting in your magazine articles from other magazines. But it seems to me, speaking as an outsider, that this is something that we have got to give attention to. There are certain things that some of us want to say, and that need to be said with as large a coverage as possible. How is this to be attained? No one magazine gives anything like as complete coverage as seems to be desired. I believe there are technical ways that this might be overcome. You may be aware of this as etiquette but the average writer is completely ignorant of it—at least the average missionary writer with whom I am acquainted. And here I would like to make a suggestion, Mr. Presi-

dent, that we give thought to getting together at sometime a group of missionaries with a potential for writing and a group of editors. This could be done either at an EPA convention or at the missionary convention, such as that run by the E.F.M.A. or the I.F.M.A. or preferably by both. I would say that the smaller it is on the whole the better, within certain bounds of reason, of course. It would seem to me that if we have something that needs to be said, you are the people who alone can say it and we have to sit down and ask how this can be done, most widely and most forcefully. I think that the Church needs us all to get together if our generation is to be reached.

My time is nearly gone. Let me briefly summarize what I think are some of the demands that are made on us by the mission in which we are engaged, not merely by the changing world but by the *mission* in a changing world.

First—and I will not amplify this, although it needs amplification—we must have contact with the Lord. The prophet Isaiah, in Chapter 50 says, "For the Lord hath given me the tongue of the learned to know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary." "Lo, the Lord openeth my ear morning by morning."

Jim Reapsome referred to that great age group between the eighteen and the forty-five and many of us here fall into that category . . . but I would guess that rather more are nearer the forty-five mark than are near the eighteen mark. Now I must say here, with some degree of frankness, that I find it harder to keep an open ear to God at forty-four than I did when I was eighteen. It seems to me that the progressive life and the press of duties make it more difficult to find time to pray and read in the long sessions that I used to give to the Lord when I was eighteen. I think this is something to which we need to be extremely sensitive.

Secondly, we must have a commitment to truth. This is too obvious to need emphasis, but is it? We are talking about change. Now we have found on the one hand people who are in tune with change and fail in the fundamentals, and we have found on the other hand people who are committed to the fundamentals but resist change. We are called to walk the tightrope between the two, and it is an extremely difficult line to tread.

Some of the articles that have been appearing recently in *TIME* magazine and other periodicals make it perfectly clear that we recognize the tremendous gulf between God and man and the Church and man. And the solution today seems to be, "Well, if there is a gap between God and man, dilute God so that man can understand Him." The New Testament way is not to bring God to man's level but to bring man to God's level. And we are people who want to be sensitive to change, but we must be honorable and solidly anchored to the law of the Scriptures.

Thirdly, I think we need a tremendous emphasis upon the supernatural. Because, to be perfectly honest, as evangelicals we are people who pride ourselves on the emphasis we give to the person and work of the Holy Spirit. But, generally speaking, there is very little that comes from the evangelicals that cannot be explained in terms of technique; there is very little that is distinctively supernatural. There is little that is obviously of God, and God alone. I think that part of the interest in Pentecostalism today springs from a hunger for the supernatural. When I came to this country ten years ago, I began to preach on the person and the work of the Holy Spirit, simply because I felt there had been an almost complete neglect of it. I believe the neglect had come from certain parts of teaching that we can't go into now, but which I believe led to a neglect of the emphasis upon the supernatural. I had thought that the recent tremendous interest in the subject of the cosmic era might lead to a spiritual quickening. I have since rather leaned to the view that this is not likely. It seems to me that we have been too careful in analyzing and not sufficiently concerned with applying.

Fourthly, there must be illustrated to man the importance of love. We were talking about this relative criticism. To be critical and to be loving is extremely difficult, but absolutely essential. We know what a critical spirit will do if it is not accompanied by love.

And fifthly, of course, there is the demand for humility. If there are those who think that we have something to say, if we believe that God is calling us to a role of giving some leadership, "He that thinketh he standeth, beware, lest he fall."

Paul Fromer suggested that possibly I should throw out to you some topics that you might want to consider sometime, from which articles could be written. Many of them are not new but they might be new to some of us.

One I thought of was "Are missionaries needed?" It would be good if you could get somebody writing on that from both sides—some who feel they are and some who feel they are not.

Another, "Are Christian schools producing missionary recruits?" At least in the quantity and quality they used to be producing.

Third (I would like to see somebody do this), "Are mission candidate secretaries in a rut?" Confidentially I think they often are. I think that is part of the reason for the decline in missionary recruits.

Fourth, "Is a Bible institute diploma enough in the 1960's?"

Fifth, "Are missionary leaders behind the times or are missionary leaders able to hold the confidence of new recruits?" That is quite a crucial issue today. Young people on the whole are far more in tune with their generation, but the more in tune they are with their generation the more likely they are to be out-of-step with their leadership.

Sixth, "Are churches really informed about world missions?"

Seventh, "What is good about the Vatican Council, in terms of foreign missions?"

Eighth, "Why do we get many results among primitive people but very few among sophisticated people?" Very few converts are made in Japan, among the Hindus, among the Muslims, and yet a great deal of effective work is done among the primitive tribes.

Ninth, "What will the missionaries do?" I find youngsters are almost completely ignorant about what a missionary does. The only way this could be handled that I can think of is to have a series of brief pen portraits decently written. But please don't limit yourself to missionaries who are working among

primitive people. They are in the minority today; yet those are the most easily photographed, and the best known and understood. We need some people able to sketch portraits of the work done by a missionary in literacy writing, book-selling, radio work, city work, church building. And I would like to see some articles telling how God called me to the mission field. I think we need far more articles on missionary motivation.

Sir, I think my time is gone. We were going to allow some time for questions but I think the time is gone. But let me conclude by saying that I believe that on the whole, speaking as one who is called to the foreign missionary enterprise of the church, you have served us far better than we have served you. I want to thank you for all that you have done to educate the Church, to stimulate the Church and I would plead with you that together we might pray and work. May there be, in increasing measure, more informed reaction to the task of world evangelization and a more wholehearted commitment to it.

GROUNDBREAKING FOR ADDITION

VINCO, PENNSYLVANIA

GROUNDBREAKING ceremonies for a new building program were held recently on a Sunday morning at the Vinco Brethren Church. Members of the congregation participated in the service led by the pastor, Rev. Henry Bates.

The main part of the new construction will feature a new sanctuary with the present sanctuary being completely remodeled and incorporated into the new place of worship.

Rev. Bates stated estimated cost of the new building program, including all furnishings, will be between ninety and one hundred thousand dollars.

The new building will be forty-four feet wide by fifty-one feet long, and will be of native stone construction to match the present building. The lower portion of the new construction will contain six large Sunday school rooms and will be almost entirely above the ground level thus giving ample natural light to each room. This educational part of the building will be joined by means of a wide corridor to the basement rooms in the existing building.

The new sanctuary will be of cathedral type construction featuring seven large laminated beams and a ceiling of polished redwood. The front of the chancel will be of native stone and polished redwood and will be highlighted by a large stained-glass window and a large cross of natural wood. A part of the present sanctuary will become the narthex of the church, being separated from the sanctuary proper by a partition of wood paneling and colored glass.

The building will also include all new pews, new chancel furniture, and carpeting over the entire floor. The new arrangement will provide comfortable seating for approximately three hundred and twenty-five adults, with a choir loft providing seating for an additional thirty.

The Vinco Brethren Church was established in 1882. In 1940 the frame building in which the congregation worshipped was destroyed by fire. The congregation then built upon the same foundation the first unit of the existing building.

In 1955 a large Sunday school building was added to the structure, and at the same time the sanctuary was enlarged somewhat. In 1953 a Fellowship House was also constructed on the church property.

Growing from an attendance of seventy in 1940, the congregation now numbers 428, with approximately fifty of this number being non-resident members. For the past year or two it has become necessary to place folding chairs in the present sanctuary in order to accommodate all who come to the worship services.



Front row, left to right: **David Mackall, Miss Bess Wissinger, Mr. Walter Mackall, Janice Straub, Vickey Sandmier:**

Second row: **Mr. George A. Leidy, Mr. James Mackall, John Bobenage, Mr. William Stevens, Mr. Lester Leidy, Mr. Carl Aurandt, Mr. Lavere Rorabaugh, Mr. Harold Parks, Jr., and Nancy Bates.**

Brethren Youth Crusaders



HELP!

Billy Booth is calling for your help! We would like to know what features or items you want to see on the youth pages of **The Brethren Evangelist.**

These pages are for you and we want them to be of interest and help to all youth and youth advisors. Therefore, we ask that you take a minute to drop us a line and let us know what you would like to have included on these pages. We will then do our best to incorporate your ideas and suggestions into the magazine.

If certain items or features already being presented are especially helpful or interesting, please mention this also that we might know whether to continue them.

Send your letters of suggestion to:

National Brethren Youth
524 College Avenue
Ashland, Ohio 44805

We will be looking for your letter in our mailbag soon!

Ashland Garber Youth

The youth at Garber began their year with a hayride on October 1. The night was cold and dampish but everyone enjoyed the hayride with slides and refreshments afterwards at the church. Slides of several summer activities and of the World's Fair were shown.

The youth director for this new year is Ray Summy and the officers for the group are:

President—Doyle Hoverstock
Secretary—Cathy Yaugher
Treasurer—LuAnn Summy

Sunday evening, August 22nd, at the close of National Conference, our group sponsored a special musical program. Featured in the program were Rev. and Mrs. W. St. Clair Benshoff at piano and organ. Their music was delightful and inspiring. Special numbers by Dorman Ronk and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Winter were presented in addition to congregational singing and Scriptures on music. The offering that evening was put in our project fund for the 1965-66 National B.Y. Project, "On the Air in Argentina."

Mr. Bob Kroft, a student at Ashland College, is helping us as sponsor for the group.

A Halloween party for the Juniors and Jr. Highs was held on October 29th at the Summy home. Appropriate decorations of skeleton, bat, black cat, scarecrow and pumpkins set the atmosphere and the room was lighted by two jack-o-lanterns and a pumpkin candle. A background of what Halloween has been and several ghost stories were read after each person identified what Halloween object they were from the tags pinned to their backs. The Match Game was played and then everyone divided into teams to string pumpkin seeds. Try wetting pumpkin seeds and stringing them with needle and thread . . . but watch out for flying pumpkin seeds! Refreshments of cider and donuts were served.

On October 31 we were hosts to the NEO Sr. Rally. The rally was held at the Ashland YMCA and our theme was "Fishers of Men." Approximately 125 were present to enjoy the program and evening meal. Rev. Delbert Flora was our main speaker, presenting slides on "Seascapes of Palestine." Decorations of sea shells and other nautical items were used and the menu was as follows:

Submarines—long sandwiches
Sea Weeds—relish trays
Crustaceans—potato chips
Salt Water—orange drink
Aqua Bars—cookies and ice cream bars

We have a Jr. High team that is really working on the Bible Quiz. Each Wednesday evening we meet during the adult Bible study for our study and quizzing on the book of Genesis. We will be quizzing before the entire congregation at regular intervals also.



IDEA BOX



Decorator pillows! These are pretty and practical. Purchase a quantity of washcloths in various colors and patterns making sure you have at least two of each kind. You will need some lace and shredded foam rubber.

You take two washcloths of the same color and pattern, sewing the lace all the way around one washcloth. We suggest you use nylon lace or some similar fabric which will not require ironing. Lay the two washcloths together with the patterns inside and sew around three sides on the sewing machine. Then turn the coths so the pattern will be on the outside and stuff with the shredded foam rubber. When the pillows are plump with foam, hand sew the fourth side of the pillow shut and you have a pretty and completely washable decorator pillow.

You may want to use this project for a fund raiser or you may want to use the pillows as gifts to a local rest home or shut-in.

A hint: lace that is already ruffled when you buy it it much easier to work with as you make the pillows.

Lines from Lanark

The Senior BYC from Lanark, Illinois, had a hayride Friday evening, September 10, to begin the year. Refreshments were served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Witt and we held our elections there.

Officers for 1965-66 are as follows:

President—Steve Guenzler
V. President—Ron Diehl
Secretary—Sharon Downs
Treasurer—Ron Witt
Reporter—Greg Sisler
Public Relations Chairman—Joanne Iske
Sponsors—Mr. and Mrs. LaMoille Poffenberger
Assistant Sponsors—Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Iske

Jerry and Patsy Witt were our sponsors last year. We would like to thank them for all of the help and guidance they gave us. We are sorry to see them leave but they will be doing the Lord's will by going to Udell, Iowa, where Jerry will fill the pulpit. Our prayers go with them as they begin their work at Udell.

—Sharon Downs, secretary

JUNIOR PROGRAM

Topic: The Story of Ruth

Memory Verse:

"Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God" (Ruth 1:16).

Object Talk:

Make two hearts from cardboard, and a ribbon to tie them together as the talk is given.

"One of the most beautiful love stories of the Bible is in the Book of Ruth. The story tells how Ruth loved her mother-in-law so much that she would not leave her even when Naomi was going to a country far from Ruth's to live. Their hearts were bound together with love for each other and love for Jehovah, the God of Israel.

"It was an important event when Ruth went to Bethlehem and married Boaz. This marriage did not seem any different from any other, but now we know it was. Ruth and Boaz had a child who was the grandfather of David. And most important, Jesus came from the family of David and Ruth."

Leader: (Give in detail the story of Ruth.)

Closing Moments:

Repeat the memory verse with the children, pointing to the loyalty shown in Ruth's beautiful words.

Close with a prayer that each Junior should learn how to love their friends, their families, and their Savior more. Thank God that He has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to show us what supreme love is.

HAVE YOU?

Yes, have you set a percentage of our National Project goal to be raised by your youth group? Remember that is one of the youth goals.

"On the Air in Argentina" is our project this year to provide Bibles, tapes and air-time for the radio ministry in Argentina, S. America. Our goal is $11,000. What percentage of that national goal will you take for your local goal?

How shall they hear unless we give?

Why not join the TEN DOLLAR CLUB?

from the past
fifty years ago

THE NEED OF ENLARGED VISION

by A. D. GNAGEY

YOUR EDITOR thought it would be interesting to print from time to time, articles which appeared in **The Brethren Evangelist** fifty years ago. The following editorial was first published in the October 27, 1915, issue of this magazine. It is very interesting to note how the problems of that age are also the problems of today. If you would like to see more of these articles, please let me know. S.G.

SO MUCH has been said and written in the last decade on the need of a larger outlook and a wider vision that one dare hardly venture anything further on what has already become a hackneyed theme. It is barely possible that in this cumulative emphasis on visions and dreams we may have become "dreamily visionary" and failed to translate our visions into active service. At my own risk I venture another contribution on the subject, and a first page editorial at that, if, indeed, the good Editor permits.

A writer in one of the leading religious weeklies tells of one of the best known physicians in America who once had a patient that was growing restless and nervous, and whom he ordered to the plains within sight of the mountains. There his patient was to live for a few months that a sense of distance and far horizon might grow upon him. The things that were fretting him would tend in that way to look small enough for him to master. Of the results of this experiment we have no definite knowledge, but this we know, as a matter of common experience: we grow to the strength of our largest thoughts, and when we think only petty things it is more than likely that petty things gain the mastery in our lives, and the result is we become pitiably fretful and impatient.

All of this is a very common experience in Christian life and work. In their failure to look farther afield and think the larger thought certain otherwise good Christians keep alive their petty differences and thereby partially paralyze their usefulness. What is needed is a proper perspective. The narrow outlook and the cramped vision make petty Christians, of whom every church has altogether too many. Men who live for their own church only, I mean for the local congregation in which they hold their membership, without thinking of their church in terms of world-wide service, are never the strong leaders whom the church seeks, and on whom the church may depend. They live in the sphere in which they think, and that is a very narrow one. They have no proper sense of proportions. They lack a proper perspective. Little things are unduly large to them. Their basis of judgment is too narrow to be safe. The church cannot count on them. Here is a concrete example: A few years ago in an Indiana town an elder in the Presbyterian church gave it as his opinion that that church was doomed, its ministers were unreliable, its courts unsafe. The only facts which he had to justify so gloomy an opinion were some experiences in his own little church and one other in a village nearby, together with secular news items of church defections. He read no church paper, he sneered at missions because he believed there was enough to do at home. He had no horizon across which you could not have thrown a stone. If this is an extreme case it is the extreme of a very common, altogether too common experience. Probably it is not an exaggeration to say that three-fourths of our own ministers have had just such experiences with certain church members who long ago predicted the doom of the Brethren church, her institutions and her enterprises. Personally, I have more than once heard the statement, and always by men whose judgment was warped and whose vision was pitiably circumscribed. The people with narrow outlook are the troublemakers in the church; they yield most readily to discouragement and are most easily distressed. They lack perspective. They see only the things nearby and these do not always look good to them. It takes the broad outlook to set nearby experiences in their proper relations. It was a very deserved rebuke kindly administered by a wise mother to her daughter when the young girl said, "I don't like the view from our west window." "Why, I think it is a beautiful view," said the mother. "Oh, Mother, how can you?" her daughter protested. "I never could like the sight of that lumber yard." "But," said the mother, "I scarcely see the lumber. I always look at the hills beyond." The remarks explained why the mother's face was so placid, and the daughter's wore so fretful a look. It was in the great things as in the little. The daughter was troubled by the lumber piles that cumbered the life path, making her surroundings uncongenial. But the mother had fixed her eyes on the beauty of the eternal hills, and thus all the unsightly things that lay between were glorified. It is a good thing to keep our eyes fixed upon the hills of God's eternal purpose. The larger outlook, the wider vision, will enable us to set things in their right relations. Most Christians think and live in too narrow a sphere. They forget the world and its needs.

This larger outlook must include not only the world with its need and sorrow and sin; the Christian's true vision is not bound by any earthly or visible horizon. His perspective takes in the spiritual world, the thought and assurance of immortality. It is sometimes objected by the social worker that the church makes too much of the future life or eternity and not enough of the life that now is and the physical world in which we live.

And there are those who decry all accent on the future life. A certain clergyman in a denomination that boasts of liberal Christianity announced as his motto, "One world at a time." It was a catchy phrase, and by some no doubt considered as an expression of great insight. But it was the expression of a materialistic mind, and the Scriptures teach the opposite theory of life. God has so constructed the universe that we cannot "take one world at a time," and the man who makes that his slogan is not likely to take either world. The motto of all great spiritual leaders, the men who have accomplished great things, is not one world at a time, but two, the natural and the spiritual; they must be taken together, since they so intertwine and interpenetrate that it is impossible to separate them. We are living in both now, and the truth is, though it may not be apprehended, we live our lives much more in the spiritual and invisible world than we imagine. The greatest things we do in this life are done in the invisible sphere, and they are invisible things. Moreover, we shall do our work much more satisfactorily and we shall live our lives much better if we remember that neither our life nor our work ends here. Many a task has been given up in despair which, in the light of larger outlook, its relation to eternity, would have looked both valuable, and possible of achievement. There are many discouraged Christian believers, Christian workers and ministers, who need more than anything else to read a good, strong book on immortality, and I know of no stronger or better book on the subject than the plain old Bible. The social worker who decries all emphasis on the future or eternal life, and the clergyman who would make his slogan "one world at a time," need to learn that whether we will or not, we must live in two worlds at the same time; that the only thing that will sustain and strengthen us for the task to which God has set us is the inspiration and help from unseen sources, the invisible, from heaven. Christ has commissioned us to establish the kingdom of heaven upon the earth and it is the business of every Christian to do what he can to make the spiritual world real, to bring it into the realm of our domestic life, our business life, our social life, our civic life, our pleasure life, until the whole is leavened with the gospel principles of truth and righteousness.

Spiritual Meditations

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SERVING IN THE FRONT RANKS OR THE REAR

"He that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he that is chief, as he that doth serve" (Luke 22:26).

WHAT DIFFERENCE does it make, the place we occupy, the office or the station? To be sure there must be officers and stations. To succeed there must be officers and stations. Our work must be organized, and the common tasks must be shared. All that we need to be sure about is that we are faithful in our places, be they in the front rank or in the rear.

There is a tendency to envy those who are in high places. We wish we had their jobs. They look so glamorous, on the stage, in the spotlight. But if we knew the strain of high distinction, the awful grind of it, we should be too glad to accept our place, and accept less prominent places in thankful and cheerful spirit.

There are drudgeries in every life. But we can make a game of them. We can use them as stepping-stones to higher and better things. We can do with our might whatever our hands find to do, and thus fit ourselves for the better things for which we yearn. Not the smallest thing we ever do for our God will fail of its reward.

We must not forget that Jesus was "the Chief among ten thousand." And yet He girded Himself with a towel and washed the disciples' feet. He was among His disciples as one that served. Who are we to be otherwise minded? "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet (Lord and Master) ye ought to wash one another's feet." What a challenge! "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." "Have given you an example." And what an example! Master, the towel! And dare we stop with Peter's consecration?—"My hands and my head?" Not the body only, but the **soul** as well!



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IS THE GOSPEL PREACHED OPENLY BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN?

Is there any necessity for holding so-called underground meetings?

by REV. PAUL B. PETERSON
President, Eastern European Mission

IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER of 1965 I once again preached the gospel behind the Iron Curtain. (The last previous time I had done so was in the autumn of 1961.) I preached freely and without incident in Yugoslavia, Poland and the Soviet Union for a month.

I had obtained official permission to minister in Yugoslavia and Poland and appreciated the opportunity offered to me by God's people to witness in the Soviet Union. When applying for my visas to Yugoslavia and Poland, I had stated exactly what I desired to do in those countries. I even had an official invitation from a strong association of churches in the latter country to minister to their congregations.

In the first place, we should remember that the attitude of Communism to religion, and perhaps more especially to Christianity, remains practically unchanged. Religion is still considered the opiate of the people and so is opposed in every possible way and by every known means.

From the time the Communists came into power in Russia on November 7, 1917, they have stopped at nothing to uproot and destroy the Protestant Church. In our present consideration of the European continent, it is a matter of record that these efforts have not been confined to the Soviet Union, for the attack against Christianity has been made in all European countries.

Persecution in Stalin's Time

To reduce the length of this article, I shall not refer to the horrible persecution of the Evangelicals (Protestants) in the Soviet Union prior to World War II. Some of our leading evangelists and pastors in eastern Poland, who had become marked men because of their soul-winning ministry, were killed when the Soviets invaded that territory in September 1939. One of these outstanding men, who survived the war and found himself within the Soviet Union after Russia annexed all of eastern Poland, was arrested in 1948 and sentenced to 25 years at hard labor in Siberia. Through the representation of one of his co-workers in Poland, who also was supported by the Eastern European Mission, he was released after serving nine years because it was proved that he was a Pole, rather than a Russian. But the health of this formerly strong man, Evangelist John Panko, was ruined and he died on October 18, 1964. A large funeral service was held for him in his home village in the Soviet Union, when the gospel was preached without interference by the authorities.

Ministers of all Evangelical denominations in Bulgaria were arrested in July 1948. Most of these were well-known, recognized servants of God. A second group was arrested a little later. Vicious, brutal and inhuman treatment was given these men as they were compelled to submit to brainwashing prior to their trial early in 1949.

Why Were They Brainwashed?

Why were these dedicated ministers of the gospel in Bulgaria subjected to such cruel treatment and then sentenced to long prison terms with the confiscation of their possessions? (Four were sentenced to life imprisonment, four others to 15 years each, and others to shorter terms.) Since religious liberty had been proclaimed by the Communist regime in Bulgaria and God's blessing was resting on the ministry of the Word throughout that land, the authorities considered it necessary to humiliate and scandalize the pastors by "proving" them to be rogues and scoundrels, through brainwashing. Their efforts met with much success because the press gave great publicity to the trials with the "admissions" of these brainwashed men.

I understand that only two or three of all the Evangelical ministers in Bulgaria weakened during this cruel treatment that lasted several months and yielded to the satanic pressures of the authorities to serve them. They became traitors to the cause of Christ to avoid suffering. They compromised and became collaborators, and the government appointed one of these men as leader of a certain group of churches for the purpose of destroying them. Because of the "crimes" which had been confessed by the pastors as a result of their brainwashing, some believers went back into the world and the government evidently considered that it had succeeded in its efforts to destroy the Protestant churches.

Polish Pastors Arrested

On September 23, 1950, 150 ministers of the gospel in Poland were arrested and imprisoned, accused, as in the case of the Bulgarians, of being agents of the West and spies. Mercilessly interrogated day and night, month after month, these men trusted God for strength to en-

dure their sufferings. They served terms of from two years up to four years.

Most of the cruel persecution to which I have alluded took place during the rule of Stalin. He trusted no one and feared everyone. With the death of this cruel monster in March 1953, the 150 imprisoned preachers in Poland were set free and the treatment of the imprisoned pastors in Bulgaria became more humane.

The Polish pastors proved themselves true and loyal citizens and so today they are respected and officially recognized as Christian leaders by the Polish government. Despite all of the efforts of the Bulgarian government to destroy the Protestant churches in its country, the preaching of the Word continues, souls are saved, and God's people are standing shoulder to shoulder in the conflict with the powers of darkness.

In countries such as Yugoslavia, East Germany, Poland, Bulgaria and the Soviet Union the Evangelicals now are officially recognized and they may worship regularly in their churches and registered meeting places. We understand that this is true as well in Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. God's servants in those countries have paid a tremendous price for the liberty they now enjoy. They have proved themselves to be heroes of the faith.

Why Greater Freedom Now?

Communism never smiles upon Christianity or any other religion; so we must not be deceived into thinking that there has been an about face on its parts so far as its attitude toward the Protestant Church is concerned. The fact remains, however, that the gospel is being preached freely at the present time in the Eastern European countries. Why is there a more favorable climate now? Undoubtedly the courage and fortitude of God's servants, coupled with world opinion and the cold war, have contributed toward the present much more favorable situation for God's people. We in the West, therefore, should do everything in our power to strengthen the hands of those who are free to evangelize in those lands. They are worthy of our full confidence, earnest prayers, and generous support.

What kind of men are our associates behind the Iron Curtain? The answer should be very clear from what has been said in the foregoing paragraphs. But it would be naive to think that there are no informers, no secret collaborators with the respective governments, no Judases in the ranks of God's people in those lands. I have had some of them pointed out to me. But such persons, of whom the Scriptures warn us, do not deter our brethren in Christ from joyfully proclaiming the gospel of salvation to eager listeners, resulting in the salvation of souls.

Only Open Ministry Can Prosper

It will be understood that all along, even when the fires of persecution have burned most fiercely, God's true servants in all of these countries have carried on their ministry openly. There is no reason, therefore, even in Bulgaria where the sufferings of God's servants perhaps have been the most severe, to minister now in any other way than openly. Ministers in Bulgaria are still harassed by the police, but their position would be even more acute if they tried to conduct so-called underground services. Secret worship may succeed temporarily, but not for any length of time, because it is not possible to develop such a ministry due to the vigilance of the police.

I have been associated with general missionary work in Europe since its inception 45 years ago after the end of World War I. I have ministered in all but two lands on that continent. Because of my familiarity with conditions, it is difficult for me to believe that "secret gospel meetings attended by several hundred persons" have been held in Iron Curtain countries. I ministered in several secret meetings in Eastern Europe in prewar days, but in only one of them did the audience exceed 25 persons, sometimes only a dozen or so. They were actually **secret** meetings!

Who Can Vouch for Underground Workers?

Many years ago we learned that to engage the services of "secret gospel workers" involves tremendous risk from the standpoint of their soundness in the faith, their moral standing, and their recognition as true servants of God who have proved themselves as ministers of Christ. We would consider it unwise to accept any man on the recommendation of one or two "self-appointed" representatives of or spokemen for men who are supposedly willing to engage in underground ministry. It should be understood that such men have no standing with the recognized churches in the Iron Curtain countries because the churches carry on their ministry openly.

We know whom we are assisting and we also know what they are doing! For the most part they are tried and true servants of the Lord with whom I personally have been acquainted for over 30 years. Our funds are sent openly to all whom we assist behind the Iron Curtain. No funds have been lost! It is morally wrong as well as risky and dangerous to smuggle funds from one country to another, and it is dishonest for a person to serve as a carrier of funds without declaring what he is carrying on his person or in his effects when he is asked to declare his money.

We are held responsible by God for the wise investment of our money. We, therefore, should make sure of where it is going and how it is being used. With the recognition of Protestant churches in Eastern Europe there is no need of secret Christian activity behind the Iron Curtain. I might add that when in all kindness I have pointed out what have seemed to be serious inaccuracies in published statements of such alleged ministry, I have not been favored with even an acknowledgment of my letter.

Men Who Have Suffered Can Be Trusted

There is one more important point to which I wish to refer. Our associates are **politically uninvolved.** There are 200 million plus inhabitants in the Soviet Union, but not more than 10 million are members of the Communist Party. A person is not necessarily a Communist because he lives behind the Iron Curtain. This fact is greatly misunderstood in the West. The vast majority of the people in all of Eastern Europe are just ordinary folks like ourselves. According to Romans 13:1-7, both pastors and church members in those lands are to obey their respective governments just as we are enjoined to obey ours.

Harassment? Repression? Persecution? Intense suffering? Yes!

Are God's servants timid? Compromising? Faithless? In hiding? No!

Men who have passed through the fire, who live and minister openly for God, who have suffered the loss of all things for Christ and the gospel's sake, and who are concerned and burdened for the salvation of their people—shall we not stand by them? They are fully aware

that the liberties they now enjoy may be short-lived and so they plead with us to help them as much as possible while the doors for evangelism stand wide open.

I wish to emphasize that the gospel is preached behind the Iron Curtain by a witnessing church that has endured intense suffering because of its faithfulness to Christ. God's people who work openly, many of whom are known to me personally, should be given financial help at this time so that they may be able to travel freely in evangelistic ministry. They are heroes of the faith, such as those mentioned in Hebrews 11, who deserve our every consideration. I love and honor them as beloved brothers in Christ and valiant soldiers of the Cross.

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood Meditations - - -

The sculptor takes the rough-hewn stone,
And changes it by skill his own,
Until the master's face is shown
In glory fair.

So doth the Spirit daily hew
Our lives, till we are made anew
And we shine forth in wondrous hue,
And beauty rare.

Changed to His image all divine,
Changed till His face in us doth shine,
And all His glory round us twine
As son and heir.

The Holy Spirit, the divine Sculptor, stands near to change us into the image of our Lord. This transformation is not a mere moment's task, it is "from glory to glory," it is from step to step.

The Lord Jesus was a babe, yet He daily grew in stature, and in favor with God and man. Our new man is created in righteousness and true holiness, yet it also grows until it reaches the measure of the stature of a full-grown person in Christ Jesus.

An apple just formed from its blossom may be a perfectly good apple, but it is premature. Not until it has grown and is sun-kissed will it put on its red cheeks of ripened glory. So must we grow until, finally:

Made like to Thee:
A body like Thine own to bear,
A glory all Thine own to share,
In heaven's wondrous overthere,
Eternally.

Let this be our highest ambition in life—to have our beings transformed into the image of our glorious Lord. We hear much of living as Christ lived, however, we need to remember that the only way to live as our Lord, is to have our Lord live in us, that He may live out His life through us.

Neighbour

World Religious News in Review

VOICE OF THE 'DEAD' HEARD FROM RED CHINA

Hong Kong (EP)—Anna Zeise, 70-year-old Assemblies of God missionary who was presumed dead by her family after fourteen years of silence in Mainland China, has written a letter from Taiyuan Shan Hsi to the denomination's headquarters in Springfield, Missouri.

She addressed her letter to the Assemblies office in Hong Kong, requesting that it be forwarded to her nephew Hardy Steinberg at the Missouri office so her relatives could be notified.

Rather than leave with the evacuation in 1949, Miss Zeise elected to remain at the urgent request of her humble parishioners. She first went to China in 1915.

"We will try to get in touch with my sister, Anna," said Mrs. E. C. Steinberg in Pala Alto, Calif., former missionary with her husband in China, "although we are not certain how to begin. We assumed Anna was dead."

The rather undetailed letter from the elderly German missionary who has served 40 years in China without a furlough was like a voice from the dead for her pleased and hopeful family.

BAPTIST EDITOR HITS 'FREE' TV COVERAGE OF THE PAPAL MASS

Dallas, Tex. (EP)—A prominent Baptist editor here coupled high praise for the peace mission of Pope Paul VI to the United Nations with sharp criticism of television networks for giving "free coverage" to the Yankee Stadium Mass during the papal visit.

Dr. E. S. James, outspoken editor of the **Baptist Standard**, found

praiseworthy the pontiff's mission, message and bearing during the historic day.

In regard to television coverage of the event, the editor maintained that while "complete coverage" of the Pope's arrival, interview and U. N. message was in order, there was "no reason whatever for televising the worship service . . . as a public service."

"When Billy Graham or any other well-known religious leader telecasts a worship service the time is bought," Dr. James said.

PRISONERS PRAY IN THEIR CELL

Havana, Cuba (EP)—Two Southern Baptist missionaries jailed here by Fidel Castro's regime convert a corner of their cell block into a prayer room once each day. Mrs. Herbert Caudill, who is permitted to visit her husband once a month, reported that fellow prisoners sometimes join them for the prayer time.

Dr. Caudill, who, with Rev. James Fite has been in prison more than six months, recently celebrated his 62nd birthday. He is under a ten-year sentence for alleged subversive activities and illegal currency transactions. Fite is under a six-year sentence on similar charges.

Dr. Caudill is superintendent of the Southern Baptist work in Cuba. Fite was a teacher at the Baptist Seminary here.

1 OF 6 LEAVE CHURCH IN TEENS, SURVEY STATES

Milwaukee, Wisc. (EP)—One in six youths sever all connections with the church during their teens, according to a survey reported to the National Sunday School Association at its 20th anniversary convention here.

The Rev. Roy B. Zuck, executive director of the Scripture Press Foundation, Glen Ellyn, Ill., sent questionnaries to more than 2,000 pastors of conservative Protestant churches throughout the United States. He received 331 responses.

He listed the reasons for quitting the church in order of their frequency with which the youths mentioned them when queried by the pastors:

1. There are not enough youth activities in the church.

2. "Adults in church are hypocrites." An 18-year-old girl in Minnesota said: There were too many people who were so 'holy' on Sunday, but the rest of the week you would never know they ever went to church."

3. "Church is boring." An Indiana high school graduate wrote: "I got bored with sermons and the Sunday school class. They did not speak to me or my needs."

4. "Too many other conflicting activities."

5. "Parents didn't encourage me." A Minnesota boy said: "I just quit going. It was easy to stay at home because my parents didn't attend."

6. Lack of religious interest.

7. Too much schoolwork and school activities.

8. "None of my friends go to church."

BAPTISTS IN BURMA OBSERVE CENTENNIAL

Rangoon (EP)—The Burma Baptist Convention marked its 100th anniversary at a service of consecration here attended by some 4,500 official delegates and guests from nearly all parts of Burma.

Speakers at the service, held in connection with the convention's annual meeting, emphasized that the Church's coming second century was a time of "greater sacrifice and witness."

The meeting was the convention's 97th in its 100-year history since no sessions were held for three years because of the war.

KLAN LEADER WON'T TALK, TAKES '5TH' 73 TIMES

Washington, D. C. (EP)—Ignoring warnings that he was "skating on thin ice," the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America took the 5th Amendment 73 times in 100 minutes as the House Committee on Un-American Activities began hearings on its investigation of the Klu Klux Klan.

Robert M. Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., took more than the "5th"—throughout he invoked the 5th, 1st, 4th, and 14th Amendments as he refused to give interrogators any more than his name, his place of birth and acknowledgment that he had received a subpoena to appear.

He refused to answer any questions on his activities with the Klan or to surrender documents relating to the self-described "invisible empire."

The Klan leader received stern warnings from the committee chairman, Rep. Edwin E. Willis (D.-La.) that he was subject to citations for contempt of Congress. Conferring often with his attorney, William Hicks of Raleigh, N. C., Mr. Shelton made the proceedings monotonous as, in a soft-spoken Alabama accent, he read off the following response 73 times:

"I respectfully decline to answer on the grounds that the answer I give may tend to incriminate me in violation of my rights under the 5th, 1st, 4th, and 14th Amendments of the Constitution of the United States of America."

INTEREST HIGH IN PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDY 'ABOUT' RELIGION, BIBLE

Fort Wayne, Ind. (EP)—Because of a popular belief that the U. S. Supreme Court has "banned the Bible" from public schools, a new organization headquartered here has dedicated itself to promoting the proper and legal study of the Bible and religion in public schools.

James V. Panoch, executive secretary of the Religion Instruction Association, Inc., explained that his organization is trying to inform public school educators through speeches and distribution of pertinent material how such programs can be carried out.

Along with other officers of the organization, mostly Fort Wayne businessmen and educators, he regards the tendency of educators to "shy away" from any use of the Bible since the 1963 Supreme Court decision.

He maintains that the decision banned prayer and Bible-reading conducted in such a way as to make them a religious service—not the study of the Bible and religion as a legitimate course in public school classrooms.

"We are doing our work because of the (Court) decision," Panoch said, "and not in spite of it."

'TROPIC OF CAPRICON' BANNED FROM INDIA

New Delhi (EP)—The Indian government has banned importation of an American book—Henry Miller's "Tropic of Capricon"—on the ground that it was obscene.

It was reported to be the first instance in recent years of a publication being banned from India for alleged pornographic content.

In the past, the government has desisted from such action, leaving it to the law courts to deal with obscene literature.

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NOTES and COMMENTS

They Ask Me Why I Teach

"They ask me why I teach,
And I reply,
'Where could I find more splendid
company?
There sits a statesman,
Strong, unbiased, wise,
Another later Webster,
Silver-tongued.
And there a doctor
Whose quick, steady hand
Can mend a bone,
Or stem the lifeblood's flow.
A builder sits beside him—
Upward rise
The arches of a church he builds, wherein
That minister will speak the word of God,
And lead a stumbling soul to touch the
Christ.

'And all about
A lesser gathering
Of farmers, merchants, teachers,
Laborers, men
Who work and vote and build
And plan and pray
Into a great tomorrow.'
And I say,
'I may not see the church,
Or hear the word,
Or eat the food their hands will grow—
And yet—I may.'

And later I may say,
'I knew the lad,
And he was strong,
Or weak, or kind, or proud,
Or bold, or gay.
I knew him once,
But then he was a boy.'
They asked me why I teach, and I reply,
'Where could I find more splendid
company?' "

—Glennice L. Harmon
NEA Journal



the editor's editorial

White Gift

YOU WILL FIND in this issue of **The Brethren Evangelist** promotional materials for the White Gift offering as sponsored by the Sunday School Board of our denomination. This offering has become a tradition in our church and has been well supported down through the years.

Let's take a good look at the budget for the Sunday School board and note what is being done for the Brethren Church.

Summer Camps —

The larger percentage of the budget will go towards the support of the summer camping program in the Brethren Church. When it is realized that most of the ministers of the Brethren Church made full time commitment in the summer camp we will then know the importance and value of camp. We Brethren should be most thankful for the fact that our camps still "feature" Bible study during the week. Many church camps have succumbed to pressures from without to do away with such classes and make camp a place of recreation and fun stressing the social aspect of it without the Bible study. The purpose of our camps is to teach the Word of God, these other activities, as necessary as they are to good camping, are only secondary.

Visual Aids —

Certainly much aid is given to local Sunday schools and organizations through this phase of the work of the Board. A filmstrip on almost any subject which the church would like to discuss may be found in this library; it may be rented at a most reasonable price. This is a valuable service which the Sunday School Board affords to us.

Promotion —

This item in the budget is important to the welfare of the local Sunday school. Materials are made available to the churches for teacher training programs, Standard of Excellence promotion and awards, and the promotion of the Brethren Sunday school Imprint Literature.

Many of us forget that the Sunday School Board, a few years ago, after examining Sunday school materials from several companies, decided to go into contract with the Gospel Light company for an imprint program. This material is printed for the Brethren Sunday School, therefore every Sunday school should take advantage of this service. It is the desire of the Board that our Sunday schools, all of them, use these materials thus giving continuity to the overall work of the Brethren Sunday School.

Office Operation —

The Sunday School Board for many years has maintained an office in Ashland. This office is now located in office space on the second floor of the Brethren Publishing Company; Mr. Dick Winfield, a seminary student, is the office secretary for the board. Much work goes out of this office during the course of the year and of course it takes money for such an operation.

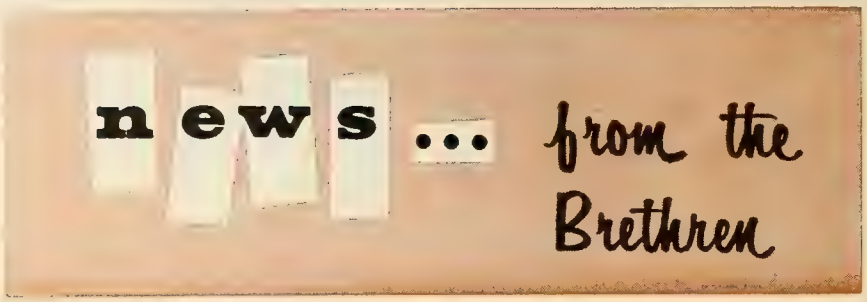
Ashland Theological Seminary —

For many years, now, the Sunday School Board supplies funds for the aid of supporting the Christian Education program of the Seminary. When this fund was first established, many years ago, the amount of this item in the budget was enough to fully support this chair of Christian Education in the Seminary, but today this amount only partially supports this cost. However, it is an important item.

Brethren Historical Research —

Rev. Albert T. Ronk is now residing in Ashland and is doing research on a historical manuscript for the Brethren Church. This is a task that has been needed for many years and is now being done by a man who understands the Brethren Church and is capable of the task. Of course this takes funds. The General Conference has asked that the work be done and also has asked that the various boards and auxiliaries of the church help support the work. The Sunday School Board, as well as all other boards and auxiliaries, has entered this item in the year's budget.

So you can see immediately that the Sunday School Board needs our support! S.G.



Levittown, Pa. Rev. Robert Keplinger reports that during the week of special services with Rev. Virgil Ingraham there were five first time confessions, twenty-two rededications and many other decisions made.

He also reports that the Sunday school placed fourth in an attendance contest which ran for eight weeks with other Sunday schools in the Philadelphia area. The new building is coming along real well.

Pleasant View, Pa. Rev. Richard Godwin reports that two persons were received into membership of the church recently. Also, during the week of special services with Rev. Virgil Meyer as evangelist, there were four first time confessions made and twenty-seven decisions of rededication.

Flora, Ind. Rev. Clarence Kindley reports that on Sunday, November 21, fifteen persons were baptized and received into membership of the church.

Goshen, Ind. Rev. Richard Allison reports that the week of special services with Rev. Jim Rowsey as evangelist was most successful. Ten persons were recently baptized and received into the fellowship of the church.

Vinco, Pa. Rev. Henry Bates reports that on Sunday, October 31, two persons were baptized and received into the membership of the church.

He also reports the excavating for the new addition to the church has been completed; trenches were dug; cement footers were poured; and the leveling course of cement blocks was layed. By now the block laying for the walls has begun.

CONGRATULATIONS

Word has been received that on November 23 a little girl was born to Rev. and Mrs. James Black of Waterloo, Iowa. The new baby has been named Barbara Jeanette.

The Blacks have three other children, all boys, therefore they are most happy about the birth of this little girl.

On Saturday, November 27, a little boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jones of Ashland, Ohio. He has been named Kevin Charles. The Joneses have three other children, two girls and a boy.

Leo is the linotypist here at the Brethren Publishing Company and has been the choir director for General Conference for several years.

PASTOR WANTED

The First Brethren Church of Cumberland, Maryland, is in need of a pastor. Interested ministers may contact:

Mr. Russell D. Beery, Chairman
The Pulpit Committee
1027 Penhurst Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21503

World Religious News in Review

SUNDAY SCHOOL'S 'DROP-OUT' PROBLEM BEGINS AFTER AGE 11

Milwaukee, Wisc. (EP) — Sunday school attendance has reached an all-time high of about 45 million persons annually in the United States, but the entire program suffers from the problem of drop-outs after the age of 11.

That report was made to the National Sunday School Association, holding its 20th anniversary convention here.

Dr. David L. McKenna, president of Spring Arbor (Mich.) College, said that surveys indicated renewed interest and participation in middle and old age, but that the earlier losses are never recovered.

"This . . . makes Sunday school look like a dromedary camel with a swollen hump in front," Dr. McKenna said. "Crowds of children make up the first hump and handfuls of adults make up the second."

Dr. McKenna cited these reasons why most teenagers drop out of Sunday school:

Lack of understanding and knowledge of the changes in spiritual attitudes and perceptions during this time; Sunday School teaching has "the short range goal of exposing the student to Christian values rather than the long range of developing Christian character; "the influence of Sunday school teachers in developing moral judgments has been almost negligible; Sunday school purposes and programs lack continuity with those of the rest of the church; ineffective models are used as Sunday school teachers.

LUTHERANS URGE RHODESIAN LEADER TO OBSERVE 'CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLE'

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (EP)—The steering committee of the All-Africa Lutheran Conference, in session here, cabled Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian D. Smith urging the leader of that nation's white minority to avoid any decision on declaring independence from Britain which could lead to a racial conflict.

The leaders of Lutheran Churches in twelve African nations appealed to Mr. Smith and his government "to observe the Christian principle affording human dignity and liberty to all children of God, whatever race.

"We urge you to avoid a decision likely leading to racial conflict. This conference prays for peace in Rhodesia."

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Readings from the Old Testament

Memory Scripture — Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 121

Daddy Sleeps

Gary and Linda had walked down the street with Mom to visit Mrs. Peters. Dad stayed home with Betsy who was napping.

Later when Mom and the children returned home, Dad was sitting in his favorite chair reading the Sunday school paper.

"Is Betsy still asleep?" asked Mom in surprise.

"She must be," replied Dad. "I haven't heard a sound from her."

Mom went upstairs and peeked in Betsy's room. "She's not in bed," called Mom. "Where can she be?"

"Here," answered Betsy. Her voice came from the downstairs playroom. "Daddy was sleeping," she explained when the family came to the playroom. "Didn't waken him."

"I did doze a little," admitted Daddy. "Betsy must have been very quiet. I didn't hear her come downstairs."

Our parents take very good care of us. They need sleep and rest just as we do.

God is watching over us all the time. The Bible tells us He never slumbers nor sleeps.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for my parents and the loving care they give me. I'm glad I know You are always near watching over me when others are asleep. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1965

Read Scripture: Psalm 145:8-12

Mr. Jason

"Here comes Mr. Jason," said Gary.

Mr. Jason was a home missionary. He was visiting Centerville to tell the people of the work in Kentucky. Tonight he was having supper with the Kellers.

"Come in," said Dad as he opened the door.

"We're glad you came," said Mom. "Supper will soon be ready."

As they ate they talked about the teaching and preaching Mr. Jason did. They talked about the people in his area.

"Why did you go there?" asked Linda. "You could be preaching in a church like ours. You could live in a town and a home like ours."

"Yes," nodded Mr. Jason. "At one time I thought that's what I would do. But God wants all people to learn of Him. He let me know He had work for me to do in Kentucky. I'm glad I'm serving Him there telling the people of His power and glory."

Prayer:

Dear God, I know there are many people who do not know You. Help me to tell my friends of Your love. Help me to know how I can best serve You as I grow older. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1965

Read Scripture: Ecclesiastes 12:1, 13, 14

While You Are Young

"Mr. Jason had supper with us last night," Linda told Judy on the way to school.

"He will be at our house tonight," said Judy.

"You will like the stories he tells," Linda said. "He told us he learned to love and obey God when he was a boy."

"Most grownups who love God began following Him when they were young," said Judy.

Linda nodded. "I've noticed that, too. It is important to begin following Jesus when we are young. If we don't we may never learn of the good things He had planned for us."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for loving me and planning good things for me. May I learn to serve and obey You at all times in all things. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1965

Read Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-27

Sharing God's Goodness

Linda was looking at a magazine. "Look at these children," she said taking the magazine to Mom. "They have no shoes, their clothes are ragged and they look hungry."

Mom looked at the picture. "There are many children like that in the world," she said. "These are Korean orphans."

"I want to help them," said Linda. "The Lord has been so good to me. I have a warm house, nice clothes, good food and a family. How can I help them? Can I send them money for food and clothes?"

"Yes," answered Mom. "There's an address here where gifts can be sent. All the money they receive will be used for the children."

"I have a dollar I was saving for doll clothes," said Linda. "I will send it."

"I'll send a dollar, too," said Gary. "Those children need shoes more than I need a basketball."

"Daddy and I will add some money to your gift, also," said Mom.

"Soon these children will be happier," said Linda as she looked at the picture again.

"Yes," agreed Mom. "They, too, will know the Lord is good. They will know it because those who love God have shared with them."

Prayer:

Dear God, You have been so very good to me. Thank You. Show me ways I can let others know of Your goodness, too. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1965
Read Scripture: Micah 6:6-8

What Does God Expect?

"Judy is going to sing the solo part of our junior choir number Sunday," Linda told Mom.

"She has a pretty voice," said Mom. "The people always like to hear her sing."

"I know," said Linda. "I wish I could sing as well as Judy does."

"Not all of us do things equally well," reminded Mom. "This is a talent Judy has been given and it's good she uses it in praising God."

"Doesn't God expect all of us to praise Him?" asked Linda.

"Yes," answered Mom, "but He knows not all of us can praise Him with beautiful songs. He expects us to do the best we can with the talent we have. He expects us to love Him and to follow Him."

"That I can do," said Linda. "And I can find other ways to praise Him."

Prayer:

Dear God, I want to show my love for You every day. I want to do the things I should and I want to follow You. Help me to know Your will. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1965
Read Scripture: Nahum 1:2, 3, 7

Trusting

Linda and Gary were playing in the backyard. Queenie was sniffing at the snow.

"Look," said Gary. "That squirrel is going up to Queenie. She sees it, but she isn't chasing it like she does most squirrels."

"Do you suppose that could be the squirrel she took care of in the summer?" asked Linda.

"I expect it is!" said Gary. "The squirrel remembers Queenie and trusts her."

"Queenie knows the squirrel, too," added Linda. "She knows it trusts her."

Queenie growled a low friendly growl. The squirrel chattered. The two visited in animal language. When a strange dog came into the yard the squirrel stayed close to Queenie. It knew she would protect it.

Just as the squirrel trusted Queenie so we should trust God. He will help us, the Bible says, in time of trouble. He knows who trusts in Him.

Prayer:

Thank You, dear God, for wanting to help me. May I learn to trust You more each day. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1965
Read Scripture: Malachi 3:10-12

The Tithe

Gary had been out all morning shoveling walks. When he came in Mom said, "You look cold."

"I am cold," answered Gary. He took off his boots, mittens, cap and jacket. He rubbed his hands together. "It feels good in here."

Gary reached in his pocket and took out some money. He put it on the table and began counting it. "I earned three dollars and a half this morning," he told Mom. "That means I have thirty-five cents to put in my tithe box."

Gary and Linda remember to tithe all the money they receive. Do you? God has promised to greatly bless those who will give the tithe to Him. Can you receive this blessing from God?

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for all I have. I want to remember to share with others. I want to remember to give the tithe to You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

GREETED BY THE ANGELS

Rev. Albert T. Ronk

COMMUNICATION AFTER DEATH will be a spiritual exchange. It cannot be otherwise for the physical tongue is silenced and the ear is functionless. The expressive countenance can no longer mirror the thought within nor posture substantiate the speech. The inner self has moved into the realm of the spirit, and self must ascertain the mode of conversation there.

When one meditates upon these future conditions, is he reaching for forbidden knowledge? What is the divine intent for us? Does a look into these questions fall within the statement of Paul, that, **He saw things not lawful for a man to utter?** Are these questions wrapped in the things that **Eye hath not seen nor ear heard,** and kept in secret to foster faith? Then what is the full meaning of Jesus' parable of the rich man and Lazarus?

According to the story (Luke 16:18-31), **The beggar died, and that he was carried away by the angels into Abraham's bosom.** Did the angels commune in any way with Lazarus? Or did his sudden entrance into their presence prevent his understanding of their communication? May he not have learned enough in his spiritual life on earth to at least comprehend their greeting? The parable says that, **Now he is comforted.** Did his comforting include training in the speech of **Abraham's bosom?**

Now think for a moment of the rich man. We read that, **The rich man died and was buried.** There were no angels there to greet him. How was he borne to Hades? **And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me.** With what kind of voice did he cry? Is the language of Hades the same as of Paradise? Who taught the rich man the language to address Father Abraham? Then think of the distance—**A great gulf fixed.** How far is heaven from hell—too far for thought transferance? So we could ask a multitude of questions.

It is unthinkable that Jesus was with the thief in Paradise and did not commune with him. Both their bodies were entombed. They communicated by some heaven-born means. Then is the means of spiritual communication made available and understandable immediately at death? One more question, do we engage in

preparation for spiritual communion by the exercise of spiritual communication with others and with God during this life? This writer believes we do. Then we ought to be engaged in earnest endeavor to develop and mature in spiritual conversation here and now.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

PRAISE HIS NAME

To praise the Lord is my delight,
He's done so much for me;
His mercies, morning, noon, and night
Are ever new and free.

When faith was small and skies were dark,
And all of life seemed wrong,
He set my feet upon a rock,
And filled my heart with song!

His gentleness has made me great;
'Twill be my life endeavor
To heed His call, to give my all,
And praise His name forever.

Barbara C. Ryberg

THE PSALMIST gives the call to praise, and also practices what he preaches (Ps. 146:1). We should praise God and have faith in Him, rather than repose our trust in man, because of God's omnipotence (v. 6a), His trustworthiness (v. 6b), His righteous defense of the oppressed (v. 7a), His providence (v. 7b), His delivering power (v. 7c), His ability to give spiritual sight (v. 8a), His tenderness and grace to those bowed down (v. 8b), His unfailing love for the righteous (v. 8c), His care of the needy and thwarting of the wicked (v. 9), His eternal reign (v. 10).

We may trace how wonderfully the characteristics of God are perfectly fulfilled in our Lord Jesus Christ; both as Creator (v. 6; John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16); both as Truth (v. 6b; John 14:6); both as executing judgment (v. 7; John 5:22; 9:39); and both giving food to the hungry (v. 7-9; Luke 4:18, 19; and Christ the Bread of Life in John 6:26-58).

The Bible calls David a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22). David praised God morning, noon, and night, and even at midnight (Ps. 119:62). After the Ark of God was brought to Jerusalem, David organized a choir whose chief business was to thank and praise the Lord continually (I Chron. 16:4-7). The Psalm that David wrote and gave to Asaph, the choir leader, on the same day that the national choir was organized, may be found in I Chronicles 16:8-12 and another part in verses 23-36.

The last five of the Psalms (146-150) are all songs of praise, and, coming after mournful, plaintive, penitential, prayerful, historical and varying themes, typify the joy and rest of glory, and may be called "The Hallelujah Chorus." Each of these five psalms begins and ends with a Hallelujah which means "Praise ye the Lord." In each psalm the word "praise" is used in increasing frequency until in Psalm 150 it occurs twice in every verse and in verse 1 it occurs three times. "It is a good thing to sing praises unto God (147:1) because it is right, because it is acceptable with God, beneficial to ourselves, and stimulating to our fellows" (Spurgeon). In Psalm 148 all creation is called on to praise the Lord; and especially His people (v. 14). Psalm 149 is a "New Song," evidently intended for the new creation and the men who are of a new heart. "It is such a song as may be sung at the coming of the Lord, when the new dispensation shall bring overthrow to the wicked and honor to all saints" (Spurgeon). God's people should rejoice in Him for the Lord rejoices in His people (vs. 2, 4). Psalm 150 is the last and the grand finale. Wesley would share with us his prayer of thankful worship:

"O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free!
A heart that always feels Thy blood
So freely spilt for me!"

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

THE "MUST" IN THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free" (Gal. 5.1a).

IF WE would only consider, we should remember the price that was paid by God's dear Son to purchase our liberty—His earthly life. Though it is LIBERTY; it never becomes license. Liberty is always in danger of becoming license. At the center of all true liberty there is a degree of servitude.

Both Paul and Peter, who proclaim the loudest the plenteousness of their freedom, always begin and end their declarations by calling themselves the "bond-servants" of the Master. Actually the only way to freedom of the spirit is in bondage to the Lord who purchased that freedom with His blood.

There is no servility in or fear in the servitude to the Master. We are not driven into slavery to Jesus Christ, but drawn into it. Love rules the Master's bondsmen; not the lash.

Sometimes, in our saner moments, we might wish that the Lord would use a lash on us to make us do right, make us quit our follies and disdaining of God's commands. He will not make us do, against our will, what we ought to do. That would be servitude, but He will help us, to choose to love the things He loves and hate the things He hates.

The "must" in the Christian religion is one that we accept; not one that is imposed. It is a yoke we wear in conscious and willing self-surrender; not a yoke of legal bondage.

"Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

"Thy Bondservant."

Brethren Youth Crusaders

REPORTS FROM . . .

. . . PLEASANT HILL

The Junior High department of the Brethren Youth Crusaders met at Brush Valley Brethren Church and elected their officers for the new year on Sunday, September 26, 1965.

Those elected were:

President—Sharon Kidder
V. President—Derwood McAfoose
Sec.-Treas.—Dennis Crissman
Evangelist Reporter—Ann Lewis
Vice Reporter—Larry Lasher

. . . BRUSH VALLEY

The Junior BYC group began meeting regularly in September after a summer's rest. Officers elected are:

President—Sherry Gardner
V. President—Cindy Bradley
Secretary—Debbie Carroll
Asst. Secretary—Sarah Bryant
Treasurer—Clara Bolton
Asst. Treasurer—David Gilbert

We have a membership of twelve and Mrs. Bolton is our advisor. She made an outline for our study of Genesis and the Senior advisor, Maxine Delcamp, has made a list of questions for our use.

We have plans for a bowling party, a Watch Night New Year's Eve party and a skating party. We also plan to glean corn. We had a Halloween Party completely planned by committees of our members. After a devotional service, we played games and bobbed for apples. Costume prizes were won by Patty Weaver, prettiest; Nancy Farrar, funniest; and Terri Bashore, most original.

Our offerings are growing and we hope to be able to pay our $10 Club pledge soon. We voted to send one offering a month for the national work and hope to increase last year's project offering.

Each week as we study the assigned chapter we make out questions, then take turns asking them of the group which is divided into teams.

—Debbie Carroll, secretary

. . . MANSFIELD

AT THE THIRD meeting of the newly organized Brethren Youth organization of our church, the following officers were elected:

President—Dan Nelson
Vice President—Susan Barr
Secretary—Bonnie Walter
Treasurer—Gregg Gleisinger

Following the election we discussed the Brethren Youth program and we have decided to enter the annual Quiz Contest and to help the support of the national project.

We also talked about some recreation such as hayrides, sledding, skating parties, etc.

Our pastor, Rev. Spencer Gentle, will be our sponsor.

Bonnie Walter

. . . GOSHEN

We have 12 members this fall thus far and we are hoping for many more in our Jr. youth.

We have two new sponsors helping us this year which we are grateful for. The new ideas are a great help.

We are working on worship books for each member and they seem to be enjoying it very much.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Biller
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Troeger
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ulery

1965 - 66 Theme — II Timothy 4:8

"LOVING HIS APPEARING"

BRETHREN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



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FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

To use those who wish to serve by dedicating their extra hours to the Lord and the church.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

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HOW DO I ENTER THE BSO PLAN?

Fill out an application form, which is available by writing to: **Brethren Service Opportunities, 524 College Ave., Ashland, Ohio 44805.** This is an expression of your desire to further investigate the program. Such an application is not a binding contract—it merely establishes your interest and makes contact with us for possible use in Brethren Service Opportunities. If you are placed in an area, this is not necessarily permanent.

HOW DOES A CHURCH ENTER THE BSO PLAN?

Should you desire the aid of BSO personnel, send for a church application at the address listed above and fill out the form. After giving all requested information, return the form to the same address.



BIBLE QUIZ HELPS

How is your study in Genesis coming along? This is an interesting and exciting book of beginnings. The Bible Quiz this year is being prepared by a number of youth groups across the brotherhood. We hope you are a part of one of those groups.

Following are some sample questions for chapters 11-15 of Genesis:

CHAPTER 11

1. What was different about language and speech on earth before the tower of Babel? 11:1
2. What reason did the people give for building the tower of Babel? 11:4
3. What did God do about the tower of Babel? 11:7
4. Who was Abram's father? 11:27
5. Where did Terah and his family stop instead of going to Canaan? 11:31

CHAPTER 12

1. What covenant did God make with Abram? 12:2
2. What did Abram build when God promised him the land of Canaan? 12:7, 8
3. What did Abram tell Sarai she should say when they reached Egypt? 12:13
4. What did the princes of Egypt do with Sarai? 12:15
5. What did God do to Pharaoh's house because of Sarai? 12:17

CHAPTER 13

1. Why could not Abram and Lot dwell together? 13:6
2. What area did Lot choose for his dwelling? 13:11
3. What was wrong with living near Sodom? 13:13
4. What covenant did God make with Abram after Lot left? 13:15, 16
5. Where did Abram move his tent after God made a covenant with him? 13:18

CHAPTER 14

1. What great sea lay in the vale of Siddim? 14:3
2. What happened to Lot when the nine kings were battling? 14:12
3. How many trained servants did Abram arm to go after Lot? 14:14
4. Give the name of the king of Salem. 14:18
5. Why did Abram turn down the king's offer of goods? 14:23

CHAPTER 15

1. Who was the steward of Abram's house? 15:2
2. When Abram believed God's promise of many children, what was counted unto him? 15:6
3. How long did God say Abram's seed would be afflicted in a strange land? 15:13
4. At sundown what two things passed between the pieces of meat laid out by Abram? 15:17
5. What area of land did God promise to give the seed of Abram? 15:18

BRETHREN

IT WAS THIRTY-EIGHT years ago, in 1927, that the camping program of the Brethren Church was begun. Forty-one young people, along with teachers and counselors, gathered that summer on the shores of Lake Shipshewana in northern Indiana for a week of Bible study, worship, fellowship and recreation. It was a small beginning—only one week of camp and forty-one young people. There were forty-five the following year, and thirty-seven the next. Small beginnings, but from these small beginnings has grown a camping program now including **twenty-five** weeks of camp in **ten** different camps, and totaling **1,270** young people.

In Luke 2:52 we read of our Lord: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." Four areas of increase are mentioned: (1) wisdom or the intellect; (2) stature—the physical; (3) in favor with God, the spiritual; (4) in favor with man—social. It is the goal of Brethren camping to provide for development in each of these areas and these form the objectives of the camping program.



Camp Class at Camp Diquecito, Cordoba, Argentina*
In camp classes, campers learn of God, His word, His world, His will and the work of His Church.

Educational Objectives

Increase in wisdom finds its place in the educational objectives of Brethren camping. The camping program seeks to increase the camper's knowledge of God, His Word, His world and His will. Instruction is also given on the subject of the church—its nature, history and heritage. Missions also are studied—both world missions and Brethren missions. And a most important educational goal is that each camper be given leadership training in order to be prepared for Christian service.

Physical Objectives

Increase in stature corresponds to the physical objectives in Brethren camping. Camping provides the facilities for all types of supervised recreation: swimming, volleyball, softball, treasure hunts and other activities provide ample opportunity for recreation. In connection with these activities, Christian sportsmanship is taught and expected. Most of the camp week is spent out-of-doors, and most campers come home with healthy brown skins.



Volleyball at Camp Wyandotte
At camp, Christian sportsmanship is taught and expected.



Swimming at Camp Shipshewana
Camping provides the facilities for all types of supervised recreation.

Spiritual Objectives

Favor with God, the spiritual objective, is at the very heart of the camping program. As a result, much of the camp activity is directed toward this objective. Each day begins with morning watch, turning thoughts immediately to God. Each day closes with cabin devotions, turning last thoughts of the day to God. And during the day vesper services and devotional campfires provide additional times of worship.

CAMPING

in its thirty-ninth year



Morning Watch at Camp Bethany
Each camp day begins with morning watch, turning thoughts immediately to God.



Vespers at Camp Wyandotte
At camp worship is conducted out-of-doors and campers are stimulated to worship by the glory of God's creation.

Social Objectives

Social objectives, or favor with man, also play an important part in Brethren camping. Camp provides a new and different social situation. The camper eats, sleeps, works and plays with others of his own age. He must learn to adapt to this new social situation. This campers do very well, and many new and lasting friendships have been formed at the Brethren camps throughout the years. Not to be overlooked, also, is the fact that the camp provides a Christian community for the campers, and they are provided the opportunity of living for one week surrounded by Christian influences and examples. One camper has testified, "My biggest thrill in camp came from the discovery that there are so many other young people who have high ideals and who are trying to live the Christian life."



Bible Drama (baptism of Jesus) at ABC Camp
Brethren Campers learn by doing as well as by hearing. In their Bible dramas they enact the great messages of God's word.



Camp Cooks at ABC (Arizona) Camp
At camp, young people eat, sleep, work and play with others of their own age. (Note: many Brethren women are included in the camping program by serving as camp cooks.)

*The Brethren in Argentina also have a camping program. Their camp is located in the Cordoba hills in a beautiful setting on the First River. More than 100 campers attended this camp in 1965.

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SUMMER CAMPS $ 5,500

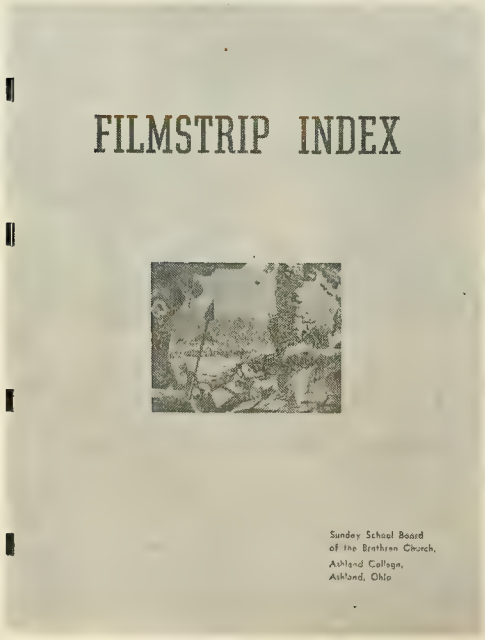
More than $4,000 of this amount will go directly to the ten district camps for support of their programs. The remaining amount is used for camp publicity and promotion, and to provide for the travel expenses of the Sunday School Board's Camp Representative.



1965 CAMP STATISTICS

Total number of camps	10
Total weeks of camp	25
Life Recruit Decisions	69
First Confessions of Christ	149
Total Campers	1,270

VISUAL AIDS $ 500



This amount is used for the purchase of new filmstrips and for the maintenance and promotion of the filmstrip library.

Current Filmstrip Statistics

108 **new** filmstrips purchased in the last year

411 different filmstrip titles now in library.

453 total filmstrips now in filmstrip library.

(In addition to the new filmstrips added in the past year, numerous replacements of damaged and wornout filmstrips were made.)

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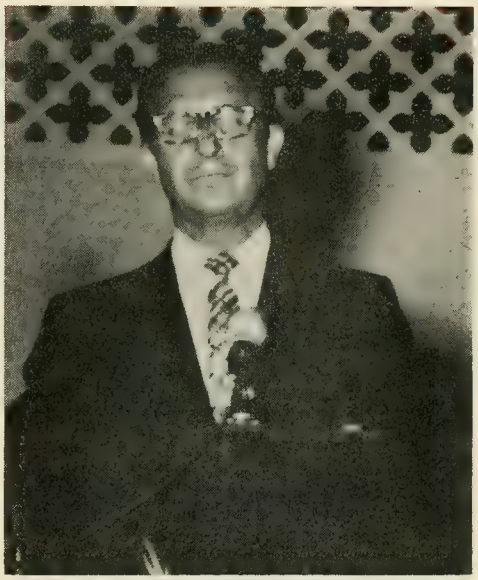
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PROMOTION

$ 1,500

This portion of the budget provides for various kinds of Sunday school promotion. Among these are the following:

Conference Sunday School Speaker
Standard of Excellence promotion and awards
Teacher Training Program
Mailings to pastors
Promotion of Sunday school literature
White Gift promotion



Dr. Charles Blair
1965 Conference Sunday School Speaker

OFFICE OPERATION

$ 2,000



The Sunday School Board office
Dick Winfield at his desk.

The operating expense of the Sunday School Board office and the secretarial wages are cared for out of this amount.

Office Expenditures
Office Rent
Light and Phone
Office Supplies
Secretarial wages

ASHLAND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY $ 2,000

This amount is included for the Chair of Christian Education at the Ashland Theological Seminary. The Seminary curriculum includes numerous courses aimed at preparing our future ministers to be capable Sunday school leaders.

Christian Education in the Seminary Curriculum

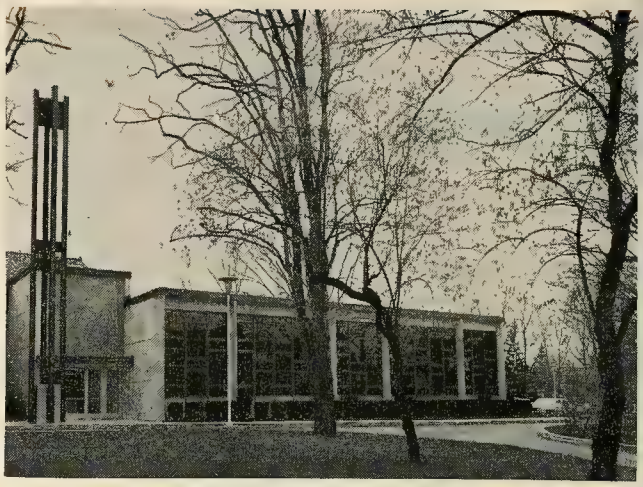
16 credit hours offered in Christian Education

8 courses offered in Christian Education

4 Christian Education courses required for each student

4 elective courses offered in Christian Education

Additional courses offered which deal with various aspects of Sunday school work—evangelism and visitation, for example.



New Seminary Library

BRETHREN HISTORICAL RESEARCH $ 450



Schwarzenau, Germany

At the request of Central Council made to the various boards, this amount was included in the budget to help with the expense of completing the research and writing the book of the history of the Brethren Church.

To be used, in various ways, for the promotion of Christian Education and the Sunday school in the Brethren Church.

TOTAL $11,950



STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

St. James Tops Again

FOR THE SECOND consecutive year the Saint James Brethren Sunday School is the top Sunday school in the Brethren Church—according to the **Standard of Excellence for Brethren Sunday Schools.** Last year St. James sky-rocketed to the top of the scoring, and this year found them at the top once again. The accompanying picture shows Rev. Jim Rowsey, pastor of the St. James Church, receiving the "highest achievement award" plaque from Sunday School Board Secretary, Rev. Thomas Shannon, at General Conference.

Also in the picture, but barely visible behind Rev. Rowsey, is Rev. J. D. Hamel of the Sarasota Brethren Church whose Sunday school scored second highest on the Sunday school goals program. Rev. Hamel, whose Sunday school ranked first in 1962 and 1963, remarked, upon receiving his certificate of recognition: "I have just one thing to say to my brother-in-law (Rev. Jim Rowsey)—'The South will rise again.'"





In all the following Sunday schools were recognized as **Standard of Excellence Sunday Schools** at this year's General Conference:

Class A—90 and above

St. James, Maryland, Brethren Sunday School .. 101½
Sarasota, Florida, Brethren Sunday School 96
Fairless Hills-Levittown, Penna., Brethren Sunday School 94½
South Bend, Indiana, Brethren Sunday School .. 90

Class B—80 through 89

Goshen, Indiana, Brethren Sunday School 88

Class C—70 through 79

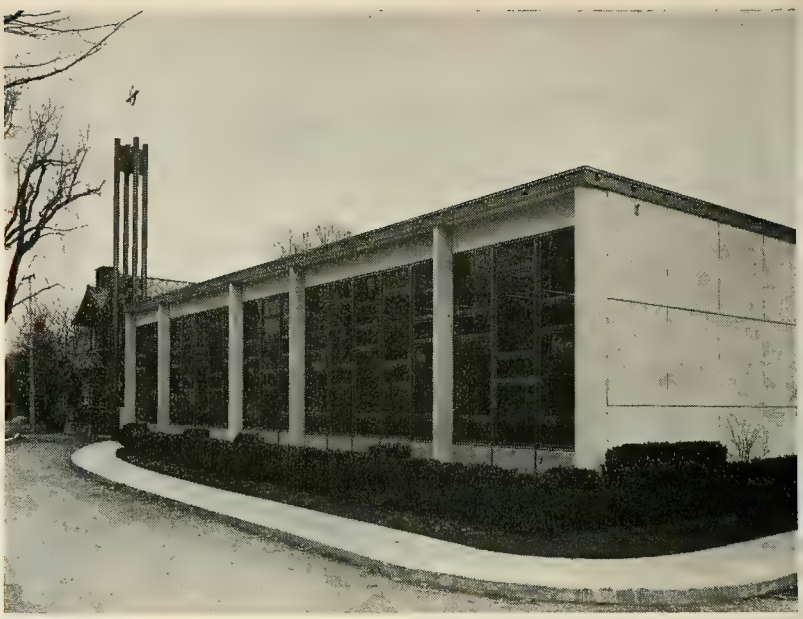
Vinco, Pennsylvania, Brethren Sunday School .. 79½
Derby, Kansas, Brethren Sunday School 77
Washington, D. C., Brethren Sunday School 73
Ardmore, Indiana, Brethren Sunday School 72½

Special certificates (see picture) were awarded to all these Sunday schools, and a "highest achievement award" plaque (like the one pictured, but engraved) was also presented to the St. James Sunday School.

It should be noted that all Brethren Sunday schools have an opportunity to be Standard of Excellence Sunday Schools. This is not a contest but a goals program, and any Sunday school achieving sufficient goals to score 70 or more points will receive a special certificate of recognition. **We are hoping to see many more Standard of Excellence Sunday Schools next summer.**

New TEN DOLLAR CLUB call is for the MANSFIELD, OHIO, CHURCH'S RELOCATION
Send your contribution NOW!

Christian training in our Theological Seminary



by Rev. Charles Munson

REV. CHARLES MUNSON is Associate Professor of Practical Theology at Ashland Theological Seminary. He is presently a member of the Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church and is serving as Educational Director of the Board.

THE BRETHREN CHURCH has a strong arm of training in the Ashland Theological Seminary. It is a qualified and an essential part of the work of the church.

Qualified because it has the means and the ability to train men effectively for the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Essential because without it there is no future ministry in the Brethren Church.

In the department of Christian Ministries the Seminary trains men in the field of Christian Education and Pastoral Care. The aim in the Seminary is to prepare men to work effectively with people, so that Christ can be known, loved and obeyed. Below are the offerings which are made in the Seminary to help men serve Christ in the Brethren Church. Read them and you will see that the Seminary is earnest in its efforts to prepare men adequately to help people for God.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES —

Christian Education:

Principles of Christian Education. Christian education is surveyed and analyzed with a view to determining the objectives, process, and methods of the church's ministry of education.

Organization and Administration of Christian Education. Principles for organizing, planning, co-ordinating and administering the Christian education program of the church are studied. Emphasis is placed upon developing administrative principles that fulfill the vital mission of the church in the world today.

Leadership Education. This course recognizes leadership as a vital factor in a successful church program. Therefore, a study of the needs of leadership in the local church is made, out of which a continuous program of training shall be developed.

Christian Home and the Church. The central place of the Christian home in the church and Christian faith is studied. The importance of the home as an educational agency, and the place of the parent in the Christian teaching of the child are carefully considered.

Christian Education of Children. This course includes a study of the characteristics, needs, and developments of children. In relation to this study the children's division of the church school with its teaching methods and worship program is formulated.

Christian Education of Youth. The course studies characteristics, problems, life situations, moral and religious needs of the significant years of the adolescents. This, in turn, becomes the basis for understanding, programming, and counseling in the Christian education of youth.

Christian Education of Adults. A study in depth is made of the characteristics, needs, aims and goals of adulthood. A workable correlated program of adult education in the local church is developed in the study.

Religious Radio Broadcasting. The course is designed to explore the theory and practice of religious broadcasting.

Seminar in Christian Education. This seminar is for advanced students in special study and research.

Pastoral Ministry:

The following courses in this area relate most directly to the total program of Christian Education in the local church.

Pastor and Church. A study of the total task of the Christian Minister and pastor as he leads the congregation in its work. The program, organization, administration, and financing of the work of the local congregation receive consideration.

Evangelism. A study of the evangelistic message and the responsibility of the Christian church for giving this message to the world. A consideration is made of the various methods available for the evangelistic work of the church such as visitation, evangelism, revivals, Sunday school evangelism, child evangelism, youth evangelism, etc. Special attention is given to visitation evangelism.

Visitation Projects. This course is designed to give practical help in establishing good visitation procedures. Various types of visitation are considered including lay visitation and Sunday school visitation.

Other courses in this area include Theory and Practice of Preaching, Sermon Planning and Preaching, Personal and Devotional Life, Pastoral Care and Counseling, Rural and Urban Church, Christian Worship, and Seminar in Pastoral Ministry.

By your support of the **White Gift Offering** you help to provide this kind of Christian Education just described. Our future ministry for Jesus Christ depends upon our continuing supply of Brethren ministers, thoroughly trained to help people in a very troubled world.



Inside View of Seminary Library



helping the family in Christian education . . .

And these words you shall teach diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house. Brethren Sunday School Literature is designed to help the family in its task of Christian Education.

by Rev. Richard E. Allison

ONE SIXTH of all the people that have lived since the beginning, since creation are now alive. These are great days in which to live. The opportunities are tremendous. By the year A.D. 2000, it is predicted that there will be six billion people living on planet earth. These are great days in which to be alive. The opportunities are tremendous. The population of the United States is increasing at the rate of five million annually. The opportunities for evangelism have never been so great. People have never been so hungry for the Word of God.

The imperative needs of our day are evangelism and teaching. It is apparent that the Sunday school is not adequate for the task. It can only teach those who attend with regularity. An instrument that is more flexible and mobile must be developed. In our own denomination with a membership of 17,912 anly 14,771 are enrolled in Sunday school. This means that approximately 11,000 attend Sunday school on any given Sunday for systematic study of the Scriptures. God bless the Sunday school as it attempts to fill the gap and meet the needs. However, if the burden of education and evangelism is saddled on the Sunday school only, it's too big a load.

Scripture places the load on the family. Deut. 6:4-9 says: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command to you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you lie down, and when you rise. And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." The responsibility belongs to the family. Biblically families were centers of teaching and evangelism. The Sunday school is to bolster, to supplement the family.

The trend has been for the family to delegate their functions to other agencies. The local congregation has gradually assumed more and more of the functions neglected or delegated to it. There has been such a proliferation of agencies within the congregation that a search to find ways to simplify, to coordinate and to implement the program is presently a major problem for church leaders.

Some persons blame the church for the trend. Such say that the church is searching for something to do. It wants to be important. To be important in Twentieth Century America one must be busy. Therefore, the church that is busy is important.

Others blame the family, claiming the family is shirking its duty. They say that the family has abandoned its responsibilities, and compassion drives the congregation to attempt to fill the void.

It's not nearly so important to place the blame as it is to recognize the predicament and to come up with a solution. The problem is evident. Something has to be done for the family. Our cultural crisis has forced us to search for values and meaning. In the past the family has provided both. The disintegration of the family unit has left us flat in a time when we need it most.

In our pluralistic society, the public school system cannot be expected to foster our religious ideals. Therefore the Supreme Court in its classic June 1962 decision ruled it was unconstitutional for the state of New York to prescribe by law this prayer for school children: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessing upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country."

Herblock in the **Washington Post**, hit the nail on the head as he pictured in a cartoon a family seated about the dinner table with the father waving his newspaper headlining the Supreme Court Ruling and shouting angrily, "What do they expect us to do—listen to the kids pray at home?"

The need is to show parents how to help themselves. Our past moderator, Elder Charles Munson, emphasized this need as he recommended to the 77th General Conference of Brethren Churches "that we establish regular Family-life Conferences . . . that these conferences include discussions for and about children, youth, and whole families . . . local churches conduct a series of such meetings for the benefit of their own families."

The need is to improve relationships in the home. The most significant factor in any individual's life is the family. He spends more time, knows more intimately, acts more naturally and responds more freely in the family setting than in any other. Teachers spend hours trying to create the setting which already exists in the family situation. The need is to utilize the vast resource, the family setting, which is available.

The Brethren Sunday School Literature is designed to accomplish this particular objective. It is Scriptural in that it supplements the work of the family without replacing the family. The program is carefully outlined in the teacher's manual, the student's manual and the age-level handbook.

The age-level handbook for kindergarten is **Teaching Fours and Fives Successfully.** On page twelve it says, "The teacher's responsibility . . . is to the child's parents. As soon as possible, the teacher should **become acquainted** with each parent, **VISIT** in the home to see the family as a unit and in daily surroundings, **encourage** parents in the spiritual training of their child, **acquaint** them with what the Sunday school is seeking to do for their child."

The teacher's manual provides a step-by-step outline for the teacher to accomplish the above task. The student's manual serves as a connecting link between the Sunday school and the family unit. For instance, the nursery student's manual contains Bible stories and pictures appropriate for the nursery child. A letter to parents is found in the back of the student's manual explaining classroom procedures and outlining the educational task and procedures for the family circle.

The above is taken from a limited area of the total program of the Sunday school, but it does serve to illustrate what is available at all age levels. At the primary level (grades 1-2-3) the course focuses on the major interests of the 6-7-8-year-old which is his reading. His manual is a reader. In class he learns a biblical vocabulary so that he can read his own copy of God's Word. He enjoys reading over and over for family devotions or at bedtime the stories he first read in class. Adequate helps and suggestions guide parents in assisting in the spiritual education of their child.

The junior young person (grades 4-5-6) has a student's manual designed to establish the practice of personal, daily devotions. The teacher can't accomplish this from the classroom. Parents have daily contact with their young people. Parents, in the setting of the home, are responsible to lead their children into this activity that Jesus refers to as entering your closet. Certainly it takes time. Anything worthwhile takes time.

Junior and senior high youth are explorers. They must have answers to WHY questions. Their student manual is not a "workbook" but a discussion guide. The family is a wonderful setting for discussion because no member wears a front. It doesn't pay. Each member is known intimately. Members can be natural, relaxed, free. A touch question doesn't have to be a source of embarrassment. It can serve as a launching pad for research and discovery within the context of the family.

Even if there are no children or young people in your home, Brethren Sunday School Literature can still bring benefit and blessing to your family. The adult manual has a section listing daily Bible readings. These can serve as a daily source of strength and discovery. Instead of hurriedly gulping a verse of Scripture and tasting a juicy tidbit in a canned devotional, why not spend some time each day preparing to make a valuable contribution to the coming Sunday school lesson.

Brethren Sunday School Literature is designed to enrich the teaching ministry of the home and enliven the discussion in the family circle. It is meant to supplement and not usurp the teaching function of the home. When used, used properly, and used properly regularly, Brethren Sunday School Literature will strengthen our homes and provide a sound base for reaching an exploding population.



Rev. Richard Allison, pastor of the Goshen Brethren Church, is Vice President of the national Sunday School Board. Rev. Allison is a vigorous promoter of the work of the Sunday school on the national and district level, and in his own church.

The Brethren Layman

Views and Comments

Floyd S. Benshoff

AW HEROD, YOU DON'T MEAN IT!

CHRISTMAS is such a fine, lovable, love filled time of the year that we are seldom moved to dwell on the dark aspects of the story as related in the Bible. Matthew 2:8 speaks of the visit of the Wise Men to Bethlehem as follows: "And he (Herod) sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, **that I may come and worship him also.**" This was the same tongue that gave the order to his soldiers to slay all the children, two years old and under, in all the Bethlehem area. This was the same individual that Joseph was warned of in a dream and told to flee into Egypt to avoid. This was the same man from whose son Joseph had to shield the young Child, Jesus, as he returned to the land of Israel. Herod was a past master at saying one thing and meaning another; he was dealt in duplicity; he made with much double talk. The Indians had a word for it . . . forked tongue. Can't you just see his pious fawning as he escorted the earnest men of the East out of his palatial, heavily carpeted throne room after their conference, with the parting words, "bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also."

2,000 years ago, BUT . . .

. . . deceitful talk didn't go out of style with the burial of wicked King Herod. The pages of history are strewn with the tales of kings, rulers, even presidents and politicians who have lied themselves to the top; say what is convenient to the moment, do what will gain the end desired. The appropriate word is expedience, or, "the end justifies the means."

How often have you listened to a speech and found it to be veiled in such language that, if the speaker is pinned for meaning, he can agree with any of several interpretations. Yes, the Herods are around in great numbers today. But my personal responsibility to truth will not be covered with convenience. The judge of all the earth knows my innermost intent. Man looketh on the outward appearance but God looketh on the heart. I may be able to cross-up or fool my dearest friends but insincerity is as plain to the Almighty as it was in the days when he looked down to protect his only begotten Son from the evil King Herod and warned the Wise Men to "return another way."

God can spot a wolf in sheep's clothing. We are often fooled. Empires have fallen by what is known as "trojan horse" tactics; that is, the enemy planting himself on the inside, gaining the confidence of the population and at the propitious moment, turning traitor. This can happen in organizations as well as countries, and does; it is called "the takeover." We would be wise to "try the spirits."

There is abroad in the Christian world today what is known as Neo-orthodoxy. It is often unmarked and unrecognized but its doctrines sabotage the soul. Based on an attitude toward the Holy Bible that is akin to that of old Herod, it is fully explained in an article on the subject in the

Moody Monthly of recent date and written by Charles Ryrie, Th.D. The article is more recently published in condensed form in **The Christian Reader** of July 1965.

Fundamental Christians would do well to become aware and acquainted with the many threats of Neo-orthodoxy and other neo teachings. Black is considered white in some areas of thought today, and many moorings are being shaken by this "new revolution" bit that is gaining prominence.

I'm all for progress, forward, not backward. I love that sweet story of old. I was taught to appreciate that He gave his only begotten Son . . . born of a virgin, and that this is why we celebrate Christmas.

Wondrous as His first coming was, we, down here in century twenty, should scan the skies for signs of His second coming; that for which the first occurred. Yes, we are to love his appearing.

"Watchman, tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are;
Trav'ler, o'er yon mountain height,
See that glory beaming star."

"Even so come, Lord Jesus, come quickly."

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS F. S. B.

from the Woman's Outlook

Your National President Speaks . . .

Listening Shepherds

MRS. RUSSELL RODKEY

RECENTLY I READ this statement: "Every year you and I can see something new in Christmas for ourselves." It seems that each year as I read the Christmas story, I gain a greater appreciation of the shepherds. They heard joyful music the night Jesus was born, but the story doesn't say that the people in the noisy city heard it. The shepherds were listening. As we celebrate the birthday of Jesus each year, do we actually get quiet and listen for the message of the angel and the singing of the heavenly host "Peace on earth, good will toward men" or are we busy with the crowds? Do you spend Christmas Eve in an atmosphere where you could expect to hear the joyful music?

Luke tells us "The shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard." How do you return to a regular schedule after Christmas? Do you return to the office, factory, farm, etc., glorifying and praising God for blessings received?

A merchant and a minister were talking during the holiday season. The merchant said that his greatest problem was to rid his store of Christmas in one day.

The minister said his greatest problem was to keep Christmas in the hearts of his congregation throughout the next year. You CAN have Christmas last all year. Not a Santa Claus coming down the chimney every night, or a dozen lighted trees. The shepherds searched for the "Babe" and found Him, and this experience sent them back to their work rejoicing. Have you searched and found Him? To have Christ in your heart is to keep Christmas throughout the year.

Verse 17 of Luke 2 says, "And when they had seen this sight, they told everybody what had been said to them about the little child" (Phillips). Christmas is not only a time of sharing gifts, but also a time of sharing the story of the Christ Child.

These things I learned from the shepherds—(1) to always be listening for the voice of God, (2) to be sure I have had the real experience of finding Him, and (3) as I live each day doing my work I will share with others the story of God's love.

One of the loveliest Christmas poems, "Incarnate Love" by Christina Rossetti, begins, "Love came down at Christmas."

In summer or in winter,
In your house or in mine,
Love still comes down from heaven,
And this shall be the sign—
Where hearts and homes are listening,
Once more the blessed angels sing.

My prayer for all of us for the New Year is that we will be still and listen so we can hear what Christ wants us to do to help others to know Him.

MISSIONARY NEWS

MUNCIE ON THE MOVE

by REV. GLENN GRUMBLING



Rev. Glenn Grumbling

THE BRETHREN at Muncie, constantly seeking the direction of the Holy Spirit, are in the process of relocating their place of worship. The present building was completed only seventeen years ago through prayer, faith, and great sacrifice on the part of the Muncie Brethren. This building is large, well equipped and more than adequate for our present needs. However, due to great changes in the community surrounding the church building, the effectiveness of the church as a soul winning station has been very limited. Even so it is extremely difficult for those who have labored so hard in building it to see it sold.

The idea to sell the present building and rebuild elsewhere was conceived about four years ago while the late Elder J. G. Dodds was pastoring in Muncie. During the past two years much has been done under the capable leadership of Elder Wayne Swihart and moderator Roy Northcutt to make this idea become a reality. In August of this year the church purchased a very nice house on the west side of Muncie at 204 Hawthorne Drive as their new parsonage. This parsonage was soon occupied by Elder and Mrs. Glenn Grumbling and their family. Elder Grumbling preached his first sermon in Muncie on September 5th. In the middle of September the church purchased three acres of land for their new church building site. It is located on Morrison Road which borders the city limit on the west side of Muncie. The new site is within a half mile of the new parsonage. Presently, there is no other church in this relatively new and fast growing community. Therefore, we believe the Lord has opened the door to a great opportunity for service for the Brethren Church in Muncie. We, of course, are anxious to get the building program started.

As you would expect, the work, thus far, has not been done without many trials and we know there are still many hardships ahead of us. We are trusting our Lord to supply each need as it comes. He will not fail. One of our greatest problems right now is to get our church building sold so that we have money with which to start the new work. Even though the price we are asking is very cheap it is hard to sell the building because of its location. The Lord hasn't revealed the answer to this problem yet, but we know He will.

Brethren, pray for us!



Parsonage at Muncie, Indiana

REBUILDING AT COUNTY LINE

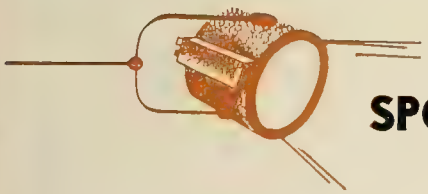
IN THE SIX MONTHS since the Tornado Disaster at County Line, Indiana, Church, contributions totaling slightly over $16,500 have been received by this board or the County Line Church to apply toward their rebuilding the church.

October 24, groundbreaking services were held at the church site and their goal is to dedicate their new church Palm Sunday, 1966, one year after the complete demolition of their church.

In previous issues of **The Brethren Evangelist**, we listed churches and organizations that had contributed and herewith add to that list.

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SPOTLIGHT ON WOODROW A. IMMEL

IN AUGUST 1965, three new board members were elected to the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church. One of these new members is Woodrow A. Immel, pastor of the North Manchester, Indiana, Church.

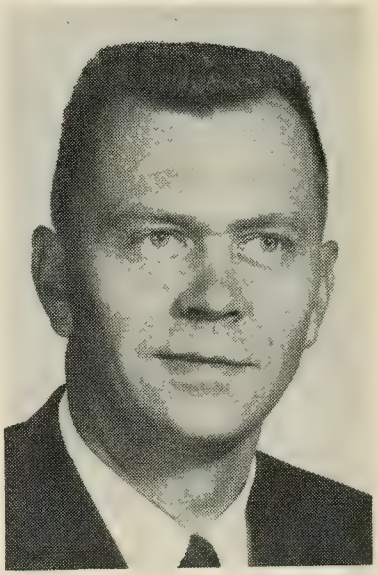
At the present time, in addition to being a member on the Missionary Board, Reverend Immel is serving on the District Board of Ministerial Examiners and is Vice President of the Indiana District Ministerial Association. He formerly served on the Indiana District Sunday School Board.

He was born in New Paris, Indiana, and reared in a Grace Evangelical family, but when he married LaVeta Miller, he united with his wife's church in New Paris where she was busily engaged in the musical program of that church. He taught the young married people's class for several years, assisted in the Shipshewana camp program, and in 1950 was called to serve the Milford, Indiana, Church as pastor. He was ordained to the ministry at that time and served the Milford congregation for seven years. Reverend Immel also served at New Paris and was interim pastor for Mexico, Warsaw and Teegarden before going to North Manchester in October 1961.

His education was received at North Central College, Naperville, Illinois, and did graduate work at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana; Manchester College, N. Manchester, Indiana, and Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland, Ohio.

As a result of numerous trips, he has visited every state in the original 48 states of the United States and several years ago built a travel trailer which adequately sleeps the family. He enjoys camping, amateur photography, golfing, minor construction and building and also sailboating—when a boat is available.

The Immels have a married son, Charles Allen, who lives in New Paris and is employed in construction and masonry work. It is by this son that they have their only grandchild, Christopher Allen. Their daughter, Carolyn Immel Bame, is currently



teaching elementary music at Cromwell, Indiana. They also have a fifth grader, Keith, living at home.

It is a joy to welcome Mr. Immel to the Missionary Board where he will make a fine contribution to the work.

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NOTES and COMMENTS

REV. ROBERT KEPLINGER UNDERGOES OPEN HEART SURGERY

ON WEDNESDAY, December 1, Rev. Robert Keplinger was taken to surgery in order to repair a heart defect. He went to surgery at 7:30 in the morning and returned to the recovery room at 12:30. The operation was successful.

A hole, the size of a quarter, between two chambers of the heart was repaired.

Bro. Keplinger is recovering from this open heart surgery at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. Let us continue to remember him in our prayers that God might give him complete recovery.

REV. JOHN F. LOCKE UNDERGOES EYE SURGERY

ON MONDAY, November 22, Rev. John F. Locke underwent eye surgery at the Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

A notice received from Mrs. P. G. Wenger, corresponding secretary of the Bethlehem Brethren Church, reports that Bro. Locke is doing very well and has returned to his home in Maurertown, Virginia.

Let us also remember him in our prayers.

CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS

YOU WILL FIND in this issue of **The Brethren Evangelist** two weeks of Children's Devotions. These devotions will take you up to and including the first day of the new year; or up to the first issue of the new magazine.

Mrs. Robert Holsinger has been writing these devotions for several months but has decided to discontinue this writing. This work has been done without remuneration and we are very appreciative of her efforts. We are sorry that she has decided to give this phase of her work up, however we realize that as a pastor's wife, she is very busy.

Beginning January 1, 1966, we will again print Daily Devotions. The first of these will appear in the next issue of the magazine. Mrs. Robert Hoffman of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, will be in charge of selecting writers for this column. The first writer will be Mrs. Alvin Grumbling of Manteca, California.

We trust that you will take advantage of this column in your family devotions.



the editor's editorial

A Black Day?

YOUR EDITOR was most disturbed a few weeks ago because of a certain radio broadcast which he heard while on his way to the office.

The announcer, who was giving a bit of historical data, was saying that in 1943 on this day a certain battle was fought in the South Pacific islands with many Americans being killed. "This was a black day," he said.

He went on with this bit of historical data by informing his hearers that on this particular date in 1921 that all beer was taken off the market which produced even a "blacker day" than the events of the date in 1943. He kept asking how people could possibly live without access to these items of "necessities." Especially was he concerned about being without these "items" this season of the year. "How could people possibly celebrate Christmas and New Years without liquor?" he asked. At this time an advertisement was presented extolling the grand attributes of some famous brand of whiskey.

Of course it can go without saying that the blackest day was when the liquor trade was voted back on the market. Since that date crime has been on the increase; insanity is greater than ever before; there are more mental hospitals today than during the days of prohibition; there are more alcoholics today in America than she has ever known; each year there is an increase in the number of persons who drink, and this is especially true among women. Our teenagers are encouraged to "learn to drink sensibly," therefore many of our young people are caught in the vices of alcoholism.

Because of alcohol there are more broken homes today than ever before. Statistics show that approximately fifty per cent of automobile accidents are caused by someone who has been drinking.

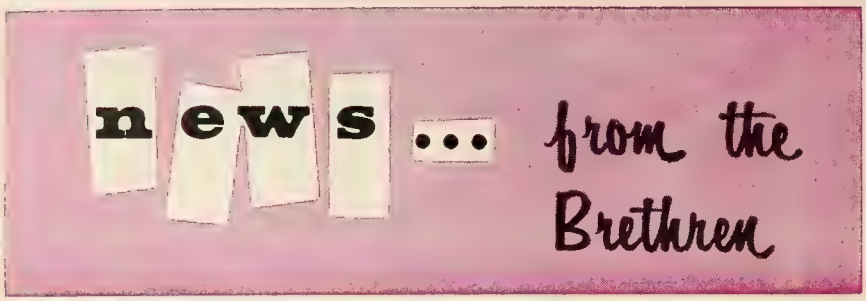
The Scripture teaches very definitely against the use of alcohol in any form, in fact there are at least one hundred and sixty-two verses which condemn the drinking of fermented drinks. Those verses which use the word "wine" in reference to sweet grape juice or other juices or to the grape itself are not included in these references; if these were to be included there would be a list of 627 references to drink and drinking in the Bible.

There is more Scripture on the evils of drink than on any one of the subjects of lying, adultery, stealing, swearing, cheating, hypocrisy, pride or even blasphemy. In fact, many of the above sins are the direct results of the drinking of alcohol and all we need to do is to read the newspapers of today and we will soon realize the truth of this.

We Christians should not wink at the use of alcohol, we should fight it! Several years ago when the issue of whether to allow drinks to be served over the bar or not was to be voted on by the citizens of a certain state, a professed Christian reasoned that it was going to be done anyway, therefore why vote against it. It was this attitude among Christians that brought the liquor back on the market, and we are paying the price for such lethargy today!

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1).

"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again" (Proverbs 23:29-35).



Washington, D. C. Rev. Jerry Flora reports that two persons were recently received into the fellowship of the church.

Levittown, Pa. Rev. Robert Keplinger reports that six persons were baptized and received into the fellowship of the church following the recent evangelistic crusade.

Masontown, Pa. According to Rev. James Naff the auditorium has been redecorated as a result of the combined efforts of many persons in labor and finance.

Pleasant View, Pa. Rev. Richard Godwin reports that four young persons were recently baptized and received into the membership of the church.

Akron, Ohio. Rev. R. Glen Traver reports that the recent revival services conducted by Rev. Don Matteson of Marshall, Michigan, were completed with several rededications made and one first time confession received.

Two persons were recently received into the membership of the church, one by baptism and one by transfer of letter.

Gratis, Ohio. On Sunday, November 21, twelve persons were baptized in a beautiful candlelight service. The following Sunday, these twelve were received into the membership of the church along with three others who came in by letter of transfer.

New Lebanon, Ohio. During the revival meetings conducted the first week of November, fourteen decisions were made for the Lord. Five persons were baptized and received into the membership.

The pastor, Rev. Donald Rowser, recently conducted daily devotions over WLW-D, channel 2, in Dayton. He was also interviewed on station WEEC in Springfield.

Muncie, Ind. Rev. Glenn Grumbling reports that on Sunday, November 7, Mr. Paul Richey was the guest speaker during the morning worship hour. Paul is a student in the Ashland Theological Seminary.

Also, four persons were recently received into the fellowship of the church by baptism.

New Paris, Ind. On Sunday, December 5, two couples were ordained as Deacon and Deaconesses in the church. They were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hollar and Mr. and Mrs. Don McGowen. Ordination was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Waldo Gaby, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. C. A. Stewart.

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

On November 21, 1965, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Burkholder of Akron, Ohio, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the church. They were married on November 20, 1915. They have lived in Akron most of this time.

The Burkholders have been active members of the Firestone Brethren Church for several years.

Memorials

BOWDEN. Mrs. Martha Almeda Bowden, age 87, passed away on Thursday, November 4, 1965, at her home in Long Island, New York. She was a member of the Johnstown Second Brethren Church for many years.

Services were conducted by the undersigned at the Henderson Funeral Home in Johnstown. Interment was in the Grandview Cemetery.

Rev. Alvin Shifflett

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BRUBAKER. Mrs. Albert Brubaker, 81, a faithful member of the New Lebanon, Ohio, Brethren Church for many years, passed away on Friday, October 22, 1965, following an accident. Funeral services were conducted at the church on October 25 by the undersigned assisted by Rev. Clayton Berkshire. Burial was in the Twin Valley Cemetery.

Rev. Donald Rowser

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LISKEY. Mr. George R. Liskey, 72, one of the most loyal and dependable members of the Bethlehem Brethren Church, passed away on November 20, 1965. His memorial service was in charge of Church of the Brethren ministers, Dr. Robert Sherfy, Rev. Ira S. Petre and Elder W. F. Flory in absence of his pastor, Rev. John F. Locke.

His survivors are his wife and three daughters: Miss Veda Liskey, our returned missionary from Nigeria; Mrs. Milton Robinson; and Mrs. Harold Myers.

Mrs. P. G. Wenger

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HALLETT. Mr. Julion L. Hallett, age 59, passed away on Saturday, November 27, 1965, at Stockton, California. He was a member and deacon of the First Brethren Church of Manteca.

Funeral services were held at the First Brethren Church of Manteca, the undersigned officiated. Burial was in the Park View Cemetery.

Rev. Alvin Grumbling

Weddings

QUEEN-WINKLER. Cynthia Sue Winkler and Clarence Harold Queen were united in marriage on Saturday, October 16, 1965, at the New Lebanon, Ohio, Brethren Church. The ceremony was performed by the pastor.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winkler of New Lebanon, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Queen, also of New Lebanon.

Rev. Donald Rowser

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BLOSSER-WILSON. Wedding vows were exchanged by Roberta Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson, and Jerry Blosser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Blosser of New Lebanon, in the First Brethren Church of New Lebanon, Ohio, on Friday, October 29, 1965. The marriage ceremony was performed by the undersigned.

Rev. Donald Rowser

CHILDREN'S DAILY DEVOTIONS - - -

Mrs. Robert G. Holsinger

Christmas Readings

Memory Scripture — Luke 2:11

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

December 19 - January 1

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1965

Read Scripture: Micah 5:2; Isaiah 9:6, 7

A Promise

"When will we go to Chicago?" Linda asked Dad. "I like to see the pretty lights and other decorations. I like to go in the stores."

"Your vacation begins Wednesday," answered Dad. "We will go then."

"Gary, did you hear that? We are going to Chicago Wednesday," said Linda.

Gary looked up from the book he was reading. "What makes you think we will go to Chicago Wednesday?"

"I don't think it. I know it," replied Linda. "Dad said we would go."

"Good!" declared Gary. "If Dad said we will go, I know it is true."

Long ago God made a promise to His people. He told them He would send a Savior. He even told them in what town the Savior would be born.

Jesus was the promised Savior. He was born in Bethlehem just as God had said.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for this Christmas time. Thank You for sending Jesus to be my Savior. In His name I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1965

Read Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-14

Signs That Tell

"There's going to be a snowstorm tonight," said Dad as he looked up from the newspaper he was reading. "It's going to be extremely cold for a few days."

"How do you know?" asked Gary.

"That's the weather report in the paper," answered Dad.

"Yes, but how does whoever wrote that report know?" Gary asked.

"At the weather station," replied Dad, "they have instruments to study the weather. They know how the weather in other areas will affect ours. They put all these weather signs together and can figure out what ours will be."

Long ago God gave signs to His people. If they had studied these signs and believed them, they would have known Jesus was the promised Savior.

Even though God's Word shows us He is the Savior, many did not believe it. Do you?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for showing us through the Old Testament as well as the New that Jesus is the Savior. I want to love and follow Him. In His name I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 1:26-35

Gifts

"May Judy and I go downtown?" asked Linda. "We want to buy gifts for the baby in the needy family our junior department adopted."

"Yes, you may go," said Mom.

Later when the girls returned, they showed Mom the gifts they had bought.

"I got her these booties and rattle," said Judy.

"I bought this cuddly bear and socks," said Linda.

"You girls were good shoppers," Mom told them.

"It was fun buying for the baby," replied Linda. "It made me think of Jesus who was a baby on the first Christmas."

"God chose Mary to be His mother," reminded Mom. "He sent an angel to tell her so she could be planning for the Baby. I'm glad on His birthday you girls are giving gifts to someone who needs them. Too often we just give gifts to those who will give us presents in return."

"It made me feel good to buy Christmas gifts for someone who might not have any if I didn't," said Linda.

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to remember that Christmas is Jesus' birthday. May I not think only of the good things I will get. Guide me as I plan ways I can share Christmas and the joy of Jesus' love with others. In His name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 1:46-50

Christmas Music

The Kellers had gone to Chicago as they planned.

"What a pretty window!" exclaimed Linda.

There was a life-size Nativity scene in the big store window. The donkey and cow moved their heads from side to side. Mary knelt beside the manger arranging covers on the Baby while Joseph stood nearby watching.

After they looked at the scene Mom suggested, "Let's go inside this store."

As soon as they stepped inside they heard lovely organ music. "Joy to the World." Some people were humming as they walked through the store.

"I like the Christmas carols," said Gary.

"Yes," agreed Dad. "They tell of the happiness Jesus brings to those who receive Him as Savior."

"I wonder what was the first Christmas carol?" Linda said.

"Mary's praise to God even before Jesus was born might be called the first Christmas carol," answered Mom. "She thanked God for the promise of the Savior and the happiness He would bring."

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for the lovely Christmas music. Thank You most of all for the Savior it tells about. May I take time this Christmas season to share the glad news of His coming with others. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 1:18-21

What Is Christmas?

"Are you looking for Santa Claus?" a visitor asked Betsy one day.

The little girl looked puzzled.

Mom explained to the visitor, "We know the Santa Claus story, but we know the true meaning of Christmas, too. That's what our children think about at Christmas time."

"Christmas Jesus' birthday," said Betsy.

What do you think about at Christmas time? Many boys and girls (and men and women, too) think of Santa Claus and gifts and decorations. They seem to forget that it is the birthday of the Savior.

An angel appeared to Mary and later to Joseph. The angel told them God was sending His Son. They were looking for Jesus. They were pleased God was sending Him.

We do not need an angel to tell us of the Savior. We have the Bible. It tells of the first and greatest Christmas gift of all—Jesus the Savior of men.

Prayer:

Dear God, even though I hear others talking of Santa Claus and gifts and decorations, may I remember that Christmas is Jesus' birthday. May I find ways to help others know this, too. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1965
Read Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

A Special Gift

As the Kellers were putting the last of the tinsel on the tree there was a knock at the door. Dad went to answer it.

A young man was standing there who said excitedly, "Please, sir, where is the hospital? We are a hundred miles from home and my wife needs a doctor immediately."

Dad grabbed his hat and coat from the hall tree. "I'll show you," he said.

About an hour later the two men returned. "This is our new friend, Joe Miller," said Dad. "I have invited him to stay with us for a few days. His wife, Mary, and their new son, John, are at the hospital."

"Mary and Joseph and a new-born baby on Christmas Eve!" exclaimed Linda.

"Yes," said Joe smiling. "God has given us a very special gift this Christmas."

"A new baby," said Mom, "is always a special gift to its own family."

"The Baby born on the first Christmas was a very special gift to all the world," reminded Dad. "He was born in a stable and slept in a manger that He might be the Savior of all who believe."

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the babies and young children in our family. Help me to remember they are Your special gift to us. May I be loving and kind and patient with them. Thank You especially for the Baby Jesus Who came as a special gift for each of us. I want to always have room in my heart and life for Him. In His name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1965
Read Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Happy Birthday, Jesus

"That was a very good dinner, Alice," said Dad.

"Sure was!" agreed Joe Miller.

"Now comes the best part," said Gary.

Linda helped Mom clear the table. Then she carried in the dessert plates, and Mom followed carrying a pretty cake topped with lighted candles.

"Birthday cake," laughed Betsy. "Birthday cake for Jesus."

"Happy birthday to You," started Dad and the others joined in the song.

Betsy blew out the candles.

Mom picked up the knife to cut the cake. "As I serve you a piece of the cake," she said, "you may tell us what birthday gift you are giving to Jesus."

"Betsy, this first piece of cake is for you. Do you have a gift for Jesus?"

"Yes," said Betsy. "Be a good girl and love Him."

"That's a fine gift," said Mom as she handed the second piece of cake to Joe.

"Mary and I will give baby John to Jesus," said Joe. "We will teach him of the Savior and help him to find ways to serve Him."

"Jesus will be pleased with your gift," said Dad as Mom gave him the next piece of cake. "Alice and I are giving Him every Tuesday evening. We will visit those who have not been coming to church. We will try to help them to want to follow Him."

"My gift is Tuesday evening, too," said Linda when Mom placed a piece of cake in front of her. "I will take care of Betsy so Mom can go calling."

"And I," said Gary as he received his cake, "will write a letter each week to a missionary child."

"You already know what my gift is," said Mom. "I hope people everywhere have remembered that today is Jesus' birthday."

Prayer:

Happy birthday, dear Jesus! Help me to decide what is the best gift I can give to You. Amen.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1965
Read Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

A Sign

Judy and Steve had come over to see the Kellers' tree and gifts.

Linda told them about Joe and Mary Miller and baby John. "His grandparents are coming today," she continued. "They are anxious to see the baby."

"They won't have a star to lead them like those who came to see Jesus did," said Steve.

"That's right," agreed Gary. "But they have a map and road signs to direct them."

"The star," added Judy, "was God's wonderful way of leading them to His Son. We always have a star on the top of our tree like you do. Mom says it helps us to remember that wise people today are seeking the Savior. He isn't hard to find if we follow the signs God has given us."

Prayer:

Dear God, sometimes I want to do things my way so much I forget to look for Your way. Help me to be wise and to follow You at all times. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1965
Read Scripture: Luke 2:22-33

The Baby

A man and woman stopped at the nurse's desk in the hall.

"May we see Mary Miller?" asked the man. "We are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hickman."

"Yes," replied the nurse. "She's in the first room on the left; just past the nursery window."

"Thank you," replied the man.

The couple walked down the hall. They stopped at the nursery window. They read the name card fastened to each basket.

"There he is!" said Mrs. Hickman excitedly. "The last baby in the second row. John Miller."

"That's our grandson," said Mr. Hickman. "He's a fine looking baby."

"Of course, he is," agreed Mrs. Hickman. "God is good to send him to us."

The Hickman's knew God would send them a grandchild. They had come to see him. They were thankful for God's good gift.

Simeon in our Bible reading knew God was going to send the Savior. He was looking for Him. When he saw Baby Jesus in the temple, he thanked and praised God for his goodness to all men.

Prayer:

Dear God, may I never forget Your goodness and Your love. May I try today and everyday to show my thankfulness to You. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 2:36-38

Who Loves Jesus?

"Who loved Baby Jesus?" asked Mommy as she held up her left hand.

Betsy held up her hand, too. Then they said together as they pointed to their fingers, "Mary loved Him, Joseph loved Him, the shepherds loved Him, the wise men loved Him, and I love Him."

"Didn't anyone else love Him?" asked Betsy.

"Yes, I'm sure there were others who loved Him," answered Mommy. "The Bible tells us about Simeon and Anna who saw Him in the temple and loved Him."

"I'm glad," said Betsy. "I want everyone to love Jesus."

"People need to know Him before they can love Him," replied Mommy. "That's why we need to tell others about Him."

Prayer:

Dear God, help me today to tell someone of Jesus. Help me to show my love for Him. In His name I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 2:13, 14

A Dream

"I had a funny dream last night," said Gary when he came to the breakfast table.

"What was it about?" asked Linda.

"I dreamed I went to school in my swim trunks," replied Gary.

"In your swim trunks!" exclaimed Linda. "What made you dream that?"

"I don't know," answered Gary.

Mom smiled. "You probably ate too many cookies before you went to bed."

"Why is it," asked Gary, "that dreams in the Bible meant something but ours don't?"

"It was God's way of speaking to people in those days," said Dad. "Today He usually speaks to us through the Bible. Sometimes people think God has spoken to them in a dream. He very easily could. However, you can see there is a great difference between your dream and the one in which God told Joseph to take Mary and Jesus into Egypt."

"Sure is!" agreed Gary.

"If God ever speaks to you in a dream you will know it," added Dad.

Prayer:

Dear God, I want to hear when You speak to me. I want to obey You. Help me to be listening for Your voice and to know when You speak to me. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1965

Read Scripture: Matthew 2:19-23

Going Home

"Tomorrow baby John will be a week old," said Joe when he returned from the hospital. "The doctor told Mary they may go home."

"I know both of you are anxious to return to your own home," said Mom. "We will help you make a bed in the back of your station wagon. We have air mattresses and covers you may use."

Joe smiled at Mom. "You have been very kind to us. You are right. We are anxious to take baby John home. I think I understand now how happy Mary and Joseph must have been when God told them they could return home."

"Yes," said Dad. "People were probably kind to them in Egypt, but they were glad when it was time to return to their own country and family and friends."

"God often asks us to do things that we think are hard," said Mom. "But in the end we find true happiness because we obeyed Him."

Prayer:

Dead God, show me the things I should do today. Help me to want to do them in Your way. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1965

Read Scripture: Luke 2:39, 40, 52

Growing

"How sweet!" said Linda as she peeked into the station wagon where baby John was sleeping.

"He is sweet," agreed Mom. "We would like for all of you to stay with us a few days," she told Mary.

"Thank you," said Mary with a smile. "You have been very kind to us. We are anxious to get home."

"Of course you are," said Mom. "Write to us."

"We will," promised Joe. "We will send you pictures of John, too. Perhaps we can visit you in the spring."

"We would like that," said Mom. "John won't be a tiny baby then. By that time he will sit up and laugh at us."

"May this precious baby of yours grow as Jesus grew," said Dad as he shook hands with Mary and Joe, "in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. May the grace of God be upon him."

Prayer:

Dear God, I, too, want to grow as Jesus grew. Help my body to be strong and my mind to be alert. May

Your love show in all the things I do. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1966

Read Scripture: Psalm 61

Happy New Year!

After breakfast Dad said, "The first day of a new year. This is the time many people decide to try to do something better. 'New Year's resolutions' they are called. Have you thought of any?"

"I have," spoke up Linda. "I'm going to try to help Mom more this year."

"I'm going to try to be kind to someone outside our family everyday," said Gary.

"Those are both fine resolutions," said Mom. "I have decided to not let anything interrupt my quiet time with God. If the phone rings—it will just ring. I'll not answer it nor the door during my devotional time."

"These things will all make the new year happier," said Dad. "King David helped me with my resolution."

"King David!" exclaimed Gary.

"Yes," answered Dad. "He said, 'I will abide in thy tabernacle. I will trust. I will sing praises unto thy name.' I'm going to try to serve God better and trust Him more completely."

"Trust God," said Betsy.

"Yes," said Dad. "Did you know this is New Year's Day?"

"Happy New Year!" laughed Betsy.

Prayer:

Thank You, God, for this new year. Help me to serve You better and to trust You more each day. May I be kind and thoughtful; friendly and helpful. May Your love show in me. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST

Just as the Scriptures had foretold it	Isa. 42:9
Lo, a Virgin shall conceive,	Isa. 7:14
Child is born and Son is given,	Isa. 9:6
Who would this report believe?	Isa. 53:1

THE WORD "INCARNATION" teaches the pre-existence of the One becoming flesh (Jn. 1:14; 8:58). Christ assumed human nature and became the Man Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:7, 8). The term "Incarnation" cannot rightly be used of any created being; it belongs only to Deity (Heb. 1:6; 10:5).

In prophecy Christ was to come as the "seed" of the woman (Gen. 3:15), and as the "seed" of Abraham (Gen 22:18). Galatians 4:4 is the fulfillment of Genesis 3:15 and Galatians 3:16 the fulfillment of Genesis 22:18. The "Child," the "Son," was to be virgin-born, a King on earth, and yet He was the "mighty God, the Father of Eternity" (Isa. 7:14; 9:6,7). Matthew 1:22, 23 records the fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14, and Luke 1:31-33 that of Isaiah 9:6, 7, in Jesus of Nazareth, born of the Virgin Mary. The prophet Micah prophesied the incarnation of Christ, the "everlasting" One, "the Ancient of Days" (5:2).

The history of the incarnation of Christ is recorded in Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-14; John 1:1, 14. Christ was conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary; He was Immanuel, God with us (Matt. 1:20, 23); He was the Lord (Lu. 1:43); He was "Christ the Lord" (Lu. 2:11); He was God (John 1:1, 14).

"Veiled in flesh the God-head see,
Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus our Immanuel."

The mystery of the incarnation is taught in I Timothy 3:16. Since Christ was pre-existent, had life in Himself just as the Father did, and with whom He is equal, He could not have been born after the law of human generation (I John 1:1, 2). Jesus is the Jehovah of Isaiah's vision (Jn. 12:37-41). Jesus had had a glory with the Father before the world was (Jn. 17:5). Jesus was and is God (Rom. 9:5). God calls the Son "God" (Heb. 1:8). He was once pre-existent and in the form of God (Phil. 2:6). When He became man He divested himself of His heavenly glory but He remained the God that He was (Phil. 2:7, 8; I Jn. 5:20). At the Father's right hand Christ is the Man Christ Jesus glorified (Phil. 2:9-11).

The incarnation of Christ was for God's glory (Isa. 43:7; Lu. 2:14). Christ's second coming will be "in the glory of His Father" (Matt. 16:27). Unto Him is promised "thrones of glory" (Matt. 19:28).

Oh, endless theme of never-ceasing song,
And music, wakened by supremest love!
How hath it broke from feeble lips and strong,
The power divine and matchless grace to prove:
Christ Son of God, and Christ the Son of Man
Christ on the cross, and Christ in kingly reign
So through the ages, since the song began,
With swelling hosts, the saints repeat the strain.
Come Thou, and touch my lips that I may sing;
Come fill my heart with love to overflow;
My Lord, my Life, I would some tribute bring,
And tell the world how much to Thee I owe!

—Anson Randolph

1965 - 66 Theme II Timothy 4:8

"LOVING HIS APPEARING"

from the Woman's Outlook

A Letter from - - -

MRS. ROBERT (Bea) BISCHOF

Missionary to Nigeria

Dear Friends:

We thank you all for the many letters you have sent us these past four years. We have enjoyed every one of them. Also, the many nice letters since our arrival in the States.

So many questions have been asked about our home in Nigeria. First of all, we are happy to report that this past tour we have had a good water supply. The government came in and put in a personal well for us and we only had to pay for the cement. The government also put a well in for the school. So this means that we have built a house around our well. We are the only family using this well. Bob put in piping up to our house and also to the other residence, and this water is also piped into the dispensary for use there. This is the first tour that we have had flush toilets and running water piped into the kitchen in both houses.

However, we still must boil and filter our water for drinking purposes. We have a wood stove and boil our water on it. We also have a butane gas stove but only use it for the noon meal and the evening meal. It is too expensive for us to use the butane stove all the time. One tank lasts us for about six weeks and it costs us $12.96 for one month. It would be more than that if I boiled all the water on it for drinking, washing dishes, etc. I did most of my own cooking these past four years except when I was ill. We had a boy who watched Bobby when I went to the dispensary. He also kept my house clean and did chopping of wood, cutting of grass, and odd jobs.

We have a kerosene refrigerator and I buy my meat once a week. Since there is a large freezer space there is plenty of room for my meat. I also make a tray of ice cream every day. We use one four-gallon tin of kerosene once a week. It costs us about $3.12 for a tin, totaling to about $12.48 per month. Then we have a gasoline washing machine. I do my own washing but have one of the school boys do my ironing. It only costs me about 6¢ an hour. Sometimes he gets my ironing done in six hours and sometimes longer. This he does with my kerosene iron. The Nigerian does his with a charcoal iron but they are so very heavy. Of course they are much cheaper to buy than a kerosene iron. I buy firewood. The women bring big headloads of firewood. I pay between 8¢ to 12¢ a load depending on the size. Firewood is going to be a problem in the future because it is being cut down and new trees are not being replaced.

We still use kerosene lamps. Some of the mission stations have their own electric plants where there are several families, but on a one-family station, we feel it is a luxury. It would cost about 12¢ an hour to operate. Also, Bob says it would be something else for him to keep in repair. However, I certainly am enjoying myself here in this lovely mission home! It is a nice change not to be filling kerosene lamps every night and washing globes.

We are especially thankful to God for our good water supply at Mbororo. Every time I turn on the water spigot, I breathe a prayer of thanks.

Many of you have asked about the food we eat. We can buy almost any of the food produce you have in the super markets here. At Jos, Mubi, and Garkida, we can buy jellos, catsup, jellies, sugar, flour, baking powder, spices, cake mixes, soups, vegetables and fruits (tinned), cereals. However the prices are all very high and most of us cannot afford to buy these things. We would pay about 90¢ for a tin of peaches. Most of us have rainy season gardens and so raise all our own vegetables. Meat is fairly cheap in our local market. We pay about 10¢ a pound for pork, 24¢ a pound for beef, 12¢ a pound for chicken, and goat and sheep meat run about the same as beef. We can get plenty of fresh fruit, bananas, guavas, lemons, limes, oranges, tangerines, grapefruit, and papaya. Even though tin goods are high, these other things are cheap. Also, locally we buy peanuts, rice, yams, casava, sweet potato. During certain seasons we can buy Irish potatoes from Marama or Jos. So, we have good well-balanced meals. My children are especially enjoying cold meats and weiners since we are home.

I have to put an order several months ahead for my groceries. We buy one hundred-pound bags of sugar and flour. Mubi is the nearest place where we can buy groceries, but that is 50 miles from us; Garkida is a hundred miles away; and Jos is 500 miles away. At Michika, four miles from us, we can buy candy, tea, baking powder, yeast, bread, peanut sticks and bean cakes.

I hope this letter has answered some of your questions. If you have other questions, please send them in to me and I shall attempt to answer them in my next letter.

Brethren Youth Crusaders

Silhouettes



I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him,
but not nigh;
There shall come a Star out of Jacob,
and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel,
and shall smite the corners of Moab,
and destroy all the children of Sheth.

Numbers 24:17

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Matthew 2:1-3

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.

Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:8-11

of Christmas . . .

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

"Fear not!" said he—for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind—
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
To you and all mankind, To you and all mankind.

For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counsellor
The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger . . . And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Luke 2:12, 16

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be



ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Micah 5:2

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

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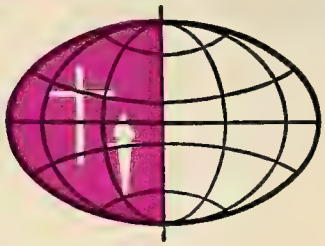
Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
News! News!
Jesus Christ is born today:

Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all,
To gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

MISSIONARY NEWS



GAINS NOTED IN VARIOUS AREAS

In 1963 *a vision was conceived to reach every person in Plateau and Zaria provinces with the Gospel of Christ. These* 2 *provinces are key areas in the Northern Region of Nigeria for therein are the government houses and Muslim religious centers. This campaign was a tremendous success and moved on to Bauchi and Niger provinces with over three million people and over* 5,400 *square miles of territory. All missions and Christians united in this mighty effort known as New Life for All campaign.*

DURING the New Life for All campaign there were at least 70,000 Nigerian Christians on their knees every morning at daybreak. They met in small groups of about ten people in 7,000 homes.

Miracles happened in Nigeria. One blind evangelist reports eleven people, including two Muslims, saved through prayer. The ancient Muslim city of Zaria in central Nigeria has never in its history allowed anyone to preach inside the old city walls. Christian women nearby established ninety-two daily prayer meetings to pray for the city. For three weeks, seven young men went to the city gate to meet for prayer each day before they went in to witness. No one stopped or hindered them. Many heard and were saved.

Through prayer many in hospitals, prisons, and market places were brought to the Lord. A deaf and dumb man, treated more like an animal than a human, also found the Savior. Now he fellowships with the believers. With joy he goes about witnessing with a record player and gospel records. Scores of old men and women who had rejected the Gospel for many years found new life in Christ.

Believers went everywhere preaching the Gospel. In one area 2,000 new converts have been formed into thirty-five new groups where no witness for Christ existed. In the capital of the Muslim North 10,000 Christians paraded through the city to the stadium for an evangelistic meeting. Six hundred people, Muslim and pagan, came to the Lord that day.

In the schools, 80,000 children were brought in contact with the Lord. Many of them turned to Him and witnessed to their school friends. Fifty Muslim children from an Arabic school refused to go back to their classes after hearing about the new life in Christ. They were transferred to a government school that has a Christian teacher.

A week of evangelism was scheduled in each of the 1,560 participating churches. Almost one-third of the population of one city came to the evangelistic meetings. One thousand nine hundred made their first decisions for Christ there.

During this campaign over 15,000 Nigerians came to the Lord.

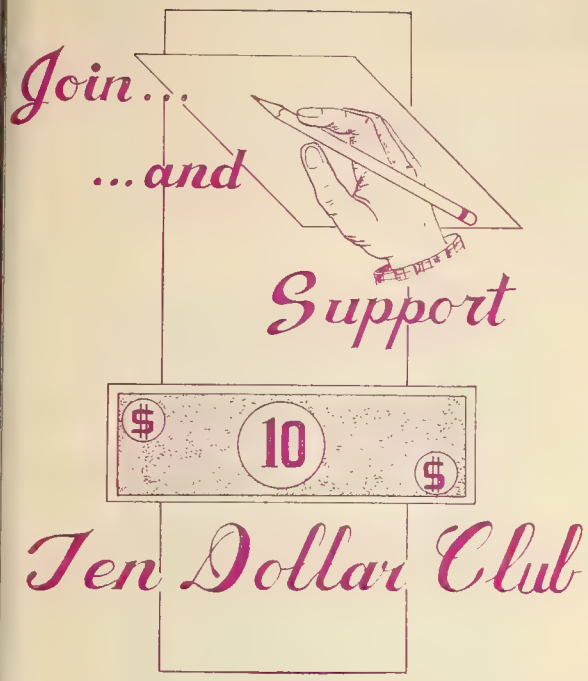
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STEINERS REPRESENT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD IN 1965

by Rev. Carl Barber
Sunday School Board President



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD of the Brethren Church was privileged to send Paul and Judy Steiner as Camp Representatives into the districts requesting such help in their camping programs this past summer. Paul is a student in Ashland Theological Seminary, and Judy has had valuable experience as a public school teacher. Both have been active in Brethren Camps in many capacities. Their general knowledge of camping programs coupled with their flexibility and willingness to serve wherever asked qualified Paul and Judy well for the task placed before them. They were indeed a credit to the Sunday School Board and the Brethren Church—and to the glory of God.

Following is their itinerary:

June 11, 1965	Left for California
June 16	Arrived at Camp Berea, Twain Harte, California; met camp staff and campers and were given a short tour of the camp grounds. Spent following two and one-half weeks in senior, intermediate and junior camps respectively.
July 2	Left Camp Berea for Manteca, California. Were guests in the Keppel home for the weekend.
July 3	Visited Stockton.
July 4	Preached morning sermon at Stockton.
6:30	Spoke to youth at Lathrop.
8:00	Spoke at camp rally held at Manteca church.
July 5	Left Manteca for Arroyo Grande, California.
July 11	Preached morning sermon in Papago Park, Arizona, for Rev. Duane Dickson. In the afternoon went to Tucson to visit with the Grisso family and saw the Tucson Brethren Church
July 13	Left Tucson and started for Kansas.
July 16	Arrived at Mulvane, Kansas, and stayed with the Carl Barber family.
July 18	Gave testimony and Scripture in the Mulvane Brethren Church. In the afternoon, left for Camp Wyandotte in Piper, Kansas; were given a very kind reception. Also saw the progress of the Derby church and saw the parsonage there. Spent the two weeks in Wyandotte senior and junior camps.
July 29	Left camp after classes were over and said many good-byes to a wonderful staff and campers.
July 31	Arrived home after traveling 6,400 miles.
August 1	Left home to serve as dean at Camp Bethany for one week.

The Sunday School Board is happy to help the camping program of the districts by providing the services of a camp representative. According to the policy established by the Board in 1964, the services of a representative are offered to any of the district camps which desire such services. In order to receive such services, however, the group responsible for the planning of the district camp program must make their request, in writing, to the Board President, **Carl Barber, 503 East View Drive, Mulvane, Kansas, 67110.** These requests must be made this year no later than **March 31, 1966.** The request must include the dates for which the services are needed.

It should be understood that it may be impossible to fill all requests because of conflict in the dates of our camps. Therefore, it is well that requests be made early.

The expense of the Camp Representative are completely underwritten by the Sunday School Board at no expense to the camp where they serve, except for food and lodging. This policy has been continued for the 1966 camping season.

MRS. ETHEL BARRETT
to be
1966 Conference
SUNDAY SCHOOL SPEAKER



MRS. ETHEL BARRETT, Director of Audio Education for Gospel Light Publications, and one of America's most inspirational, popular and talented personalities, is scheduled to be the Sunday School Speaker at the 1966 General Conference of the Brethren Church. Mrs. Barrett has a unique story-telling ability, and her story-messages have created an unprecedented demand for her services.

Mrs. Barrett's background includes both radio and television work. Her background in radio includes a position as Director of Woman's Programs for station WPTR, Albany, New York, for two years, and also an association with WPTR, in Providence, Rhode Island, for two years.

She has appeared regularly on the television program, "Songtime" on ABC in New York City, "Youth on the March" in Philadelphia, and with the Billy Graham Crusades in various cities.

In addition, Ethel Barrett has made many recordings for both children and adults including a series of sacred records on Bunyan's "Holy War." Her Christian writing includes Bible study materials, filmstrips, leadership training aids, and her latest book, **Storytelling—It's Easy.**

The comments which have been made and the enthusiasm which has been expressed in previous years has indicated that the Sunday School Sessions are one of the highlights of the General Conference program. With Mrs. Barrett in attendance, we anticipate that such will be the case again in 1966.

Spiritual Meditations

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WHERE DO YOUR EXPECTATIONS REST?

Galatians 4:7

THE STUDY OF HUMANITY shows man as generally looking at every proposition from the standpoint of "gain." Especially is this true in the realm of religion. Does it pay to be a Christian? Bible people never, never tire of counting up their riches as found in the Christian faith. Shall we study some of the values acquired in the Christian faith.

One of the values accruing to the Christian when through faith he accepts Jesus Christ as his Lord, is adoption into the family of God. He has been accepted as a member of God's family and given a position of son-ship and heir-ship with Christ, the only begotten Son, and there is a future for him. AND WHAT A FUTURE!

Not that our inheritance is only future and prospective. We know it now, in all its enriching power. We know NOW whom we have believed, and that He is able to keep His promises. After all, we are never better than our expectations. Our I O U's are worth just as much as the honesty of the ones who issue them. AND HERE IT IS THAT IT PAYS TO BE A CHRISTIAN. Being Christian is to have expectations, which bless and hallow the life that now is and afterward come to full fruition in the life beyond.

This will not make us "otherworldly" so that we shall despise our duty to the world we live in now. To say with the Psalmist "Wait thou on God, for my expectation is from Him," is to expect "great things from Him," and to attempt "great things for Him."

Little Talks With Big Thoughts

When the teacher in a high school economics class found his pupils were in favor of the theory of taking from those who had more than enough, and giving it to those in need, he announced he would put the system in operation in the class. The first month it worked pretty well. Then the situation changed. The top students say no reason to put forth extra effort required to get good grades, with which they would not be credited. The medium students put forth less effort for they were assured passing grades. The dullards did not work at all, since they would pass with the aid of the grades from the others. So, while at first the system provided passing grades for all, within a very short time the entire class was failing. Then they realized that this theory was impractical.

—Dateline

The Brethren Layman

Searching the Psalms

PSALM 15

by JAMES PAYNE

IN SEARCHING PSALM 15, we find two questions with answers following. The questions are of interest and concern to all of us who love the Lord God and earnestly aspire to be in His presence and qualified to live where He lives in the life hereafter.

It's a very true saying that "with every privilege, accompanying responsibilities are to be found." Like driving a car, regulations must be observed. Owning a home, repairs and maintenance expense must be assumed, or in marrying a wife, one must be prepared for many and varied changes in living pattern and obligations.

So, one aspiring to be with and live with God must be aware that God is righteous and the very essence of truthfulness, and preparation to be with Him would certainly induce us to cultivate those characteristics.

Verse three reminds me of the nature of a Christian saint, a vile person has no attraction and is an object of pity. While on the other hand a person who **serves** and **seeks** always to do God's will, commands the most profound respect and is accounted a Christian brother regardless of race, creed or color. In verse 4b, "He that sweareth to his own hurt and changeth not," I believe it means "he keeps his word though it is to his loss."

Verse five applies to the charging of too high an interest rate or collecting in case of hardship. I don't believe this means not to charge a fair interest rate nor refrain from collecting debts due at appropriate times. Being able to borrow money on fair interest terms has been the best blessing many home owners have experienced, and the payment of debts is a most gratifying and wholesome business transaction.

This Psalm is idealistic and practical. These are not standards far-fetched in this life and most precious to note, they are **expected** in the life hereafter with God.

Let's market our PRODUCT —

by David L. Bowers
Secretary

"Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel" (I Corinthians 2:2).

HOW WOULD YOU like to have a product everybody needed, with a world market and no competition? This is true of the Church of Christ. She has had committed to her the Gospel. It is indispensible to the eternal welfare of **all** men. No other institution has this message, this mandate, or this market.

Think what a businessman would do in equivalent circumstances; he'd make a killing! But what of the Church? She, many times, markets and promotes the same programs and products as other organizations. She can become just one of many organizations working for the betterment of society. When we are no longer unique, we compete with others; Red Cross, PTA, and United Funds, etc.

When we neglect our unique task, we abandon our calling and become another community project involved with temporal affairs. I believe this is our "Modern Christendom."

Thus far the devil's disciples are obviously better salesmen. We must let the Holy Spirit be our sales manager to regain our "forward thrust" and ban our present "Bashful Brand of Christianity."

We should present the "Challenge of the Cross" instead of offering mankind the more pleasant benefits of the Christian faith.

Christian are YOU spiritually sterile? WITNESS!

Your secretary,
David L. Bowers

NEWS FROM LOCAL LAYMAN ORGANIZATIONS

NAPPANEE, INDIANA

ON MONDAY NIGHT, October 25, the Nappanee Laymen and wives met in the church basement and were served a spaghetti supper by the Senior Youth Group. This supper was enjoyed very much by the 34 who were present. Richard Mishler, our past president, gave the blessing for the meal.

After the meal, Richard Best, who presided over the meeting, introduced Mrs. Barbara Hall who sang two numbers for the group.

Our president, David Bowers, then challenged the men to attend all of the local meetings, and also to join the Laymen's Organization for the year 1965-66.

Dick Best then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Charles Keck, who is Chief Deputy of the Elkhart, Indiana, office of the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department. He had been asked to give a short talk on the subject, "Juvenile Work" in the Sheriff's Department.

Following is some of the information that he gave that was of interest to the group. Elkhart County has a 24-hour a day patrol, and that the curfew law in Indiana is enforced as much as possible with the available man-power that the department has. He commented that the juvenile problem is far less in Elkhart County than the national average, due to the amount of churches in this county and the church-going of the people of the county. They consider a youth that is under 18 years of age to be a juvenile. He commented that most juveniles picked up either have no church affiliation or have severed church affiliation prior to being picked up.

He related that one-third of the safe burglaries are committed by youths under 18 years of age. Also, alcohol is a big factor in delinquency from the youth of 18 to 21 years of age. After completing the talk there was a short time of questions and answers. The meeting closed with prayer.

Max Bigler

SISTERHOOD

The SMM Mailbag . . .

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WARSAW, INDIANA
Junior

Our November meeting was held with Shannan Schaaf leading. We sang "Jesus Loves Me" and followed with Scripture by Paula Tinkel. We then had a circle of prayer.

Our Bible study on the miracles of Christ was given by having a different girl present each miracle. A review of the mission story was then given by Terrie Griswold. Business followed this portion of our meeting.

Eight cards were sent to those living in Flora Brethren's Home who had September and October birthdays. We have doubled the money project. We started with $3.00 from the sale of surplus tomatoes from the garden of the patroness. Plans have been made to invite the Woman's Missionary Society to our January meeting.

Our November meeting was closed with the Sisterhood Benediction followed by refreshments.



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NATIONAL OFFICERS

. . . So far this year we have received only this one report from a Sisterhood society. We want to encourage you to be thinking about and writing your letters to us in the near future rather than waiting until the last minute to reach your goal. In order to meet this goal, please have your report in before the first week in August.

National Officers

THE BELIEVER AND HIS INNER CONFLICTS

by REV. ALBERT T. RONK

LIFE is one continuous sequence of conflicts as a natural functioning of active, responsible personality. The free agency of man compells him to engage in a constant succession of decisions, and choosing the considered best. In the process of contemplation and weighing the pros and cons of evidences, many conflicts arise within, conflicts which color our every action.

This is especially true of the Believer in Christ and the Spirit-centered way of life. The writer of the epistle to the Hebrews referred to some conflicts resulting from the faith (10:32) ". . . ye endured a great conflict of sufferings . . . by reproaches and afflictions . . ." while Paul to the Romans spake of "the sufferings of this present time" by the "children of God" who have "the first fruits of the Spirit . . ." that we "groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." Paul was saying that the Believer would ever have his **inner conflicts** while he moves toward the time of the restoration of his body in the resurrection.

In orienting the word **complex** from its classic meaning, Professor Jung orbitted it into the field of psychology as a designating term, but it has become to many a boogy-man accuser of frightening disorders. This has come about through the careless use of the term **inferiority complex.** There are many complexes in the make up of our personalities, yet, to treat with them requires a working definition of a complex. In the classic sense, a complex is any integrated whole that involves a great variety of parts, elements or factors, yet brings them all into relation and unity; like the working of an electronic computer. In the psychological reference, a complex is a complicated system of ideas, concepts, memories and conclusions, bound together with strong emotional ties that exert an influence on one's temperament and behavior.

Our complexes influence our reading and interpretation of the Bible and therefore the ordering of our lives. Thus one may excuse himself for his **nip** by leaning heavily on "Take a little wine for your stomach's sake," or other justification for conduct, by such rationalization of Scripture.

The Believer in the Lord in this day faces the impact of a social order gone wild with the rapidly changing emphasis of thought and action. Although, as someone has said, "Time makes ancient good uncouth," yet truth is ever truth, and even if, ". . . the eternal years of God are hers, truth crushed to earth shall rise again." That is not true because the poet sung it but because it is of eternal content.

The tremendous force of mushrooming scientific achievement, with its threats of disruptive incidents, even to altering our way of life, tends to complicate our complexes and intensify our inner spiritual conflicts. In the end this may be for good, for the Believer may see his extremity in the overwhelming possibilities; for "man's extremity is God's opportunity."

May we take a look at some of our inner disturbances —the complexes of anxiety and guilt. This look must be taken through the telescope of divine revelation as well as the microscope of human analysis.

It appears to this writer, that, there are more **worry-warts** per square mile of this world than ever before in the seventy-odd years of his memory. Even the worries of old King Bozo of Flabergastia in the comic strip world has his chin so low that his whiskers brush the ground.

Of all people, we Believers in the Living Word should be the most calm and undisturbed, even if we think the world is going to pot. Can we ever forget the serenity with which our Lord met every occasion of His earthly ministry? He gazed upon the lily strewn fields, a glorious sunset of the threatening, howling mob with equal tranquility. If His great heart beat any faster at the cry of the rabble for His blood, I think it was at the thought that it would soon flow for the redemption of the lost.

The complexes of anxiety, guilt and fear are very closely associated. The one always hangs somewhat upon the others. Anxiety is "painful uneasiness of mind respecting an impending or anticipated ill." Experience reveals the fact that most anxieties are over things that really never occur, or the occurrences are all out of proportion to the concern and worry of anticipation. Jesus mildly rebuked Martha because she was "anxious and fussy (troubled) about many things." Indefensible anxiety often leads to fussiness and cavil. The "one thing needful," referred to by the Master, is to "sit at the Lord's feet." As Believers, we need to sit and listen and learn about our anxieties and the inroads they make on our peace of mind. "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your **hearts** and **minds** through Jesus Christ" said Paul (Phil. 4:7).

We are certain that Jesus never meant that Believers should not be concerned. He said, "Be not therefore anxious for the **morrow**: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." We sing, "Not for tomorrow and its needs, just for today" and then imagine all sorts of disturbing possibilities for tomorrow. "Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than the food, and the body more than the raiment?" Yes, **the life**, that is the thing, and it is here that comes the "conflict of suf-

ferings" of Hebrews 10:32, and the "reproaches and afflictions." There are perhaps few reproaches for the Believer to bear today—reproaches for the Faith. The reproaches that come, and rightly so, come because of lapses of fidelity to the Faith. But there is "conflict of suffering" and those who suffer because of overanxiety. These are the "evils" that are "sufficient unto the day," and that merit our sincere attention.

Extreme anxiety is a complex thing. Let us remember our definition. A complex is a complicated system of ideas, concepts, conclusions, etc., bound together by strong emotional ties, influencing temperament and behavior. Of course, we are interested primarily in the anxieties that permeate our church and religious life, yet, our spiritual problems are so interwoven with our total existence that it is difficult if not impossible to separate them.

Perhaps, paramount in our anxieties of this present time, is for security. The depression of the 30's wrought such consternation in the minds of we Americans that demands for continuous relief found psychological easement in the Social Security Act. Whether the system is the answer to social security in the last analysis is dubious. To the mind of this preacher, there is much more to social security than the bread basket, or medical care. Jesus admonished us to "be not anxious . . . what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, nor . . . what ye shall put on." Jesus took care of that in no uncertain terms. But social security reaches out into fields that most surely ought to concern the Believer. Race prejudice for instance. What about the social security of the Negro, or the Indian, or other minority groups? Is this America really the **home of the brave and the land of the free?** Or has it become the home of the knave and the land of the spree? Where ought social security be more prevalent than in the Church? Yet, what have we Brethren ever done for the colored race? Oh, yes, in Africa across the sea, he is a poor Nigerian but here at home he is a nigger. And why does the poor heathen Chinese in the Orient become a chink as soon as he lands on our shore? Social security should warrant to every American the seal of good citizenship if he merits it by his life, regardless of his race or color.

Let me pose a question to the Brethren Church. What would your congregation do if a colored family should seek membership and fellowship with it? Would we make social security a reality? Paul insisted that, when "Ye have put on the new man, that is being renewed after the image of him that created him, . . . there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bondman, freeman; but Christ is all, and in all. Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering; . . ."

One of the great anxieties of today has its source in the double threat of a different ideology and the dangers of atomic warfare to promote it. Jesus knew that this and kindred disturbances in the racial affairs of men would bring lethal anxieties. He told His disciples that the time would come, of "men fainting"—literally, quit breathing—dying, "for fear, and for expectation of the things which are coming on the world . . ." Was there ever a time heretofore when so many, both men and women, were dying of heart and other ailments, largely due to the pressures of the times? Here are anxieties over physical and national security. This ought not to be the worry of the Saint. Not if he reads on through verse 34 and following. "But take heed of yourselves, lest haply your hearts be **overcharged** with surfeiting (debauchery), and drunkenness, and **cares of this life**, and that day come on you suddenly as a snare . . ." Has the Church joined with the world in various degrees of excess in eating, and drinking, and other carnal indulgences to oppress and overload the body and stupify and darken the understanding until, literally, many "have hearts overcharged with surfeiting"? Has it rendered many unfit for religious service because the affections have grown torpid and carnal? Have the cares attending the pursuit of wealth, temporal provision, the desire for worldly honors and distinctions, dulled the sensibilities to the "still small voice" that reached Elijah in the cave and Moses at the burning bush? And are we like birds, ready for "the snare of the fowler," fluttering and beating our wings because we have forgotten how to fly, or never learned to soar into "the wild blue yonder"? Ah! the cares of this life," read it in verse 34, the anxieties that override the promises of the "Gospel that came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in **much assurance** . . ." Yes, the bombs may fall and the world be turned into a maelstrom of fire and death, SO WHAT? If we cannot "add one cubit to our stature" or "make one hair white or black," (without a Toni trick) how can our worries prevent a catastrophe or stop a madmans triggered bomb? But we can do something for ourselves in these our troubled times. We can listen to Peter's formula (I Peter 5:6, 7), "Humble yourselves therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that **He** may exalt **you** in due time; casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you."

Manifestly, there is no reason for the Saints, who have the "full assurance" of their faith in the now, to be disquieted relative to Eternal Security. Jesus very plainly said, "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life"; and that is **now.** I believe in the Son—and I am enjoying eternal life **now** and nothing can rob me of that gift of God but my own disbelief in Him. No power of man or demon can snatch His own out of His hand. Nothing but one's own repudiation of the grace of sonship in apostasy, can annul the Eternal Security. The exercise of the Saints is to grow in that sonship and bask in the glow of the light supernal.

We must now turn our thought to that other interrelated complex—the complex of guilt. Does it seem strange that the word guilt as a noun appears so seldom in the English translations of the Bible? There are some ten root words in Hebrew and Greek, with various shades of meaning, all pointing to man's failures in the realm of responsibility. They appear in the English translations as sin, iniquity, transgression, wickedness, trespass, offense, etc. Usually they carry the sense of guilt but occasionally refer only to the act. Yet, there are expressions using other words that reveal the presence of guilt in dealing with those who are guilty.

Our purpose in considering guilt and anxiety together, under the subject of Inner Conflicts of the Believer, I think is quite obvious, for so many of the anxieties of life are born out of **feelings** of guilt. Then, what is this sense of guilt that becomes so complex in our lives?

The complexity of guilt results from the fact that the sense of guilt enters into all of our conscious relationships—our own mental and functional processes, our social contacts, our religious experiences and responsibilities.

Webster says that "Guilt is the fact of having committed a breach of conduct, or the state of one who has committed an offense, especially consciously. It is responsibility for delinquency." Then he softens the definition somewhat by saying that "A sense of guilt may follow even where offenses were not intended." But Webster's definition carries largely the legal aspect. There is much sense of guilt experienced constantly that has no legal reference, but enters into the broad field of moral consciousness.

Dr. Tournier, in his recent book, GUILT & GRACE, develops the best analysis of guilt this writer has read. In speaking of the origins and development of guilt processes he says "Now a guilty conscience is the seasoning of our daily life. All upbringing is a cultivation of the sense of guilt on an intensive scale. Especially the best education, that by parents who are most concerned about the moral training of their children and their success in life. It consists above all in scolding; and all scolding, even if it is discreet and silent reprobation, suggests the feelings of guilt."

We often hear such expressions as "Aren't you ashamed to behave like that?" And, "You are a bad boy." Or, "Naughty, naughty, naughty." All are meant to arouse the sense of guilt and we begin with the babe at the dawn of consciousness. Thus guilt feelings become a part of our lives. The extent of guilt, as suggested by the above mentioned author, runs the whole gamut of personal experiences. It buds and grows in family life. It is aroused by social suggestion. It confronts us in the use of time, and money, and talents. We feel guilt for neglect of our church obligations and our failures to drink more deeply at the fountain of inspiration.

Guilt is ever with us. It is universal. Were it not for the compensating strength of mind and personality, and faith, we would all become quite mad. Consciousness of guilt that piles up into mountains is not as important as how guilt feelings are resolved. They may be laughed off, ignored, repressed—driven down into the unconscious, or relieved by proper action. Let me illustrate by the suggestion of a pyramid which will represent the entirety of personality. The upper part, which grows smaller as it rises, may be likened to the conscious and the larger part to the unconscious. The unbalance in the area of each may be compared to an iceberg afloat on the sea, one tenth visible and nine-tenths submerged. The upper one tenth of the pyramid is analogous to the visible part of the iceberg, the lower nine-tenths to the submerged part. Thus we see that by far the greatest part of our lives move in the unconscious—the lesser part in the conscious. Between the conscious and the unconscious stands the trap door of memory.

Now where does this repression of guilt feelings enter the picture? The person who is not willing to cope with his guilt may repress it down into the unconscious and slam the trap door shut. By this trick of the power of conscious recall, the guilt feelings **seem** to be avoided. This is a part of hardening of the heart. The continuing of repression of guilt has a tendency to break out into all kinds of psychotic disturbances. We are not interested in this discussion so much with the psychological effect as with the spiritual. We may think the trap door is shut in exclusion but the Holy Spirit of God has access. Man may repress his guilt—the Holy Spirit's work is to bring it to light. This is the conviction of the Holy Spirit. The writer of the epistle to the Hebrews had this all in mind. In chapter 3:6, 7, he said, "But Christ as a son over his house; whose house are we, if we hold fast our boldness and the glorying of our hope firm unto the end. Wherefore, even as the Holy Spirit saith, Today if ye hear his voice, harden not your hearts . . ." Guilt is not to be repressed into hardening hearts but brought out into the light for examination. If the guilt is the results of human relationships, that guilt should be confessed to those involved and the account squared. If the guilt derives from "the things with which one is reproached by God in his innermost heart," the condemnation of conscience requires treatment at the source of the reproach, the mercy seat of God. No self-justification; no projecting of the blame upon another like, "The woman that thou gave me," or "the serpent beguiled me"; no recriminations of "Why hast thou made me thus," will answer the pang of guilt. There is only one answer, and that is the grace of God in forgiveness.

And so the climax of guilt, feeding with penetrating tenacles upon anxiety on the one side and inferior feelings on the other, grows into menacing proportions. And fears, many of them groundless, add to confusion and defeat of many souls. Fear complex is a study in its own field but we mention it here because it is so closely associated with guilt and finds its roots deep in unresolved guiltiness and rebellion.

Before we turn to the only panacea for all our guilts, we ought to think also about the content of guilt. Too long we have only considered guilt as the result of committed acts, of polluted thoughts, or deeds and service left undone. This is the guilt of doing and not doing. Have we neglected the guilt of being? How about the sins of disposition? We point the finger at the sinners of doing, while our own guilt of dispositional sin may loom much larger in the eyes of Him before whom we all must answer. Think of the woman taken in adultery and brought before Jesus by the religious snobs of Jerusalem. She was guilty and made no defense. With downcast eyes she penitently awaited her sentence. But who were the accusers? They were guilty men. Their failure to cast a stone at her was their admission. She was guilty of sin in act, they were guilty of sin in disposition. Hypocrites—play actors at the business of their religion, and what more, as suggested by Jesus writing on the ground, we can only surmise. The woman's blood which they demanded, like the blood of Abel was literally crying from the ground as He wrote. But notice the difference. The woman was penitent as evidenced by Jesus' forgiveness, while the proud accusers sneaked away to repress their guilt and let it boil up within their souls to the plotting of the death of the Master. The guilt of doing must advance to the guilt of being. Paul explained it all so plainly in Romans seven. He said, "The good which I would **I do not**: but the evil which I would not, **that I practice.**" His doing resulted in a life unsatisfactory to him, and with a wail of anguish, he owned his unworthy self; "Wretched man that **I am**!" And we all must come to join Paul in owning the wretchedness of self.

Yes, there is an answer. And there is a cure for guilt in the souls of men. Paul expressed it in the shout of victory that followed his anguish. **"I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord."** And then what assurance! After the sob of confession—the paean of victory. And as an AMEN to the paean of victory—the chant of assurance. Read it with me in Romans 8:1, "There is therefore **now** no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus. For

the law of the **Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus **made me free** from the law of sin and of death." And what freedom! Freedom from the complex of guilt. Freedom from mental eroding anxieties. Freedom from unwholesome fears. **Freedom indeed.**

The freedom that Paul was talking about comes from forgiveness. And as the Saints of God, we must never forget that penitence, confession and forgiveness belong to us as well as those who have never found their peace in the Church of God. There is too often a spirit of smugness among us, like the impenitent Scribes and Pharisees. We had "our conscience cleansed from dead works to serve the living God," the relief of our guilt in the experience of regeneration, but we have become more or less formal in our religious life, and have failed to be "transformed into the same image from glory to glory," that is, the image of Christ. Is it because we have become insensate to the guilts of daily walk? Then we need a resensitizing of our conscience. Listen to what John wrote about the sins of Believers, for he was writing to them when he said, "If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins . . ." Propitiation, yes, but propitiation is but the open door to forgiveness. The guilt that Jesus denounced was not so much the guilt of the **wicked** as the sin and resulting guilts of the righteous. He was very gentle with the publicans and sinners, the harlots and the outcast, but scathing in His rebuke of the hypocritical churchmen of the day. Looking to ourselves as the Saints, we need to realize that what there is of goodness in our lives is what comes from God and not from ourselves. It is from the "riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Jesus Christ" (Eph. 2:7).

Walk the way of life we must. Tainted with many guilts we become, yet there is grace for our guilts and an open way to that grace. It is a terrible thing for Believers to lose the sense of forgiveness while retaining the sense of guilt. It need not be. It is the privilege of Believers to **know** that they have forgiveness but they must put themselves in the way of forgiveness. The way of forgiveness is repentance and confession.

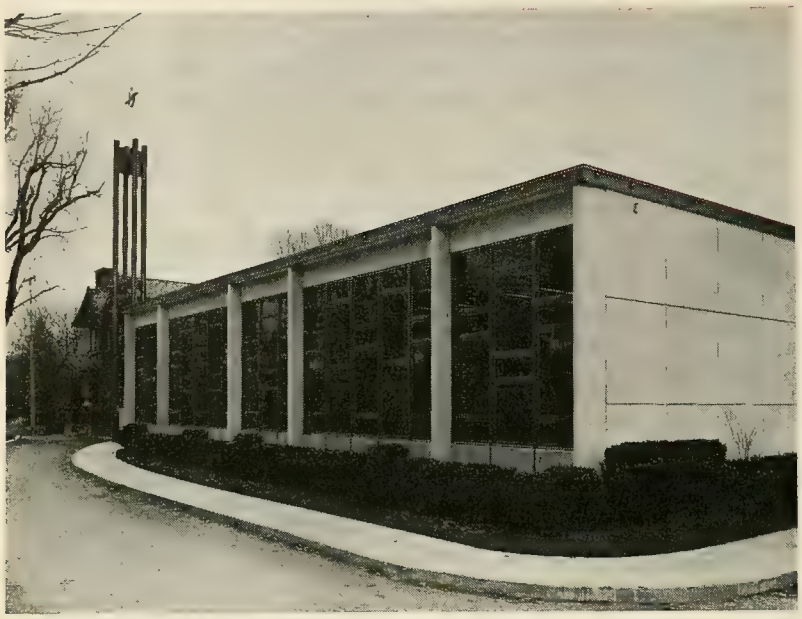
Repentance is a simple thing. METANOIA is a change of mind after reflection, and one's guilt most certainly merits reflection. See what occurred in the prodigal of Jesus' wonderful story. "He came to himself." He did some hard reflecting on his state and found it not good. He changed his mind about the values of life. He came to consider a servant's place more desirable than his guilty feelings. His guilty feelings became burdensome to him and he faced about. He turned his back on the way he had been living. He went back to his father with a planned confession speech on his lips. The father knew it was in his heart, also.

But he made the confession, or began it and found that his father had already forgiven him. Forgiveness from the Father is always ready and waiting. You know, Brethren, I feel that the Protestant Church does not make a large enough place for confession. James was conscious of the need. It seems to me that the climax of his epistle is his call for confession. He was talking about forgiveness of sins and healing, and no healing is complete without forgiveness. Hear his admonition, "Confess your sins one to another, that ye may be healed." Confession. Forgiveness of sins. The healing. It all awaits us to make us free from the inner conflicts of life, the life of Sainthood.

James was but fulfilling his mission of witnessing to the truth that Jesus had taught His disciples. John the Baptist taught confession in heralding the coming of the Christ. When He had come, Jesus confirmed it in saying, "But whosoever shall confess in me before men, in him will I confess before my Father who is in heaven." The Apostle John was just as faithful as James to the teaching, for he also bore witness, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins." And Paul, too, had been instructed in the way of confession. His teaching is that "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth, Jesus as Lord . . ." The confession of guilt, in the quest for forgiveness, **is** confessing Jesus as Lord. There is far too great a tendency to give only mental assent to Jesus as the Christ, or Jesus as the Savior of men, but to confess Him as Lord, that is putting one's self in the way of forgiveness and of being made whole. The complete emptying of one's self in psychiatric conversation and treatment is called by the Profession—Catharsis. A term is certainly needed in our theological and spiritual language to carry like meaning in the care of souls by the Church. The confession of sins to God and to one another, or to the pastoral counselor, should be a spiritual catharsis, purgation, an elimination of every feeling of guilt, and is the highroad to forgiveness. Forgiveness was arranged for and given. It needs to be appropriated, experienced, rejoiced over and rested in. God forgive us for not asking for forgiveness in true repentance and faith.



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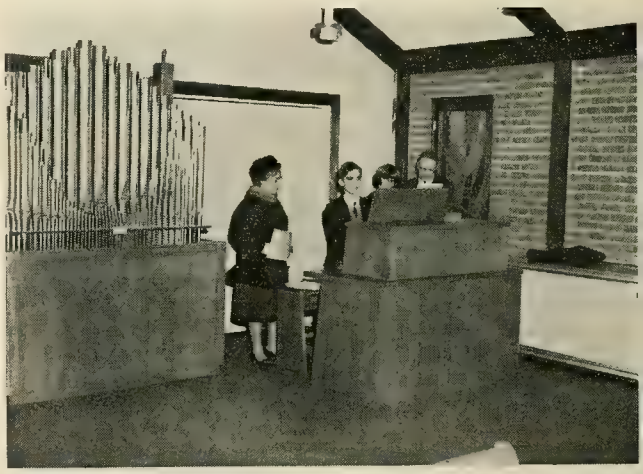
open house

OPEN HOUSE at Ashland Theological Seminary was celebrated Sunday, November 21. Approximately 750 community and area friends visited the new Seminary building. President of the Board, Mr. Myron Kem, President of the College-Seminary, Dr. Clayton, Dean Shultz, Seminary students and faculty were present to greet the guests. Many Brethren leaders, laymen, and area ministers entered into the festive occasion. President John Rilling of Hamma School of Theology was an honored guest.

The new facilities were viewed with enthusiasm. Guests expressed a real delight and appreciation for the general decore and new furnishings. The new library equipment is particularly outstanding. The general functional features including class rooms, library, offices and chapel were considered most practical.



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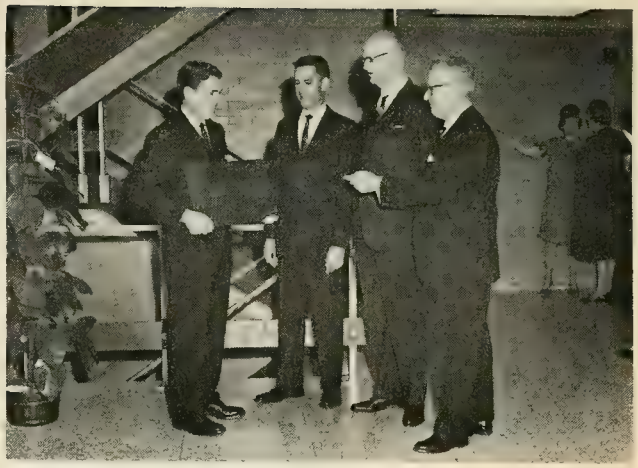


The new chapel organ with John Gilbert at the console

One of the day's highlights was the organ recital by Mr. John Gilbert in the Seminary chapel. The organ was placed in the Seminary chapel in September by the Music Department for student practice. At the same time it is used by the Seminary for daily chapel and special occasions. Everyone is pleased with the multi-purpose of equipment and facilities. The Seminary is appreciative of this fine instrument which would not have been possible otherwise.



A view of the new chapel



Dean Shultz is holding the plaque which reads: "Roger Darling Memorial Library" as the architect, Myron Kem and Dr. Glenn Clayton look on



Inside view of the new library

The formal dedication of Ashland Theological Seminary will be held at General Conference, August 18, 1966. At this time all Brethren people will have the opportunity to visit this wonderful new facility. We are indeed most thankful to God for a place where young men and women can prepare for the Christian ministry. The best investment the Brethren Church can make is in the Seminary where the preparation for Christian ministers and missionaries is fulfilled.

World Religious News in Review

WIFE NAILS SECT ADHERENT TO CROSS AT HIS REQUEST

Nairobi, Kenya (EP)—An African woman in a place called Milo, about 150 miles from here, nailed her husband to a cross—at his urging—and then dropped dead herself of a heart attack, Nairobi Radio reported.

It said the husband, Daniel Waswa, was a member of the Dini Ya Hsamova (Creed of the Cross) sect and died two weeks later from an infection caused by the nail wounds in his hands, feet and head.

The station said that before he died, Waswa told police he was dying "for the sins of all Kenyans."

The man reportedly built the cross himself and then told his wife that Jesus Christ had called him to Heaven and she must drive in the nails.

Members of the sect, Nairobi Radio added, have now proclaimed Waswa and his wife as saints and are building altars in their honor.

BAPTIST CLERGYMAN CONDEMNS 'SMEAR' CAMPAIGN AGAINST NCC

Raleigh, N. C. (EP) — A Baptist clergyman here spoke out against what he called "a highly organized and well-financed campaign of smear and defamation of the National Council of Churches."

The Rev. W. W. Finlator, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, said most recent attacks in North Carolina have been via "dial-a-hate" statements in pre-recorded telephone messages.

Critics of the National Council, he said, have ignored facts about it and a statement by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover clearing it of "any taint of subversion or communism," dealing out instead "accusations, defamations, half-truths and outright lies."

BIGGEST BIBLE ORDER IN HISTORY COMES TO ABS FROM GHANA

New York (EP) — The American Bible Society announced it has received the largest single order for Scriptures in its 150-year history—500,000 Bibles and New Testaments in six languages from the Republic of Ghana. They will be used in public schools.

One-half of the total Scriptures will be in English; the remainder in the African dialects of Twi-Asante, Twi-Akuapem, Fante, Ga, and Ewe. Ghana's government will meet two-thirds of the $600,000 gross cost and the United Bible Societies, one-third.

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—Luke 2:12, 16

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NOTES and COMMENTS

IN LITTLE BETHLEHEM

From all the fair Judean fields
The sun withdrew her light,
And sent the evening shadows o'er,
Which deepened into night,
Where shepherds kept their flocks of sheep
Beside the rippling rills,
And led them into pastures green
Through valleys and o'er hills.

When everything in stillness lay,
And scarce a sound was heard,
Our Father sent the angels down
To bring to them the word
That Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord,—
God's precious Diadem,—
Was born the Savior of the world
In little Bethlehem.

In swaddling clothes He lay that night,
Cradled in a manger,
And although promised to the world,
Yet to the world a stranger.
And Joseph watched beside His bed
While others soundly slept,
And Mary, mother Mary, too,
Her vigils o'er Him kept.

The angels sang, O sweetly sang,
In melody and mirth,
Out in the fields that blessed night:
"Good will toward men on earth!"
The shepherds heard this sacred song
From Heaven's holy band,
As in the stillness of the night
It floated o'er the land.

And soon they hastened to the town,
The town of Bethlehem,
To find the holy little Babe
God promised unto them
As Savior and Redeemer true—
The fair EMMANUEL—
To make salvation's only plan
To save the world from hell.

When they had found and worshipped Him
They happily returned
To tell the good news unto men
From hearts that in them burned.
And soon the good news spread abroad—
O, the wondrous story!—
That in the town of Bethlehem
Was born the "King of Glory!"

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.



the editor's editorial

Modern Theology and Christmas . . .

THIS MORNING (December 13) I read two items in the morning newspaper which caused me to do some thinking relative to the effect of the new theology to the Christmas as we know it today. The very Person of our Christmas is being attacked and we who are sheltered in the fold of a conservative denomination do very little to defend our beliefs in the divinity of our Lord. The very heart of our Christianity is being shaken.

The writer of this article said, "A handful of theologians in this country and at least one in England are kicking up a cloud of dust by denying either God or the divinity of Christ.

"Leaders of the 'God is Dead' doctrine in this country reportedly are Dr. Thomas Altizer, an Episcopal layman; Dr. Paul Van Buren of Temple University and the Rev. William Hamilton of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

"They are shaking up many Protestants by claiming that the traditional concept of God is no longer valid."

God is not dead, man is dead to God! These men and any others who would embrace such an idea have never known the living experience with God; they have never really encountered the living Christ! Such men have not experienced the answer to prayer; neither have they experienced the comfort and strength that comes from the living God when going "through the valley of the shadow of death." To know that God lives depends upon much more than an intellectual view of God, it depends upon a vital relationship with Him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." A person born of the Spirit of God cannot and will not say that "God is dead."

The other item in this very same article tells of a London-born writer, Hugh J. Schonfield, of Orthodox Jewish parentage, who is trying to discount the crucifixion of Christ. The writer of this column says, "In his book, Schonfield 'argues that while on the cross Jesus took a drug that rendered him unconscious and made him appear dead when he was taken down, so that later he could be removed from the tomb by friends intent on restoring him to a long and healthy life,' Time writes.

"The plot allegedly failed because of an unplanned thrust of a Roman spear into the crucified Christ's side.

"The 'Passover Plot' is presented in such a plausible and logical way that it could well endanger the basic foundation of Christianity should supporting documentary evidence ever be uncovered verifying Schonfield's theory.

"In the meantime, it can only serve to help satiate the appetite of those who normally belittle Christianity while worrying some others." This column was written by Roy W. Adams, Religion Editor of **The Plain Dealer.**

Following the resurrection of Christ, we read in Matthew 28:11-15 these words: "While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sum of money to the soldiers and said, 'Tell people, "His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep." And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.' So they took the money and did as they were directed; and this story has been spread among the Jews to this day."

It seems that this story has reared its head in our times.

We Christians must ever be on the alert for such false teachings that will continue to be promulgated until the Lord comes. And, there will be more and more of this.

The Christ of Christmas lives today, we Christians know that He lives because He lives within our hearts! S.G.

news ... from the Brethren

Hagerstown, Md. On Sunday, December 5, 1965, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stottlemyer were ordained to the office of Deacon and Deaconess, according to Rev. W. St. Clair Benshoff, pastor.

Pleasant View, Penna. Rev. Richard Godwin reports that on Sunday, December 5, 1965, four persons were received into the fellowship of the church.

Smithville, Ohio. Rev. Donald Rinehart reports that one person was received into the membership of the church by transfer of letter.

Flora, Ind. Rev. Clarence Kindley reports that two persons were received into the fellowship of the church by transfer of letter.

South Bend, Ind. Several people have been baptized and received into the church recently according to Rev. John Byler, pastor. Five persons have been received by transfer of letter; twenty-two persons were baptized on the Sunday evening of December 12 and received into the church.

Tiosa, Ind. Rev. Gene Eckerley reports that a Gospel Team from Ashland College presented the morning worship service on Sunday, December 5, 1965.

Cerro Gordo, Ill. Rev. Elmer M. Keck reports that two were received into the church on Sunday, December 5, 1965. One was baptized before the close of the Sunday school hour with the entire school being present; the other was baptized during a revival service.

Stockton, Calif. Rev. J. Milton Bowman reports that the work in Stockton is progressing very well. Recently one person was received into the church by baptism and four were received by transfer of membership.

Memorials

STEVENS. William E. Stevens, Sr., Dawson, Nebraska, a member of the First Brethren Church of Falls City, Nebraska, passed away on December 1, 1965. His memorial services were conducted at the church with the pastor, Rev. Robert G. Holsinger, officiating.

Mrs. F. P. Schroedl
Corresponding Secretary

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MOOMAW. Charles Amos Moomaw, 85, passed away in Garden Grove, California, on Saturday, December 4, 1965. He had been a member of the First Brethren Church in Manteca, California, for many years. His funeral services were conducted by Rev. Alvin Grumbling. Burial was in the Park View Cemetery.

Mrs. Doris Nicholl
Bulletin Editor

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CUSTER. Mrs. Albert (Della Ada Replogle) passed away suddenly on Wednesday, October 6, 1965. She was a faithful member of the Pittsburgh, Penna., Brethren Church since 1934 and was a Deaconess and has served in many other capacities during these years.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ralph E. Mills on Sunday, October 10, 1965.

Mrs. Alma Crick Stumpf



CONGRATULATIONS



A BABY GIRL was born to Rev. and Mrs. Harold Barnett on Monday morning, November 19, 1965. She has been named "Benita Ruth" and weighed in at seven pounds and twelve ounces.

In Mrs. Barnett's letter to the Editor she said, "You may certainly word the announcement any way you want to for publication. Just be sure to express our joy and thankfulness that all went well, we have a girl and have constantly felt the strength of many people's prayers. We were confident in the Lord, knowing friends throughout the brotherhood were upholding us in prayer.

"We are especially thrilled that our last one is the daughter we wanted so much . . . Seven is God's number of perfection and Benita is the perfect completion of this happy family."

MINISTER RECEIVES THREATS AFTER SERMON AGAINST KLAN

Charlotte, N. C. (EP)—A clergyman here who denounced the Klu Klux Klan in a sermon has received telephone threats.

The Rev. Leland Stephens, minister of the Grace Baptist Church who spoke out against the "poisonous doctrine" of the Klan, said he "had no idea such pockets of hatred existed."

"One caller called my wife and wanted to know if Mrs. Stephens was a 'nigger' because her husband was a 'nigger lover,'" he said.

He said several ministers had congratulated him on his sermon, and that his daughter's school principal sent her home with the message that the school was proud of him and his stand.

TITHING AND ITS SPIRITUAL IMPLICATIONS

by REV. HERBERT K. JOHNSON

This message was presented by Rev. Herbert Johnson at the Pastors' Conference last May. Rev. Johnson is the pastor of the First Brethren Church of West Alexandria, Ohio.

STEWARDSHIP of possessions is one of the most important teachings of the Bible. It is like a golden thread that runs throughout God's Word, from Genesis through Revelation.

Tithing was practiced by the Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Greeks, and the Romans in the dawn of recorded history.

The first Biblical reference to an offering to God is that of Cain and Abel as recorded in Genesis, chapter 4, where Abel's offering was accepted and respected of God.

Abram paid the tithe to Melchizedek 500 years before the law was given on Mt. Sinai (Genesis 14:20). Tithing was ordained of God (Leviticus 27:20) "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." It was recognized and pursued by Jacob all of his life (Genesis 28:22), commanded by Jesus Christ in Matthew 22:23, and practiced in the early Christian era.

The Lord did not put His Church in the world to beg as if it were a pauper. The Church is the **Bride** of Christ and as such we cannot think for a moment that our Lord left His **Bride** unprovided for, on charity. No Indeed! He provided for her support in a splendid way and with His own money, the **sacred tenth.** This is a fundamental and fixed principle in the kingdom of God; dating back in the beginnings. Let us remember that principles cannot be changed and annulled. Neither the tithe nor God's Holy Day and Mosaic institutions. They existed long before Moses and thus God expects us to render our tithes and worship unto Him.

The tithe is mentioned in the fourteenth chapter of Genesis and the incident recorded there is discussed more fully in the seventh chapter of Hebrews. "Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all . . ." "Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec" (Hebrews 7:17). Melchisedec was a type of Christ. It was Christ in Melchisedec who blessed Abraham and it was to Christ, as He was typed in Melchisedec, that Abraham paid tithes. Surely God comes first and should be honored with our best. This principle was in Abel's offerings, "the firstlings of his flock." So with David when he declared, "Neither will I offer . . . unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing." Here sacrifice and worship are involved.

One verse in five in the New Testament refers to money and property and man's relationship to them. Of Jesus' 38 parables, 19 concern money, property and man's relationship to them.

Few Christians dispute the teaching of tithing, yet many church members give less to the Lord than they spend for coffee. "It's all right for other people, but I can't afford it," is an expression too often heard. Christians cannot afford not to tithe.

In Malachi 3:8-10 we read, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." In the first part of this Scripture passage we have set before us the horrid consequences of covetousness, the sin we're afraid to mention. In the latter part of the passage we have God's remedy for man's cupidity, that is, tithing, the divine basis of an acceptable stewardship. Although it is a fact that a large percentage of our ministers and Bible teachers accept tithing as a basis of Christian stewardship for themselves personally, but very few indeed have sought to give their people the Scriptural remedy for that soul-destroying sin of covetousness. For some unaccountable reason many seem to be afraid to mention covetousness as sin, and this is true in spite of the fact that the Apostle put it in the same category with adultery, fornication, drunkenness and all manner of immoral conduct. I am fully aware that there is not anything very attractive in this theme for those who are robbing God, and the attitude of many people toward this subject reminds me of a story of the slaveholder in Missouri many years ago who learned that one of his colored men was doing considerable preaching on the plantation. He said to him one day, "Pompey, I hear you are a great preacher." "Yes, Massa, de Lord do help me powerfully sometimes." "Well, Pompey, don't you think the Negroes are stealing some things on the plantation?" "I'se mighty 'fraid they do, Massa." "Then Pompey, I want you to preach a sermon to them on the Ten Commandments, and bear down especially on the stealing." The colored man hung his head in silence for a few minutes, and then replied, "You see, Massa, dat would never do, cause 'twould throw such a coldness over the meeting." **So we find this true today.** This subject seems to chill the ardor of a great many who can on other occasions shout "Amen," and "Praise the Lord," with considerable gusto. But that is because they have not yet learned one of the greatest privileges of the Christian life.

Too many seem to get the idea that to be a Christian is to have certain feelings and experiences of emotionalism, forgetting that these things are but flowers, and that real fruit bearing must follow. Faith is good; without it we cannot be saved (Ephesians 2:8, 9). Peace and joy are certainly to be desired, but the "fruit of right-

eousness" is the end for which we are saved. True faith always results in works of righteousness and any other profession is false. I have little confidence in a profession of faith that simply says, "Lord, Lord," and then never does anything as expressing saving faith. Jesus said: "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him" (John 14:21). Of course no one is ever saved by works. We are saved the moment we believe on Jesus Christ in the sense of accepting Him as our Savior and confessing Him as Lord. However, where there is saving faith, there will be an outward manifestation of it in works of righteousness. "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision **but faith which worketh by love"** (Galatians 5:6). Christianity is a practical religion, or it is nothing, and one of the ways in which "faith worketh by love," is in honoring God with our substance.

Many church members just don't want to talk about tithing. They are afraid they might offend someone, yet Jesus spoke on that subject 5 times as often as on any other subject. The tithe is the Lord's. Let us not be afraid to talk about it and include this in our Christian walk of life.

Three theories of property are prevalent today—the Communist, the Capitalist, the Christian. The Communist says the government owns everything. The Capitalist theory is that man owns all. But the Christian theory is that God owns all. One of the greatest needs of Christianity is that His followers recognize God's ownership and man's stewardship.

Tithing was specifically spelled out for the Hebrew people, a people who set the spiritual pattern for the human race. It was legally required of the Jewish people in Jesus' day. It is, indeed, an obligation of the law. But it is more than an obligation of the law for **it is an obligation of love.**

God promises in Malachi 3:10 to pour out blessings upon those who are faithful to Him in the tithe. He gives His children not the minimum, but the maximum they are capable of handling.

Tithing is not giving. It is returning to the Lord that which rightfully belongs to Him. The tenth is not the maximum we are to give the Lord but the minimum. Our giving begins when we give over the tenth.

Many churches are looking for some panacea to cure their financial ills. Almost any feasible plan will be eagerly seized upon by despairing church boards. They have tried other plans but they have not produced the money. If this be the case in your church let me be the first to caution you not to put the tithing plan into operation with this motive in mind. **Tithing** is not to get money to pay off church debts, nor to pay last year's deficit, nor to pay interest on money borrowed at the bank, nor to pay the preacher's back salary. If any such selfish low motive is presented as a reason for starting the tithing system, many members will resent it from the start. **Tithing** is not merely a substitute for other wornout methods of attempting to raise money. To start out with the attitude, "We've tried everything else, let's try this for awhile," helps to defeat the thing before it starts. **Tithing** is not a cure-all to cure the many ills of the church. These ills are not caused by the lack of tithing. **No church has financial problems!** What seems to be financial problems is nothing but **heart trouble.** When we get our hearts right with God and come out from the world and live separated lives unto Him, the ills of the church will subside. **Heart trouble** in the church causes these ills. Let us get into the **center of God's will** and the circumference will take care of itself.

An article in a nationally circulated magazine some time ago defined tithing as, "giving one tenth of all you make to charity." I challenge that definition.

In the first place, **tithing** is not giving. It is returning to the Lord that which rightfully belongs to Him.

In the second place, God's program is not charity—neither is Christ.

The greatest joy of a Christian is the joy of sharing. When you deprive a man of the privilege of supporting Christ's work, you are taking from him the greatest happiness that can come to a Christian.

Tithing is God's way of growing men. It strengthens the individual, giving him stature as a Christian, helping him tower above his previous station. It brings peace of mind through obedience. It is a recognition of God's power. It proves that you are depending on Him for everything, that you are putting Him first in your financial life. When you tithe you trust God to keep His promises.

Tithing blesses the heart by making it receptive to God's will. It blesses the life by lifting it to a higher plan of grace. It blesses the hands by making them willing to do God's work. It blesses the mind by giving it the satisfaction of doing right. It blesses the money that is left, because God is honored. Nine-tenths will go farther with God's blessings than ten-tenths without. It blesses the individual by giving him a part in God's world-wide program. It blesses the church by enabling it to carry out a greater ministry. **Tithing** is a spiritual adventure, upon which the Christian embarks with confidence because he is placing his all in God's hands.

But isn't it strange that men who have enough faith in God to accept Him as Savior, to trust Him with their lives, do not have enough faith to let Him handle a few paltry dollars? The Bible says that when man follows a specific pattern he will be redeemed. The pattern is exact, the plan spelled out. There is no other way. I do not understand all about just how God redeems man, but I know He does.

Maybe you can't see how you can pay your bills if you bring your tithe to Him, but you can—and you'll be blessed by doing it. The same Christ who took a few loaves and a few fishes and with them fed a multitude can take a few dollars you possess and multiply them many fold. **Remember—you can't outgive God!**

Is it ever wrong to tithe? In Matthew 23:23 we read, "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint, anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Here Christ is saying that one can convert right things with the wrong motives.

It is right for a Christian to be outwardly different from one who is not a Christian. However, it is wrong for a Christian to be outwardly different for the sake of glorifying himself. "But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments" (Matthew 23:5).

It is right for a Christian to go to church but his church-going is wrong when he does it to be seen of

others. It is right for some Christians to teach others but it is wrong when the Christian teacher is motivated by the desire of seeking praise.

It is right for the Christian to pray but wrong when his public prayer is a "cover-up" for his private sins.

Jesus prefaces His lone remark about tithing in Matthew 23 with these illustrations of doing the right things with the wrong motives and in the wrong manner. This is when it is wrong to do right. There is a wrong way to tithe as well as a right way.

Tithing is wrong when it is motivated by anything other than love. Why do you tithe? The answer to this question will reveal whether or not one's tithe is pleasing to God. If tithing is completely motivated by fear it will be a burden instead of a blessing. It will neither please God nor the tither. It will haunt the Christian rather than help him. Tithing because you are "scared not to" is doing the right thing with the wrong motive.

If tithing is completely motivated by the desire for glory, it is wrong. If tithing is completely motivated by the desire to "pay off my debt or pledge," it is wrong. God already owns the whole world. How can we pay our debt to God for salvation when He already owns everything that we call ours? It is a privilege to tithe—not a legalistic duty. The only right motive for tithing is **Love!** Jesus had just summarized the Ten Commandments in Matthew 22 with a twofold command: 1. Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 2. Love thy neighbor as thyself. Matthew 23 applies the motive of love to Christian service. The actions of the Pharisees were right in man's sight but their false motives made them wrong in God's sight.

Tithing is wrong when it is intended as a substitute for dedication instead of an expression of dedication. The Pharisees were careful to figure the tithe on everything. They even tithed on the garden herbs used for seasoning and medicine (mint, anise, and cummin). They wanted to be sure that they gave everything expected of them. But they were substituting tithing for the "weightier matters of the law." What about dealing justly with their fellow man (judgment)? What about showing mercy to those in need (mercy) and what about being dependable and truthful (faith)? They were substituting a strict obedience to the law for a dedicated love of God and man.

It is always easier to give money to care for the unlovely than it is to love the unlovely. God wants the Christian's tithe. **But He wants** the Christian's life first. Tithing should grow out of a personal dedication to God through Jesus Christ. It is no substitute for that dedication.

Tithing does not determine a Christian's dedication. The tither is not a better Christian because he tithes. He tithes because he is a godly person. The non-tither need not expect to become a spiritual giant when he signs the pledge card. Tithing is only one indication that a Christian has dedicated his whole life to Christ.

There is no backdoor to dedication. We must all go through the front door of worship; recognizing God's presence and responding to His presence. Tithing, Bible study, prayer, and witnessing are the results of dedicated life—**not substitutes for it.**

Tithing can be wrong for the person who tithes with the wrong motive or in the wrong manner. But does this make tithing wrong for everyone? If so, then we must assert that it is wrong for the Christian to go to church, to do good deeds, to teach and to pray. Jesus condemned the Pharisees' motive and manner of doing these things as well as their manner and motive of tithing. **But He commended tithing** in Matthew 23:23 as an act that should not be left "undone."

Tithing is wrong when it is motivated by anything other than **love.** It is wrong when it is intended as a substitute for dedication rather than an expression of dedication. We must give our money in the right order —**self before substance.** When God gets a man, He also gets his money. "Get a man's money and get the man" is not God's philosophy of stewardship.

Let me again refer you to Malachi 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

The way some preachers handle this text is well known: they seldom get beyond the first eight words—and rarely beyond the second eight words. They preach the law but say little about the promise. They have much to say about obeying this law, but little to say about the benefits of such obedience.

Tithing is not a heavenly insurance policy by which all tithers get rich and all non-tithers go broke. **Tithing** is God's financial plan for His Church, founded before the Ten Commandments were given and extended throughout the New Testament, to today. But also, tithing has its compensations—else the text is a farce!

1. Note the provisions: Bring your tithes into the storehouse: the church where you worship. And make it a habit, not a spasm. Not by impulse but by principle and love.

2. Note the purpose: That there may be meat in mine house.

3. Note the promise: Open windows of heaven, with blessings pouring out all over you, and your family and possessions—to spare! Temporal, material blessings.

4. Note the person making the promise: The Lord of hosts. He is the One who promised the open windows as we open our purses. If you are a consistent tither, you already know this. If not, why not put God to the test —it's His promise for you this day!

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure; pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give into your bosom. For with what measure ye mete it shall be measured unto you again" (Luke 6:38).

I can imagine someone saying, "If you put so much emphasis on this subject of giving, I fear you will kill the spiritual life of the church." Well, as for myself, I feel very much like the old colored preacher who said, "I have never known a church killed by too much giving to the Lord. If there should be such a church, I should like to know it. I tell you what I'd do. I'd go down to the church this very night and I'd climb up its moss-covered roof and sit straddle of its ridge-pole and I'd cry aloud, 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.' "

In a cemetery near a church in Warwickshire, England, the following lines are engraved on a tombstone:

"Here lies a miser who lived for himself,
He cared for nothing but gathering pelf;
Now where he is or how he fares,
Nobody knows and nobody cares."

One of the deadliest and most soul-shriveling sins is closefistedness or covetousness which the Bible calls idolatry. Warningly the Savior said, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15).

Tithing is not the roof of Christian stewardship. It is simply the foundation. Therefore, let us give according to our income lest God make our income according to our giving.

Sunday School Suggestions

from the National S. S. Board

Dick Winfield

FILMSTRIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS
First Quarter 1966

FOLLOWING is a list of filmstrips which correlate with the International Sunday School lessons for the first quarter of 1966 (January through March). These are the lessons used in **The Brethren Bible Class Quarterly.**

The filmstrips listed are available from the Filmstrip Library of the **Sunday School Board Office, 524 College Ave., Ashland, Ohio 44805.** Reference numbers after each filmstrip indicate the page in the Filmstrip Index on which that particular filmstrip is listed.

January 2: Lesson Title: **What It Means to Believe**
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"A New Lease on Life (Conversion)" p. 32

January 9: Lesson Title: **The Source of Our Faith**
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January 16: Lesson Title: **God Is Holy**
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"We Believe in Jesus Christ" p. 31

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February 20: Lesson Title: **Man Is a Sinner**
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February 27: Lesson Title: **Man Redeemed**
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March 6: Lesson Title: **Communion with God**
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March 13: Lesson Title: **Living with Others**
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March 20: Lesson Title: **Christian Commitment**
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March 27: Lesson Title: **What Is the Church?**
(No correlated filmstrip available)

Rental on the above filmstrips is 50¢ per filmstrip. In practically all cases only one filmstrip of each of the titles is available, so it will be necessary to fill requests in the order they are received.

Spiritual Meditations

Dyoll Belote

THE GREAT "I AM"

"Have you not read . . . 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living" (Matt. 22:31, 32—RSV).

THE SADDUCEES challenged Jesus about almost everything connected with life—especially about the resurrection and life after death. They challenged God's power; but they were strong in their belief in their forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It was because of this narrow claim to salvation—because they were children of the patriarchs—that Jesus reminded them of the sovereignty of God. He reminded them that the Almighty had declared, "I **am** the God of Abraham, I **am** the God of Isaac; I **am** the God of Jacob." Then Jesus declared that God is the God of the living and not of the dead. The glory of God is found in this fact, "He is and was, and always will be the God of the living; an ever-living God of those who shall live forever because of faith in Him—the patriarchs as well as those of that and all days.

Living is and can be wonderful, and man places an extremely high value on life. The human span of three-score-years and ten is God's gift to the average man; and how man hangs on to the slimmest thread of life when it is threatened by accident, disease or death.

Thanking God for the gift of daily life leads naturally to thankfulness for the gift of life eternal. When man's day is done, and when life's span is run, then comes life eternal with the "Great I Am."

The poet has this assuring and convincing verse:

"I know that my redeemer lives:
What joy this blest assurance gives.
He lives, my mansion to prepare,
He lives, to bring me safely there."

1965 - 66 Theme II Timothy 4:8

"LOVING HIS APPEARING"

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BRETHREN CONFERENCE

LATHROP BRETHREN CHURCH, Lathrop, California

JANUARY 13-16, 1966

Theme: "Striving for Commitment, Dedication and Perfection"

Text: Philippians 3:13, 14

Thursday Evening, January 13

:00 Opening of Conference
Devotions and Welcome Ralph Kullman
Response of Delegates
:15 Business Session
Report of Credentials Committee
Substitution of Alternates
Election of Conference Board of Directors
Election to District Mission Board
Election to Berean Trustee Board
Election to Scholarship Board
Nomination for Ashland College Trustee
Election of Ministerial Examining Board
Election of Member to Annual Conference Executive Committee
:15 Moderator's Address Lester Schmiedt
:45 Fellowship Hour

Friday Evening, January 14

:00 Supper
:00 Song Service and Devotions Manteca Church
:15 Simultaneous Sessions
W.M.S., Laymen, Ministers
:00 Message Rev. Spencer Gentle

Saturday Morning, January 15

:00 Song Service and Devotions ...Stockton Church
:15 Business Session
Report of Credentials Committee
Substitution of Alternates
Reading of Conference Minutes
Report of Conference Treasurer
Report of District Mission Board
General Brotherhood Reports
Sunday School Board ..Rev. Robert Madoski
Missionary Board ...Rev. J. Milton Bowman
Publication Board Rev. Spencer Gentle
:30 Message
:15 Dinner

Saturday Afternoon, January 15

:00 Song Service and Devotions Lathrop Church
2:15 Business Session
Report of Credentials Committee
Substitution of Alternates
Reading of Conference Minutes
Satistician's Report
Berean Trustee Board Report
Invitation for 1967 District Conference
Unfinished Business
Adjournment of Business Session
5:00 Supper Youth Banquet

Saturday Evening, January 15

7:00 Song Service and Devotions ...Manteca Church
7:15 Message Rev. Spencer Gentle
8:00 Singspiration

Sunday Morning, January 16

9:45 Sunday School in Local Churches
11:00 Worship Services in Local Churches
12:30 Dinner (Pot-luck)

Sunday Afternoon, January 16

2:30 Berean Business and Inspirational Hour
5:00 Supper
6:30 Brethren Youth Crusaders, Local Youth in Charge

Sunday Evening, January 16

7:30 Song Service and Devotions Stockton Church
Installation of New Conference Board of Directors
8:00 Message Rev. Spencer Gentle
Closing of Conference

CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Moderator - - - - - Lester Schmiedt
Vice Moderator - - - Rev. Robert Madoski
Secretary - - - - Rev. Alvin Grumbling
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Mrs. Florence Wolfe,
Mrs. Vera Say, Harlin Lawrence

MISSIONARY NEWS

PRAYER FOR THE MISSIONARY PROGRAM



"O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come" Psalm 65:2.

Man who is Christian is commanded each day of his life to do things which are impossible . . . impossible, because Omnipotence alone can do them. Knowing that through faith God's power can become your power and having faith we can go out and move mountains, do we have great faith as we pray?

Then, if we have faith that prayer has power, let us continuously use our great reservoir of praying Brethren in intercessory prayer. As great numbers of us pray more often in mass, though separated by miles, may His Spirit flow through our prayers that He may speak directly to missionaries, evangelists, national workers and the new converts.

PRAY that the Lord will strengthen the spiritual life of us all in our missionary endeavors so that we will be able to effectively minister unto the unsaved.

Many more than we suspect are ready to hear the Gospel, therefore, **PRAY** that Christmas will be a time of real dedication in the lives of those pledged to full time service. **PRAY** that their lives might be used in the ministry and mission service, that they will be willing to serve where their Father would have them go, just as Jesus was willing to go where His Father sent Him.

PRAY that the Lord will reap a rich harvest with more of us fully consecrated to the Great Commission to proclaim to the whole world — all tribes and tongues and peoples — Christ's Lordship.

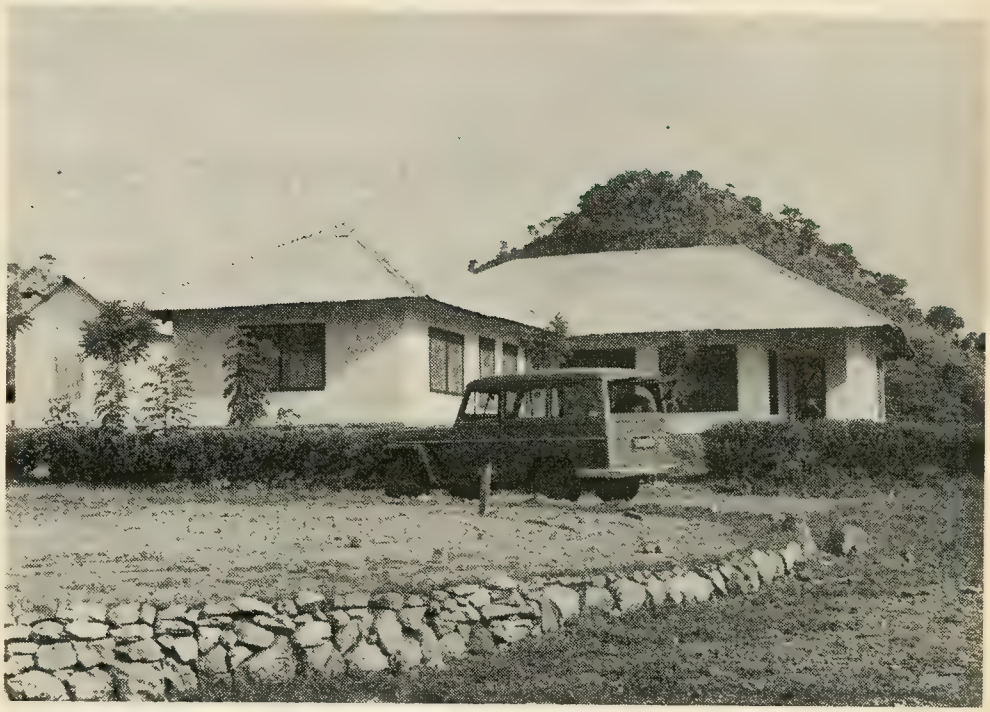
PAPAGO PARK BRETHREN CHURCH'S PARSONAGE



THERE IS A "new look" added to the church plant at Tempe, Arizona. This summer a beautiful parsonage was acquired on North Forest Avenue, which is located directly behind the church property. The picture was taken by Reverend Duane Dickson, the present pastor of the Papago Park Brethren Church.



TRIBUTE TO BISCHOFS



Mbororo Station — a waiting sentinel of hope to many.

A TOUCHING tribute has been paid to the Bischofs through a meaningful and appreciative letter to the Bischofs from Mallam Maunde Micika, the District Head of Cubunawa District of Sardauna Province. This letter was recently sent to Bob and Bea Bischof while they are furloughed from mission service in Nigeria.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bischof,

With much respect and humble obedience I wish to write to you both these few lines. Purposely to send you my warm greetings and well wishes. I also hope that you have travelled well and safely and reached all your relatives happily.

Indeed your absence is very much felt by all of our community here. It proved to us all, the importance of your being with us here—socially, physically and religiously. Every one of us is eagerly looking forward with expectations to your safe return to us.

Your absence has really desolated our dispensary at Mbororo and things are much worse. You know it is the only well-equipped dispensary near us that satisfies our medical needs and accomplished through profound people like you with your kind sympathy.

God be with us all.

Yours faithfully,
Mallam Maunde Micika

Reading this great plea for their continued service and these words of thankfulness of a people for the work of the Bischofs, let us raise our praises to God for men and women who serve and give their lives in fulfilling the Great Commission.

The Bischofs are going through all the medical procedures to clear their systems from the diseases and difficulties subjected to while serving at the Mbororo station. Arriving at normalcy is slow and a tiring procedure of medication and check-ups and tests. Continue to pray for their complete recovery and they will truly feel this spiritual cloak of prayer.

They have a great love and concern for the Nigerians and continue to serve in so many phases of the work even while here in Ashland, Ohio, on furlough. The axiom that one can **do** without **loving**, but cannot **love** without **doing** is shown in their dedication to duty and the people they serve. Those affected by their service in Nigeria are not all Christians, are not all in sympathy with their purpose for being there, but mankind has felt the impact of the Bischofs as they untiringly continue the mission of Christ to "the regions beyond."



SISTERHOOD

Devotional Program for January

LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE

(In this New Year, will this be YOUR theme?)

Call to worship:
"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set upon a hill cannot be hid" (Matt. 5:14).

Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story"

Prayer:
Remember particularly the Bolinger family as they prepare for their work.

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-16

Song Service: Favorite songs of own choosing.

Bible Study

Special Music

Group Discussion—led by patroness, concerning the topic "Let Your Light So Shine"—its importance, necessity, and eternal rewards, pointing out that it IS a "demand of discipleship."

SMM Benediction

Business

READ THE SISTERHOOD PAGE IN THE EVANGELIST EVERY WEEK!

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

GALATIANS 1:10-24; 2:1-10

by MRS. MILDRED PETIT

IN OUR BEGINNING STUDY in Paul's letter to the Galatians last month, we saw how he clearly set forth his apostleship as being of God, not of men, and then gave the occasion for his writing. The disappointing word had come that the Galatians were rejecting the gospel of God's grace and were following what was a perversion of the true gospel which Paul had preached.

The opening question in our study this month is one which some of us might not want to bring out into the open boldly as Paul did. "Am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God?" This is a question which we should frequently ponder, putting ourselves in the position of the "I" instead of Paul. Having read the first part of his letter to the Galatians, it is clear that Paul was definitely not seeking the favor of men. He did no compromising with those who were teaching that there were certain laws which man must obey in order to achieve salvation. When he said, "If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed," there is no doubt that Paul was not talking like a man-pleaser. At the time when Paul was really a man-pleaser, held in high regard by the Jews, he was entering into the persecution of the church with great zeal, as he reminds the Galatians later in this chapter. In Acts 8:3—RSV we read, "Saul laid waste the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison." If he were still winning the praise of the Jews he would not now, as he says, be a servant of Christ. In Paul, we find a man wholly committed to Christ. In Galatians 1:11-24, we find facts to prove this. "In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie" (1:20—RSV)!

First of all, Paul tells us that his gospel was not something which he learned from someone else, but that it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. How different this gospel was from the Judaism which Paul practised when he was trying to destroy the church. When he says, in verse 14, that he advanced in Judaism beyond many of his own age because he was so zealous for the traditions of the fathers, he is saying that he practiced not only the written law of the Old Testament but the great accumulation of oral laws or "traditions" taught by the Rabbis. It is easy to understand, having once been freed from the bonds of trying to gain salvation through the keeping of the law, why Paul earnestly sought to keep the gospel truly the good news that salvation comes through repentance and belief in what God has done for mankind through Christ. He continues to point out that his gospel was of God throughout the remainder of the chapter, showing that his contacts with the apostles and with Christianity in Judea were very slight for some years after his conversion. The Christians had heard of him, however, and rejoiced that "He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."

Having shown that his gospel was revealed to him by Christ, Paul now turns, in Chapter 2 of his epistle, to show that his gospel was approved by Peter, James, and John. Fourteen years after his first brief visit to Jerusalem following his conversion, he went back, accompanied by Barnabas and Titus. He wanted to discuss his gospel with the apostles there so that there would be no danger of lack of harmony between the church at Antioch and the church at Jerusalem. His concern was, always, to prevent any situation which might bring disaster to his work among the Gentiles. In our own situations, we, too, may be able to be used by God to prevent trouble which could prove harmful to the church and its Christian influence in the community.

While Paul and Barnabas and Titus were in Jerusalem "false brethren" insisted upon the circumcision of Titus, who was a Greek. Paul says that these were people who had slipped in to spy out their freedom in Jesus Christ and bring them into bondage. These men may have been Pharisees who had come in contact with Christianity, but held to the belief that Gentiles could only be saved by first becoming Jews. Today, as well, we find people who insist that our salvation depends upon doing certain external things. Paul didn't allow this for a minute. Had he yielded to the principle that salvation depended upon keeping a part of the Jewish law, he would not, as he says, have preserved the truth of the gospel. As a result, Titus was not required to be circumcised. Meanwhile, the "pillars" of the church at Jerusalem, Peter, James and John, approved Paul's gospel as it was ("added nothing to me"). They also formally gave to him and to Barnabas the "right hand of fellowship" to preach to the Gentiles. In passing, it is interesting to note that should any in the Christian fellowship fancy themselves pillars of the church, this chapter would deflate them considerably. Although Paul wants the Galatian Christians to know that those held in highest repute in the church at Jerusalem, those whom he called pillars, approved his gospel, he points out that God shows no partiality.

As we close with verse 10, it is worthy of note that the only instruction that the church leaders in Jerusalem gave to Paul and Barnabas, other than that they preach the gospel to the Gentiles, was that they remember the poor. Of this Paul says, "which thing I was eager to do." In these days of public welfare programs it could become easy for us to forget this concern which is one of the marks of a Christian.

JUNIOR BIBLE STUDY

THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST

THE FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND

Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14

by MRS. EDWIN BOARDMAN

ABOVE YOU WILL NOTE references from all four gospel writers. This is the only miracle to be recorded in Matthew, in Mark, in Luke and in John. We may be sure it was never forgotten by **one** of the more than five thousand who were fed that day.

Suppose we speak to one who has witnessed all of Christ's miracles: "You saw them **all**, but which would you call the **greatest**?"

His answer is immediate: "The loaves and fishes!"

This episode took place in a desert region northeast of Lake Galilee near Bethsaida. When the people saw Jesus and the "twelve" crossing in a boat toward that city, they hurried on foot around the north end of the lake.

Let us join ourselves to one of these groups who hope to see the Miracle Worker face to face. But we must move quickly or be left behind. The man at our side says, "I am on my way to Jerusalem to keep the Passover Feast. This is my opportunity to see that great prophet if you will let me travel with you."

"Yes! Yes! but hurry!" we say. "We wish to greet Him when His boat touches shore."

No Rest for the Master

We are the first to arrive at this lovely spot. Looking about us we see Jesus and His disciples moving up a hillside hoping for rest. Below is a wide grassy plain—a beautiful contrast to the desert closing it in on all sides. Other groups now come in sight. Soon there are thousands filling the plain.

Jesus descends to greet them. He **cannot** rest when so many must yet be told of God's love and care. Sound and movement cease at His opening words. Then reverently, and slowly, a long line starts moving toward Him. Everywhere He goes are these suffering ones—the sinners, the lame, the blind, the deaf. All day with gentle touch He ministers to each one.

At last with surprise we notice that the sun is in the west. This long day is over and, in our haste, we have forgotten to bring our lunch!

We Share — He Abundantly Blesses

We hear someone saying to the Master, "Send them away to buy food," and Jesus' answering words, "Give **ye** them to eat."

But the disciples are explaining that even thirty-five dollars worth of food would barely buy enough; of course, Judas does not have that large amount in his bag.

The Master does not hesitate: "Go and see how many loaves you have."

The report comes back: "Five loaves and two fishes."

These Passover Pilgrims, mostly men, are growing restless. Mothers are trying to quiet fretful children.

Jesus commands, "Make them sit down by companies of fifty." God's created world moves with **majestic order.** We humbly obey this divine **Author of order.** In our own company we see five groups of fifty. Then we are able to count twenty such companies with the women and children by themselves in another place.

When all is quiet, Jesus stands on a little rise of ground holding in His hands the small loaves and salted fishes. Below Him stand the "twelve." Their hands are empty. Now Jesus plays the Host. In the sight of all the people He holds that humble food up before God. He blesses —breaks—and gives it to His disciples. As we look, He has enough to fill the hands of each. And each disciple as He gives away an armful has as much remaining for the next group!

What a beautiful scene!

The sun, golden in the west—
the grass, growing green and abundant
the people, in regular groups like
flower beds in a country garden.

Voices are hushed. We are guests at a **royal banquet!**

Later there are those who ask, "How could this be? Were there great mountains of bread growing up under the Savior's hands?"

"No!" we answer. "It was not like that at all. He broke the bread and in **sharing**, it multiplied." "When the portions were passed to me I filled my lap, yet I had still a full amount for my neighbor. So it was with each eater. All ate and were **filled**."

But here we are, **satisfied**, yet with fragments left. The disciples gather the pieces which remain. They fill twelve baskets!

But why is that man shedding tears?

"Now Jehovah be praised!" he cries. "My children! Today for the **first time** they do not cry to me for food. They, too, have been filled!"

Suddenly there is a sound of commotion. There are cries of "Another Moses!" "This is truly the Prophet foretold!" "Bread from Heaven!" "To Jerusalem—**we shall crown Him, King!**"

"My Kingdom Is Not of This World"

But the Royal Host resists these forces. Graciously He dismisses His guests. In the Father's own time, He will gather His own and **we shall see** Him, **King**, in the New Jerusalem. We shall all sit down at "the marriage supper of the Lamb."

The Feeding of the Four Thousand Matthew 14:29-38; 16:4-12; Mark 8:19; 14-19

This miracle was performed a short time after the one above at a place southeast of the lake. This is so like the feeding of the five thousand. **But** it is not the same! Here are a few of the differences. Compare them.

Five Thousand People

Located northeast of the lake.
A period of one day.
They sat on the grass.
Twelve baskets of fragments.
These baskets were small (often used by the Jews to carry food on a journey).
The people would force Christ to be King.

Four Thousand People

Located southeast of the lake.
A period of three days.
They sat on the ground.
Seven baskets of fragments.
These baskets were large hampers (such as was used to let Paul down over the wall).
The people simply departed.

In either of these miracles Jesus was not afraid to ask in public God's blessing on the food. Are **we** afraid?

"Do You Remember?" Mark 8:18

In these words Jesus reproached the disciples because they forgot so soon that He supplies our needs. At every communion service we should have in **our memory** two blessed pictures. Standing above the multitude

Jesus, the humble bread upheld in His hands;
Jesus blessing the food;
Jesus breaking the bread;
Jesus feeding His lambs.

Again in a second picture, at the Last Supper,

Jesus saying, "This do in remembrance of me";
Jesus breaking the bread of Life;
Jesus feeding our souls.

"Who eats this **Bread** shall live forever." Jesus said, "Lord evermore give us **this Bread.**"

Each Christmas time, let **us** remember to seek **Him**, our Savior. Let us pass the tinsel and color in every window, pass by Santa's little booth, pass by the garlands and Christmas trees until we stand at last where our souls can be fed—in **Bethlehem**, the **House of Bread**, we kneel beside His manger.

Do **you** not remember? Yes, Lord, at Christmas and evermore help **us** to remember!"

Signal Lights for January

Prepared by Mrs. Alberta Holsinger

Bible Theme: "OBEYING GOD"

Project: OUTFIT THE BOLINGERS FOR NIGERIA

Call to Worship:

Come to worship;
Come to sing;
Come to praise
Christ our King!

Sing:

"O Come and Let Us Worship"
"Many Years Ago"
"Jesus Friend of All the Children"

Bible Story:

The Wise Men Obey God

Long ago in some of the eastern countries there were wise men. These men studied the stars. They knew where to find the stars they studied night after night. They learned much about the movement of stars even without powerful telescopes such as our scientists have today.

One night as these wise men were gazing into the sky they saw a new star. It was unusually bright. As they watched the star it moved. What could it mean?

The wise men knew it must have a special meaning. As they watched the bright moving star the wise men decided it was sent to announce the birth of a great king.

The wise men wanted to see this king. They wanted to worship him. They started out following the star. They took gifts for the new king.

They traveled across the desert on camels. During the hot days the wise men rested. In the cool of the evenings they traveled following the strange new star.

At last they came to Jerusalem. "Where is the new-born king?" they asked. "We have seen his star in the east. We have come to worship him."

People stared at these men and their camels. New-born king? They hadn't heard of any.

Someone told King Herod about the visitors. He called the priests and scribes.

"Tell me," he asked them, "where do the Scriptures say the Christ is to be born?"

"He is to be born in Bethlehem," they answered.

Then King Herod sent for the wise men. "Go to Bethlehem," he told them. "When you have found the child come and tell me. I, too, will go and worship him."

Now King Herod did not intend to go to worship the baby. He was making an evil plan to get rid of this one who might become king instead of him.

The wise men left the palace. They started for Bethlehem that very night.

To their great joy they saw the star shining in the sky. It was moving. They followed it to Bethlehem. There it stopped over the house where the child Jesus was staying.

The wise men went into the house. There they saw Jesus, the little Child whose star they had followed so far. They kneeled down and worshipped him. They opened their gifts and gave to Him gold and rare perfumes called frankincense and myrrh.

God sent a dream warning the wise men not to return to King Herod. Back across the desert they went. They were happy. They had obeyed God. They had seen the Child, the new-born King, the One whose star appeared in the sky!

Based on Matthew 2:1-12

Poem (to be read by a Signal Light):

How I Wish I Knew

Little stars, that twinkle in the heavens blue,
I have often wondered if you ever knew
How there shone one like you, leading wise old men
From the East, a long way down to Bethlehem.

Did you see the presents they in love had brought?
Did you see the home which they in wonder sought?
Little stars, that twinkle in the heavens blue,
All you knew of Jesus, how I wish I knew.

—Selected

Sing:

"What Can I Give Him?"
"Oh, How I Love Jesus"

Mission Story:

A Higi Family

Did you ever think what it would be like to be a Nigerian? A member of the Higi tribe?

Let's think about Tizhe and Masi. They live in a compound (which is the name for the huts which make up a Higi home) with their parents.

Their father pays no attention to them while they are young. He is interested only in doing and having the things he wants. Often he beats the children and their mother. When they are older he may teach them to steal.

Mother will care for Tizhe and Masi when she is home. Some day, though, she may decide to run away from home. Then the children will have to take care of themselves.

Mother does not speak kindly to the children. She often screams at them. She does not keep herself, her home, or her children clean.

Now think about your home. Think of the loving care you get from both your parents every day.

Do you know why Tizhe and Masi have a home so different? It is because their parents have not learned to love and follow the one true God. Perhaps they have not even heard of Him.

When Higi parents learn of Jesus and become Christians, they, too, show love for each other and for their children. Then their home life is more like yours. They still live in compounds but now the homes are neat and clean. Each member of the family is loved and respected.

We can help the Higi children. We can help them learn of Jesus. What

will you do?

Friendship Circle of Prayer:

Let us thank God for our parents and the loving care they give us.

Let us ask Him to help the Nigerians to learn of Jesus the Savior. Let us ask Him to be with missionaries as they teach the people of Him.

Business:

1. Roll call—tell what you did without this month.
2. Talk about our project.
3. Election of officers.
4. Birthdays to remember:

Bobby Bischof will be seven years old on February 21.

Timmy Solomon will be ten years old on February 18.

Becky Solomon will be eight years old on February 27.

Handwork:

A Calendar

Give each child three sheets of white paper to fold and cut in fourths. (You may prefer to do this before the meeting as well as punching the holes in the paper for the ribbon.)

Have the children draw a picture on each piece of paper. Draw three winter pictures, three spring, three summer and three fall.

Paste a small monthly calendar at the bottom of each picture. Punch two holes near the top. Put the ribbon through the holes.

Suggest that the Signal Lights hang the calendar in their room at home. Ask "How many days this year will you try to obey God?"

Signal Lights Benediction:

Dear Savior, help us to be signal lights shining for Thee in the dark places of the world. Amen.

(Note: All songs suggested for this month are from **Primaries Sing.**)

Daily Devotions

General Theme for the Year: "LOVING HIS APPEARING"

Theme for January: "STEWARDS OF TIME"

Writer for January — Mrs. Alvin Grumbling

January 2-15 — "Faithful Stewards Use Time Wisely"

Our writer for the month of January is Mrs. Alvin (Meg) Grumbling of Manteca, California. Her husband is the pastor of the First Brethren Church in Manteca, and both are graduates of Ashland College. Mrs. Grumbling is the daughter of Rev. C. Y. Gilmer of Lanark, Illinois; and is the mother of two sons.

We are most happy to have her as the first writer of this new series of Daily Devotions.

Sunday, January 2, 1966

Read Scripture: Psalm 111

A steward is a manager; one who controls, directs, conducts, guides, or administers. We all start out equally as stewards of time for we all have the same quantity of this commodity each day. Verse ten tells us that honoring God and keeping His commandments is wise and advantageous to us. How much time can we afford to invest in loving the Lord our God with all our hearts, and all our souls, and all our strength, and all our minds, and our neighbors as ourselves? Can we afford not to? Matthew Henry tells us, "We have reason to praise God that the matter is so well contrived that our reverence of Him and obedience to Him are as much our interest as they are our duty. Those understand themselves and their interest best that make God's law their rule and are in everything ruled by it."

The Day's Thought

In obedience are wisdom and strength.

Monday, January 3, 1966

Read Scripture: Psalm 90:1-12

Our values should determine the use of our time. What do we value most? What is of lasting value and therefore wise? If only God and people have eternal value, then are our relationships with God and fellowman all that survive? What about our relationships? Good relationships take time; time to listen, time to grow, time to feel mutually, time to give and receive, time to love. What do we value most, the perishable or people and God?

A little bird with fretting beak
May wear to naught the loftiest peak;
E'en though each thousand years it came,
Yet thou are then as now the same;
Ponder, O man, ETERNITY.

The Day's Thought

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

Tuesday, January 4, 1966

Read Scripture: II Timothy 2:11-15

Profit or Loss

What will it profit, when life here is o'er
Though great worldly wisdom I gain,
If, seeking knowledge—I utterly fail
The wisdom of God to obtain?

What will it profit, when life here is o'er
Though gathering riches and fame,
If, gaining the world—I lose my own soul
And in Heaven unknown is my name?

What will it profit, when life here is o'er
Though earth's fartherest corners I see,
If, going my way, and doing my will
I miss what His love planned for me?

What will it profit, when life here is o'er
Though earth's fleeting love has been mine
If, seeking its gifts—I fail to secure
The riches of God's love divine?

What will it profit? My soul, stop and think
What balance that day will declare!
Life's record laid bare—will gain turn to loss,
And leave me at last to despair?

—Selected

The Day's Thought

"rightly dividing"

Wednesday, January 5, 1966
Read Scripture: Proverbs 4:23-27

Regrets

I have done things foolish and useless,
I have made mistakes—quite a few,
But the things I now most regret
Are the things I had meant to do.

There are hearts I had meant to encourage,
Letters I meant to write,
Tasks to be done in the daytime,
But before I knew it was night.

There were days that I meant to be kinder,
New friends I meant to make too,
Old friends to love a bit dearer—
I thought tomorrow would do.

So the days slipped away into last year,
And the things I now most regret
Are the kind words I left unspoken,
And the things I haven't done yet.

—Ruth B. Statler

The Day's Thought

"Ponder the path of thy feet" (Proverb 4:26).

Thursday, January 6, 1966
Read Scripture: Psalm 34:1-9

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." It is possible not only to waste time and kill it by our actions or lack of them but also by wrong attitudes. The thankful heart draws people to its God while the bitter, complaining person drives them away. Thankfulness drives out the feelings of self-pity and bitterness or indifference in our hearts and makes us feel glad; so glad we want to share our joy in our God with others. A thankful heart is a happy heart, a calm and peaceful heart, a warm and winsome heart, an understanding heart; for it is centered on the God it loves instead of on its own changeable feelings.

The Day's Thought

You can rejoice in the Lord even when you cannot rejoice in your circumstances.

Friday, January 7, 1966
Read Scripture: Hebrews 4:12-16

Touched by our infirmities—tempted but had power to resist sin—power and willingness to help now. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16). "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5). The promise of mercy, help, wisdom, and we do not have time to pray? While our hands are busy in routine tasks, could we pray concerning whomever and whatever comes to our minds? During the wakeful hours of the night, could we ask God to bring to our minds for whom we should pray? When we wait for a traffic jam, do we wait impatiently, or could it be a prayer pause, a moment to tune in for the wisdom and resources of heaven? Could we form such a habit of mind as we form the habits of necessary actions?

The Day's Thought

Pray without ceasing—an undercurrent resource of power and wisdom.

Saturday, January 8, 1966
Read Scripture: Proverbs 8:32-36

My Times Are In Thy Hand

The daily trials Thou sendest me
Show that Thou lovest mightily!
Affliction, sorrow poverty . . .
Thy means to draw me close to Thee;
My times are in Thy hand.
Friends disappoint and loved ones stray
Whilst Thou art watching, day by day;
Though Thou permittest storms to blow,
Thou carest always this I know;
My times are in Thy hand.
Yet all Thou sendest is not pain;
Thy joy, Thy peace, my greatest gain;
And so until I hear Thy call,
"Come home," I'll thank Thee, Lord, for all;
My times are in Thy hand.

—Margaret S. Fellows

What about our attitudes in times of suffering or correction? A Christian doctor wisely said, "When difficulties come, there is something God would have us learn." If we let even tragedy teach us patience and understanding and a new dependency upon God for wisdom and strength, then no experience is in vain. It is used in growth of the spirit. It is not time lost.

The Day's Thought

Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not (Proverbs 8:33).

Sunday, January 9, 1966
Read Scripture: Psalm 95:1-6

"The natural relationship of the experiences of stewardship and worship becomes more understandable when we see stewardship as our responsible management of all of God's gifts to us, and when we view worship as an experience of receiving the most precious gift of all—His restoring, healing love. In worship we experience the presence of the living Christ: we feel the wholesome, renewing power of His love. In worship we open the gates in the walls of separation we have built up between ourselves and Him and between ourselves and our neighbors. In worship we open our lives fully to accept His love with the prayer that it will cleanse our uncleanness, replace our weakness with firmer resolution, bring light to our self-centered blindness, and release us from the preoccupation with our anxieties."

—David O Stanfield

The Day's Thought

Begin the week with God
Come to His house in prayer
Lift up thine heart to His abode,
And seek His love to share.

Monday, January 10, 1966
Read Scripture: Matt. 18:19, 20

"By His common presence He is in all places as God; but this is a promise of His special presence. Where His saints are, His sanctuary is, and there He will dwell. He is in the midst of them, to quicken and strengthen them, to refresh and comfort them. He is in the midst of them, that is, in their hearts; it is a spiritual presence of Christ's Spirit with their spirits."—Matthew Henry. How often do we meet for agreed and purposeful prayer? As a family? With other fellow Christians? As a church? Is the presence of His Spirit recognized by us so that we can pray with power according to His will and in His name receive? "It is not the multitude but the faith and sincere devotion of the worshippers that invites the presence of Christ."

The Day's Thought

Is He the Invited Presence in your life? Or is He just there?

Tuesday, January 11, 1966
Read Scripture: John 4:19-26

Begin the day with God:
Kneel down to Him in prayer;
Lift up the heart to His abode,
And seek His love to share.

Open the Book of God,
And read a portion there;

That it may hallow all thy thoughts
And sweeten all thy care.

Go through the day with God:
Whate'er thy work may be,
Where'er thou art — at home — abroad—
He is still near to thee.

Converse in mind with God:
Thy sins to Him confess;
Trust in the Lord's atoning blood,
And plead His righteousness.

Lie down at night with God,
Who gives His servants sleep;
And when thou tread'st the vale of death,
He will guard and keep.
—Author Unknown

The Day's Thought

Worship in spirit and in truth.

Wednesday, January 12, 1966

Read Scripture: Matt. 2:1-9

Be Still

The age in which we live moves on,
Urged by an unseen power;
The busy mart and hurrying throng
Employ each passing hour.

O how the Christian is inclined
To work and struggle on,
Without a pause to listen to
The voice from the great throne.

"Be still and know that I am God,"
On His Word meditate:
Ask Him to cleanse and purify,
His love casts out all hate.

Today where war is fierce and strong
On land, on sea, in air,
The greatest need is the command:
"Be still, 'tis time for prayer."

Be still, be still, give God a chance
To speak peace to the soul,
And in His holy presence yield
Your heart to His control.
—O. P. Thomas

Thursday, January 13, 1966

Read Scripture: Psalm 29

No Time for God

No time for God? What duties or diversions
Are these that fill each hour to the brim?
What pleasures or pursuits, what occupations
So claim our lives we have no time for Him?

Time for all things that interest and amuse us—
Enough for self, yet none for God above,
Who gave His blessed Son for our redemption,
Who loves us with an everlasting love.

No time for God, the Author of our being?
Our Father — God to whom all praise is due:
Whose tender voice forever pleads within us,
To dedicate our lives to Him anew.

What now remains of all our early training—
The faith and trust that kept us glad and free,
Before we let the things of earth possess us,
And things of God slip from us silently.

Oh, ere it is too late let us recover
The fellowship divine that once we shared,
When heaven seemed near, and God was dear unto us,
And for His will and way we deeply cared.

No time for God? Ah, nothing is important
Enough to bar Him from our life alway.
Let us return, repentant, and recapture
His joy, as we take time for God each day.
—Helen Rogers Smith

Friday, January 14, 1966

Read Scripture: Luke 24:44-53

They worshipped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. This was a wonderful change and an effect of the opening of their understanding by Christ. Now the pieces of the confusion had fallen into a pattern of fulfillment. Now they knew for certain that He was the Christ, the Promised One. Now they could worship without doubt and with great joy. Now they worshipped a risen and ascended Lord. They were to be endued with power from on high. Do our hearts know such joy in worship? Is their Lord ours?

The Day's Thought

"They were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God."

Saturday, January 15, 1966

Read Scripture: Psalm 100

What of Today

Have I given any time
To my Lord today?
How this question searches me—
Is the answer, Nay?

Have I listened for the voice
Of my Lord today?
Paused amidst the rush of things
That have come my way?

Have I spoken just one word
To my Lord today?
As I count the hours o'er
Is it hard to say?

Have I thought about my Lord
In my plans today?
Thought about that debt of love
I can ne'er repay?

Have I done a single thing
During this same day,
Solely for the One who is
Evermore my stay?
—Anon.

As we engage in evangelism to gain others for the rule of God in the hearts and lives of his people, we must read, read, and read in order to become articulate and informed concerning the good news we are charged to proclaim in the name of our King.
—John Vander Ploeg, *The Banner*

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World Religious News in Review

NAE LEADER HITS COUNCIL STAND ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Minneapolis, Minn. (EP)—The religious liberty declaration endorsed by the Vatican Council falls short of the hopes of many Americans—both Protestant and Roman Catholic, according to the executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE).

Dr. Clyde Taylor of Washington, was particularly critical of the addition to the declaration which proclaims that all men have the "sacred duty to profess and embrace the Catholic faith insofar as they are able to know it."

He addressed an NAE-sponsored breakfast and spoke at a Reformation rally sponsored by the Minneapolis and St. Paul NAE affiliates at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

"The Church of Rome," he said, "has made no changes in any dogma regarding the Virgin Mary, Papal authority or any basic doctrine of the Church."

KLAN'S CHAPLAIN TAKES 'FIFTH' IN HOUSE COMMITTEE PROBE

Washington, D. C. (EP)—The Imperial Kludd—chaplain—of the Invisible Empire of the United Klans of America was accused here of placing his oath to the racist group above the U. S. Constitution.

The Rev. George F. Dorsett, described at House Un-American Activities Committee hearings as a Klan money collector, followed the pattern of several others called to testify by repeatedly invoking the Fifth Amendment's protection against self-incrimination.

Outside the hearing room, however, the Klan chaplain read a statement declaring that he would not "divulge to any man those things that I have sworn to and before God almighty to keep in the secret places of my heart."

RETURNED NEGRO MISSIONARY HARASSED IN MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis (EP)—Police are investigating reports by a Negro Lutheran missionary that she has suffered harassment since moving into a south Minneapolis neighborhood in August.

Mrs. Anna D. Hall, 45, a widow, has an apartment for missionaries of the Lutheran Church in America in an area where there are no Negroes.

Since moving in, Mrs. Hall told authorities, her door bells have been rung by persons who disappear when she answers the door, her garage has been broken into and her car ransacked, and her window has been cracked by a pellet.

Frozen pellets of urine were thrown at her residence on another occasion, she said, and similar objects were placed atop door screens so that they would fall as the door was opened.

'INHERIT THE WIND' CANCELLED AS BAPTIST CLERGY PROTEST

Binghamton, N. Y. (EP)—A high school presentation of "Inherit the Wind," a play based on the famous "Scopes trial" in which the teaching of evolution was the issue, has been cancelled because Baptist ministers objected.

"We feel we have to stand up straight for what is right," one of the clergymen told reporters.

William B. Mullen, principal of the public high school in nearby Vestal, announced he had ordered the senior class to halt rehearsals after five Baptist ministers protested.

The play is patterned after the 1925 trial in Dayton, Tenn., of John T. Scopes, a high school biology teacher. He was the defendant in the test case of a Tennessee state law that barred the teaching of Darwin's theory of evolution.

Baptist ministers denounced a passage in the play that refers to the Bible's book of Genesis as a "book of poetic fantasy."



NIGERIAN CHURCHES MERGE; SIM SEPARATION CRITICIZED

New York (EP)—The stand of the Sudan Interior Mission against liberalism and ecumenism has come under fire in a Nigerian newspaper article discussing the creation of the United Church of Nigeria.

The merger of Anglicans, Presbyterians, and Methodists—long favored by the World Council of Churches—is to be completed in December.

"It is regrettable that not all Protestant churches are participating in this divine mission," the article stated. The paper singled out the Evangelical Churches of West Africa (ECWA) and the SIM for encouraging it "to discountenance the proposed church merger."

Commenting on ECWA's refusal to join the United Church of Nigeria and the WCC, SIM General Director Raymond Davis stated, "The WCC is reaching out to conservative evangelicals on the one hand and the Church of Rome on the other. The move in the direction of Rome very clearly demonstrates to ECWA churches the folly of such endeavor, for they have had long and difficult experience with Rome."

PACIFIST BURNS HIMSELF TO DEATH AT PENTAGON

Washington, D. C. (EP)—An ex-minister carrying anti-war notes in his pocket burned himself to death November 2 at the main entrance to the Pentagon here before a horrified rush-hour crowd.

When Norman R. Morrison, 31, of Baltimore set fire to himself under the windows of Defense Secretary Robert McNamara's office, he was carrying his baby girl. Crowds shrieked "Drop the baby!" And eighteen-month-old Emily fell to a pile of soft dirt below the concrete abutment on which the man was quickly enveloped in flames.

Morrison was executive secretary for the Friends Join Peace Committee in Baltimore. He had been a Presbyterian minister before joining the Quaker Church.

He leaves his wife and two other children besides Emily. His death, said his surprised and shocked wife, "was given to express his concern over the great loss of life and human suffering caused by the war in Viet Nam."

The Brethren Layman

The Laymen's Meeting

James E. Norris

Program for January

Topic:

OUR LORD'S RETURN FOR HIS OWN (Loving His Appearing)

Scripture: I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Corinthians 15:51-54
Leader's Talk:

Every Christian should know that the Lord will return for His own some day, and when he does will he find us watching and waiting—or will we not be anxious for His return. Although we are not going to make lengthy comments on the first part of this chapter, we do want to point out some of the things the apostle says here. In verse three he says we are to be sanctified (set apart), and he does not mean it is out of our reach today. We must put away our earthly lusts and live a clean life. As we all know, our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost, and He must dwell there if we are to "love His appearing." Our purpose in searching the Scriptures tonight is to learn what to expect with our Lord's return.

Topics for Discussion:

1. Is there any need for a Christian to be in doubt about those who have died in the Lord (verse 13)?

In Titus 2:11-13, we read "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

2. What does it mean to be "asleep in Jesus," in the light of the Scripture tonight? Read verse 14.

We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that He will bring all who are asleep in Jesus with him (I Cor. 15:13). We have reason to believe this because it is Biblical. Jesus said so (John 14:2, 3).

3. All Christians who have died will be in attendance with Jesus because the dead in Christ shall rise first and meet Him in the air.

He will appear in the same manner as He left. **He will be seen.** Read Acts 1:11. Comment on this.

4. There will be three sounds heard by the ears of all born-again Christians (verse 16).

How was this victory of Jesus brought about (Luke 23:46)? After the dead in Christ have met Him in the air, what then will happen (verse 17)? How long a time will lapse when this takes place (I Cor. 15:51, 52)?

5. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together "with them" in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; so we shall ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words (verse 17, 18).

Brethren these last two verses are why we shall "love His appearing." "Comfort one another with these words." He is coming to make good that promise we read of in John 14:1-4.

Christians of the early church were anxiously waiting for the return of our Lord. They did not consider it in the far off future. They thought He would return **now**. Sometimes one wonders how many of us would really like to see Him come today. Let us this new year resolve to live more and better for Him each day.

OUR TREASURER REPORTS

BROTHER DELBERT MELLINGER, treasurer of the N. L. O. reports that the following local organizations have achieved ten points for reaching goal No. 1 which reads: "A list of local officers and their complete addresses, $1.00 per member dues, sent to the National Treasurer by November 1, 1965." New Lebanon, Louisville, Ashland Garber, Smithville, Canton, Ashland Park St., Bryan, Dayton, all in Ohio; Roann, Loree, Peru, Ardmore, Warsaw, Nappanee, North Manchester, all in Indiana; Levittown, Pleasant View-Vandergrift, Vinco, Johnstown Third, all in Pennsylvania; Milledgeville and Lanark, Illinois; Waterloo, Iowa and Linwood, Maryland.

Let's sign the men up, fellows. This is basic to a strong N. L. O.

Prayer Meeting Bible Studies

C. Y. Gilmer

"CHRIST IS BORN"

All my heart this night rejoices,
As I hear far and near,
Sweetest angel voices.
"Christ is Born," their choirs are singing,
Till the air, everywhere
Now with joy is ringing.

—Paul Gerhardt.

THE LIGHT OF HOPE is the Christ to those who are in darkness (Isa. 9:2). But to those who prefer the darkness of sin (Jn. 3:19, 20) the blackness of "outer darkness" is in store (Matt. 8:12). To those who loathed darkness the birth of Christ was of great joy (Ps. 30:5b). The angelic annunciation (Lu. 1:26) was first made in a place of poor reputation (Jn. 1:46). God has an angel wherever there are those who fear Him (Ps. 34:7). How fitting that an angel should make the holy annunciation since angels worship Christ (Heb. 1:6), are subject unto Him (I Pet. 3:22), are interested in (I Pet. 1:12) and rejoice in the salvation of the lost (Lu. 15:7), and shall return with Christ when He comes again in power and great glory (Mk. 3:38).

To the virgin Mary, "highly favored" (Lu. 1:28), the angel came (v. 27) to say that she would be the virgin vessel for Messiah's arrival (v. 31). The same good news was broken to Joseph, Mary's fiance (Matt. 1:20). The Holy Spirit gave Joseph no recognition at all as the parent of this Child (Matt. 1:16, 18, 25). This record we are to believe because God gave it of His Son (I Jn. 5:10b). This had been predicted in Isaiah 7:14. Mary was said to be "blessed AMONG women" (Lu. 1:28)—not above God nor women. Mary was human because she "was troubled" (v. 29), was perplexed and fearful (v. 30). To have found favor with God also proves that she was human (v. 30). In verse 47 she called Him "my Saviour," and in verse 48 spoke of her "low estate." But when told what God required of her (v. 31) she was resigned to do God's will (v. 38).

"Had we but the faith of Mary,
Innocent and undefiled;
The obedience of Joseph,
Fathering the manger Child!"

The promised "seed" had to be freed from the taint of Adamic blood to be sinless (I Tim. 3:16; Jn. 1:14). How else could God's Redeemer be born (II Cor. 5:19)? He came from God (Jn. 8:42b) to die (I Pet. 1:18, 19), "the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God."

In Lu. 1:35 we see the work of the Trinity in executing the plan of salvation. No wonder in Christian baptism we honor the three persons of the Holy Trinity (Matt. 28:19). He was born to give us "second birth" (Jn. 1: 12, 13).

Let us with Mary magnify the Lord (Lu. 1:46-54). Let us give Christ His due (Col. 2:9). He is "great . . . the Son of the Highest" (v. 32). His kingdom is everlasting (v. 33). But no man can call Him "Lord" but by the Holy Ghost (I Cor. 12:3).

No room in the inn—
Where is Christ this Christmas Day?
At your table, or in your stable,
In your heart, or in your way?

—J. H. Struthers

"He hath showed strength" (Lu. 1:51). Let us know the perfection of His strength (II Cor. 12:9). Let us "go" in His strength (Ps. 71:16). He is our strength (Ps. 46:1). Only the humble will He exalt (Lu. 1:52; Matt. 23:12). He is our Light and Peace (Lu. 1:79; Eph. 2:14).

"Peace, Goodwill, and Love will triumph!"



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NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE



Music:

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
"Ring In the New, Ring Out the Old"
"Another Year Is Dawning"
"I Would Be Like Jesus"

Scripture:

Job 10:5, 6; Psalm 90; 102:24-28

Program:

Begin the service with several songs pertaining to the new year or perhaps to the old year. Include several or all the Scriptures suggested here by reading them between songs and other features of this program. You will probably want to have a special number or so during the service. The leader should have a time of silent meditation and prayer when each person is asked to consider what things he feels should be changed in his life or what personal sins or difficulties he would like to overcome in the new year. Each person should be supplied with a piece of paper and a pencil. At the conclusion of the meditation time, the leader should ask each person to write down at least one thing he would like to rid his life of that has caused him trouble during the past year. Then during the singing of a special number or playing of an instrumental arrangement each person should come forward to place his paper in a metal container.

When everyone is seated once again, the leader will burn the papers as a sign that each person has determined to rid his life of what was written on his paper. A time for making new resolutions may be included if desired.

A few thoughts on completing that which we have set out to do might be included at the close of this New Year's Service.

PIZZA AND PEPSI AT PLEASANT HILL

The Senior BYC of Pleasant Hill has begun a busy year. We have elected new officers and their offices are as follows:

Dennis Oburn—president
Jan Kraus—vice president
Laina Bryant—secretary
Mark Noll—treasurer
Beth Gilbert—reporter
Maxine Delcamp—instructor and advisor

There is an approximate attendance of 15 at all our meetings. We are hoping to raise that number.

We have decided to have more activities this year in hopes of attracting more members. So far we have had an activity outside the church each month and we hope to be able to continue doing so.

In September our BYC gave a hayride and wiener roast get-together which was loads of fun. For our October activity we had a "pizza and Pepsi" party in the church. In November we all went bowling and had a good time together. We have not decided what we will be doing in the future but it should not be hard to find an activity.

We have also had a public service recently.

—Laina Bryant

COUNTY LINE B. Y.



The County Line BYC decided during the summer to divide into a Junior group and a Jr. High group. The following people were elected officers for the Jr. High group:

President—Keith Isenberg
V. President—Kathy Burger
Secretary—Fern Beard
Cor. Secretary—Jean Donahue
Treasurer—Debbie Penrod

The whole County Line BYC group was made a Banner Society at National Conference. This year we are going to make Honor Society!

We have had many money making projects and are going to have many more in the near future. Our group is pictured here.

—Jean Donahue

Christ Beckons Us . . .



Christ beckons us to a new year,
His hands are outstretched,
Calling for us to bear
His witness in the world.

Christ beckons us to a new year,
A year of service . . .
A year of faith . . .
A year of hope.

Christ beckons us to a new year,
Fear not to take His hand,
Fear not to step across the threshold
Into a bright new land.

Christ beckons us to a new year,
Lift up your eyes . . .
Lift up your hands . . .
Lift up your heart.

Christ beckons us to a new year,
With firm and steady step
Cross the portals of a year
From old to new.

Christ beckons us to a new year,
Fear not . . .
Follow Him!

FROM ROANN TO LOST CREEK

We started off this year with some suggestions inspired at National Conference. One of these was to have a local project. We thought that by showing that we had an interest in our own church, the church in turn might take a better interest in us. For our local project we are selling pens to buy a file cabinet for the Sunday School.

In November we made and sold apple butter with the junior youth. The ladies of the church gave us the needed help. The apples were peeled in the church basement and the boiling was done in the church parking lot. The profit was divided equally between the senior and junior youth group for our National Project.

In July the Liberty youth group invited our youth to meet with them, tour the Shenandoah Caverns and have a picnic. We had a wonderful time.

In October we invited the Liberty youth to join with us on a hayride. We went to a nearby farm and had devotions, singing and food.

We are also proud to say our new youth director is Miss Carolyn Stultz. She has taken a real interest in us, and I am sure that with her help and the Lord's help, we will progress.

—Esther Thomas, reporter

MAURERTOWN SENIORS

Our activities in October were very important as our BYC took a trip to Lost Creek, Kentucky.

We visited Rev. Harold Barnett and his wonderful family and also had a lot of fun with the Hostetlers and their little girl.

They have a wonderful group of good-looking kids at the mission school this year.

The first night we were there they had a group of kids sing and take part in a play. It was just fabulous. We had a fine time during the three days we were there.

On the way back we stopped and visited the Natural Bridge State Park. We climbed three miles up a mountain to see this natural bridge which was beautiful. We finally had to start on the long ride home to Roann, Indiana, 342 miles altogether.

Saturday night, October 23rd, we arrived home safe and sound, thanks to the good Lord who guided us safely to and from our destiny.

—Sharon Steele, secretary



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and on earth peace,
good will toward men."

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